

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you all well. Well, having snow in the middle of November, or anytime, certainly adds another challenge. Mr Green was very prepared and had gritted the school grounds leading up to the snow fall to ensure the site was safe and ready. During these times, I will always endeavour to contact parents as soon as possible to alert you to any closures. If we do have any more snow, please check the school closure list on **Black Country Radio (official page)** and our main form of communicating, **School Life App**.

This newsletter has been sent out as a paper copy, (one per family, to save cost) to ensure all families receive the information. Communications from school have reminded parents on several occasions that **School Life** is our main form of communication, and the **app** does need to be set to receive notifications on your device to access messages and emails. There are many reasons why last-minute changes need to be made, and a recent example is the snow we have just experienced and we need all families to keep up to date with all communications.

The confusion around the sponsored inflatable obstacle course arranged for Children in Need is an example of communications not being read fully. While WhatsApp is useful for some things, the information you receive on this platform is not always accurate. I am sure many of you have seen the tweets from the event. It really was a fantastic day, and we raised £1554 brilliant!

Letters and forms for some of our upcoming Christmas events have been sent out. Many of these require a response (booking of tickets, payment) and will have a deadline date. The deadline date is to ensure the office can have everything ready and we therefore ask that your bookings are made in a timely manner. We have been asked if the school lunch booking could close later than 3pm on Friday due to working parents. Lunches can be booked during the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week before and can be booked a week, before, a month before, giving plenty of time for bookings to be made. We ask for the cut off to ensure that the office staff can provide the kitchen staff with numbers.

At the start of the term we welcomed Miss Evans, nursery teacher and forest school lead. Having a qualified Forest School lead means we can use the fire pit to cook smores, hot chocolate and other food. Historically, Forest School/woodland has only been open to EYFS however, from this term, every year group will have a

forest school session termly. The sessions will support exploration, risk taking and develop self-confidence. It is important that children are well equipped for the sessions which means warm, waterproof clothes and footwear. Layers are always best and please remember a spare pair of socks.

I am pleased to announce that we will still be offering free clubs for all after Christmas. These will be: football (KS2), netball (Yr4,5,6), French (Yr 3/4), forest school (Yr 2/3), choir (3,4,5,6) dance/yoga (Rec, Yr 1/2). If for any reasons there is a large amount of interest, a random selection will be made.

This year we have 'mixed up' the 8.30am reading sessions to add a mini workshop where parents will have the opportunity to see a live lesson and/or work with their child. The next session will be 6th December for Reception, Year 1 and 2, all with a maths focus. For those wishing to stay for the maths session, we ask that you arrive at 8.30am for the reading session followed by the maths session. A staff member will collect any KS2 children and take them over to their class to enable as many to join us as possible.

Mrs S Shepherd
Headteacher

LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Children in Need 2024



THANK YOU

St Margaret's at Hasbury CE Primary School
for raising a fantastic
£1554

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED






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Year 4 have had a visit from the NHS Black Country Healthcare Reflexions team to talk about wellbeing. Children explored ways to connect, keep learning, be active, give and take notice to support our physical and mental health. A valuable session with much to reflect on and put into practise!



ACTIVITY

- 5 Things You Can See 
- 4 Things You Can Feel 
- 3 Things You Can Hear 
- 2 Things You Can Smell 
- 1 Thing You Can Taste 

Together with you to achieve healthier, happier lives

Both year 3 and 4 have been becoming experts with money. Both classes enjoyed a Money Sense workshop alongside volunteers from local banks, learning about managing money and understanding the difference between wants and needs. Children in year 4 displayed teamwork, perseverance, mathematical skills and creativity to party plan. To see what year 3 got up to follow our X: <https://x.com/stmargaretsathl>



Year 2 have made a link with Farmer Adam whose farm is in Worcester. We are learning about what he does on the farm via zoom every three weeks. Last week, he showed us the seeds he has planted in his fields and what products the crops are used for. This includes cereals, bread and oils. Adam explained how long the process is and what farm vehicles are used. Next time, we are going to see be introduced to the animals on the farm.



We couldn't have snow and not go out and play in it while it was thick and fresh. Some of the children built snowmen and others enjoyed making snow angels!



Reception were visited by our lovely school nurses this week to embed the importance of good handwashing and oral hygiene.

The children used some special liquid to see the germs that appeared on their hands using the machine. After following all the hand washing advice, they washed their hands and they had a look to see if they managed to wash all of the invisible liquid. The school nurses were amazed by how good we were.

We also met Sunny and Sparkles. They are the nurse's dragons. They came and we had a go at brushing their teeth using our own toothbrushes. The

children enjoyed working together to get them clean. We sang a song to help us remember!



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<https://twitter.com/stmargaretsathl?lang=en>



<http://www.hasbury.dudley.sch.uk/>



School Life App – All parents have a login for our primary method of communication. If you're not using it, your child **WILL** miss out!



School Money App – Our school payment system. Parents have all been set up with a login to the important app.



Email us: info@hasbury.dudley.sch.uk



Phone us if you experience any issues with our digital platforms on: 01384 818660

Diary Dates:

Monday 2nd December – 3.30 – 4.30pm Football Match at Leasowes High School

Tuesday 3rd December – Year 3 Forest School

Friday 6th December – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

Friday 6th December – Year 4 Forest School

Monday 9th December – 8.30am Reception Parents Come Dine with Me Breakfast

Monday 9th December – 9.30am EYFS Crib Service in the Church

Monday 9th December – Y6 Anne Frank Workshop

Tuesday 10th December – Y6 Anne Frank Workshop

Wednesday 11th December – 9.30am – KSI Christmas Production

Wednesday 11th December – 2.00pm – KSI Christmas Production

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 12th December – Year 2 Forest School

Thursday 12th December – 3.15pm – 4.45pm – Reception/KSI Christmas Disco

Thursday 12th December – 5pm – 6.30pm KS2 Christmas Disco

Friday 13th December – Y3 & Y4 Experience Christmas

Monday 16th December – **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF TERM**

Monday 16th December – Year 6 Forest School

Tuesday 17th December – 9.30am – EYFS Christmas Performance

Thursday 19th December – 9.15am – KS2 Christingle/Concert in Church

Friday 20th December – Hasbury's Got Talent!

Break up for Christmas Friday 20th December

Diary Dates continued:

Christmas Holidays – Friday 20th December – Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 6th January – INSET day

Friday 31st January – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

Half Term – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

Friday 28th February – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

Friday 28th March – 2.30pm – Mother's Day Service (EYFS & KSI)

Friday 11th April – Easter Service – Time TBC

Easter Holidays – Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April

Friday 2nd May – INSET day

Half Term – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Friday 20th June – Summer Fayre

Friday 27th June – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

Thursday 17th July – 9.15am – Y6 Leaver's Service

Thursday 17th July – 5pm – 7pm – Y6 Leaver's Party

Monday 21st July – INSET day