

NEWSLETTER

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LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I can't quite believe it will be the last one of 2023!

We have so much to celebrate and so much to thank our school community for from this Autumn term. The Christmas fayre was a huge success, and it was just lovely seeing families celebrating the festive season. I am pleased to announce £1,225.07 profit was made. This wouldn't have been possible without contributions from many people.

Halesowen Chippy who donated 2x £15 vouchers

Mrs Burford for donating £70 of hair products

Mrs Thomas-Robinson for donating a manicure voucher

Elaine from Beauty Box at Beyond Halo for donating a cut and blow-dry

Big bounce for donating £15 voucher

Mrs Mohamed for donating a pizza voucher for her new restaurant in Stourbridge called Gusto di Italia

The Crafty Pint for donating a £10.00 voucher

Cheryll from Little Miss Buffet for her time in cooking, transporting and serving the hot food

Members of St Margaret's Church for their time and support with the refreshments

Organising any school event without a PTA is very time consuming and wouldn't have been possible without the support of my dedicated school staff, and a couple of parents; (you know who you are) thank you all very much.

Staff and children wholeheartedly believe that to flourish they need to show love, be compassionate and support one another. As the term nears its end and Christmas excitement builds, please remember we are here for any families that might be finding Christmas particularly difficult this year for any reason.

Wishing you all a peaceful and merry Christmas.

Kind Regards

Mrs Shepherd

Kitchen Update

We have been very busy with ongoing visits from electricians and advisory services. With the help of these services, we have ascertained that new cabling will need to be brought into school from Hagley Road for the new kitchen. Due to the high cost of this school must obtain at least three "like for like" quotes and believe me this has not been easy as many companies, if they visit and reply to emails, do not provide these quickly! Please be assured that school is working very hard to have a working kitchen up and running by Easter at the latest.

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Children in need

This year for children in need, the mental health champs wanted to give to those less fortunate by organising a toy sale. The generous donations from our families raised £379.25 for Children in Need, what an amazing accomplishment, well done everyone!

Sports

This term, the school netball team, football team and rugby team have been busy competing in games and tournaments with other local Halesowen schools. Although we are one of a few small schools who compete, we definitely punch above our weight! Mrs Hill and I have seen players confidence really grow and shine. I personally thoroughly enjoy being part of extra-curricular opportunities because it is a real pleasure seeing the children through a different lens.

Experience Christmas

Our year 3 and years 4 spent some time with Mother Victoria and some of the congregation of St Margaret's church this week.

Paige - "I learnt that it took Mary and Joseph 5 days to get to Bethlehem. My favourite part was writing a message for a baby and putting it in a star and hanging it on the tree."

Reindeer Run

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to our reindeer run. We set our target at £1000 this year. At the time of writing we have reached 58% of our target. If you have chosen to print off a sponsor form and collect cash sponsors, please can any donations be returned to school by 9am on Monday 18th December. Our Just Giving link will remain live until Monday 18th December, so there is still time to donate.





Just visit: https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-margarets-at-hasbury-1700826997056?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2fst-margarets-at-hasbury-1700826997056&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=ppp-share



News - Around School

Our nursery staff held the first stay and play session for parents/carers and toddlers. Any local parents/carers and toddlers are welcome to attend these sessions, which are held monthly. Please see the diary dates for our scheduled sessions, and feel free to invite any local parents along.



In DT, Year 2 are designing, making and evaluating a healthy wrap. The wrap must contain a protein or dairy and vegetable filling. Last week, the children were food tasting different filling combinations, rating and describing the taste. For some children they were surprised with the outcomes finding ham, cheese and lettuce a pleasurable combination.

Year 4 had fun making the Christmas cookies for the fayre.



Year 4 have been learning about audio production in computing, they had a great time meeting radio presenter Andrew Marston, presenter of BBC Introducing who works across both local radio and national stations including 1, IExtra, 2, and 6Music. He's discovered artists such as Ellie Goulding, Becky Hill, and 220 Kid, giving them their first opportunities and time on air but this week he spent time with Year 4 sharing his top tips on how to plan, record, and edit a radio-worthy piece of audio.

The Anne Frank Trust

The children spent two days working with the Anne Frank Trust learning about Anne's life, exploring themes of pre judice, racism, anti-Semitism and stereotyping. They learned about the injustices different people face in the world today as a result of their beliefs, gender or religion. As peer educators, Year 5 designed and delivered an assembly sharing with KS2 what they thought was important- imparting to all Anne's thoughts. ending with a quote from the aspiring writer;



The Anne Frank Trust UK

'Think of all the beauty around you and be happy-' Anne Frank



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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



Hagley Park

Trail to Santa

9th, 10th, 16th, 17th December | 10am
21st, 22nd, 23rd December | 10am and 1pm

Standard entry fees apply
Season ticket holders Free Entry

- Follow our trail, and find Santa!
Your visit includes entry to the park,
a meet and greet, and a present!
Don't forget to bring your list!



Call us:

01562.307308

Or book in person

Keep reading for those all-important dates for your diary...

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 12th December – 9.30am – KSI Christmas Production

Wednesday 13th December – 9.30am – EYFS Crib Service at the Church

Wednesday 13th December – 1.30pm – KSI Christmas Production

Thursday 14th December – NHS Dental Check (Children aged 5 only)

Thursday 14th December – Festive Box Meal Day

Thursday 14th December – School Choir performing in Halesowen Town Centre

Thursday 14th December – School Christmas Disco Reception & KSI 3.30pm – 4.45pm/KS2 5pm – 6.15pm

Monday 18th December – 1.45pm – KS2 Christingle at the church

Tuesday 19th December – 9.30am – EYFS Christmas Concert

Wednesday 20th December – 9.00am – New Nursery Children

Thursday 21st December – School Choir to perform to the residents at Lytleton House

Friday 22nd December – 8.30am – Story Time in KSI Hall – All welcome

Friday 22nd December – END OF TERM

Monday 8th January 2024 INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 9th January – School re-opens to all pupils for Spring Term

Monday 15th January – Y4 Swimming Starts

Tuesday 16th January – Y4 Multiplication Check Parents Meeting (Time to be confirmed)

Tuesday 23rd January – AM – Y3/4 Careers Talk PM – Y5/6 Careers Talk

Tuesday 23rd January – West Midlands Fire Service Talk – Y4

Friday 26th January – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Monday 12th February – HALF TERM

Friday 23rd February – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Friday 22nd March – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Friday 22nd March – END OF SPRING TERM

Monday 8th April – School Re-opens to Pupils for Summer Term

Thursday 11th April – Y3 School Trip

Friday 26th April – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Thursday 2nd May – Polling Day – SCHOOL OPEN (School will no longer be used as a Polling Station)

Friday 24th May – INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Monday 27th May – HALF TERM

Friday 28th June – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Friday 12th July – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Monday 22nd July – INSET DAY- School Closed