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Heptonstall  
Junior, Infant and  
Nursery School

# Newsletter



## Party On! Drama Club Panto



Next week sees our Christmas Parties for all our children. On the day of their party ALL children will need to bring their own "Party packed lunch" – no school dinners. Children in the classes whose party it is NOT on that day will have their normal lunch arrangements.

Also on their party day, the children can come to school dressed in their party gear. (They will NOT be allowed to bring a change of clothes to school).

The party for Class One and Two is on  
**Monday 17th December**

The party for Class Three and Four is on  
**Tuesday 18th December**

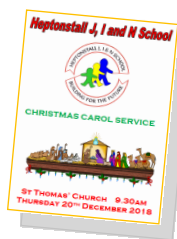
The children who attend drama club with Miss Priestley on Tuesdays after school have written and are to star in their own Christmas Pantomime – "Pantostall Mash Up" (It's a mix of different pantomimes!)

Its "Premiere" (and only!) performance will be on the last Friday morning of this term (next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December). The performance will start at 9.10am and all are warmly invited to come and watch.

A reminder that there will not be a Good Work Assembly either today or next week.



## Junior Carol Service



A reminder that our traditional Carol Service will be held at St Thomas' Church on Thursday next week (20<sup>th</sup>). It will begin at 9.30am. It is our Junior Children – and our choir – who will be singing but all the school will attend. You are very welcome to join us (bring your best singing voices with you too)!

## Crisis Averted!

Well done to all the children in Classes One and Two for three magnificent performances (one to the Juniors and two to grown-ups) this week of their Nativity "A Midwife Crisis". The acting and singing was a joy to watch. A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work and to you for providing such wonderful costumes – and of course - for coming to watch it!

The photos on this Newsletter are ones that I took during the dress rehearsal. You can view - and download some much, MUCH better ones thanks to Carly Stansfield at Studio C Photography. The link to these will be via Class Dojo.



# We Sang, and Sang and Sang!

Our school choir had a very busy week last week. Firstly on Saturday – amid high winds and torrential rain they sang at the switching on of the Heptonstall Christmas lights. It was an absolutely sterling performance from the children amid the most horrendous of conditions. As one of the Heptonstall Lights and Planting Group wrote to me this week:

*"What was staggering was how many children and their parents turned up to the event, so that the school choir could sing. Their commitment and sense of responsibility was unbelievable and they were a credit to the school and the village. Please could you convey to Miss Priestley, the children and their parents our thanks and appreciation for their overwhelming support."*

I totally and utterly agree!

The Choir followed this on Tuesday by singing for the Village Teams Annual Christmas lunch for the elder residents of our village.

We received another lovely email following this from the Village Team, part of which said:

*"A big thank you to you, Miss Priestley and of course the school's amazing choir for coming to our Christmas Lunch again this year and entertaining our guests with lovely Christmas songs. It was a true pleasure to listen to, and see, the children. It feels that this interlude makes our lunch extra special; we're privileged both that your school shares with our whole community, and that we have these great children growing up amongst us."*

The last sentence I feel is especially moving and means a great deal to us all at school

Finally, yesterday afternoon they performed at the Co-op in Hebden Bridge. The donations we collected we are going to give to the Village Team to help pay for their Christmas lunch.

Once again my thanks to the very talented and committed Miss Priestley and to all of our school choir children.

# A Very Fair Event!

Many thanks to Pippa Laverick and the rest of the PFA team for organising a wonderful Christmas Fair last Sunday. The PFA team were here three hours in advance of the 2pm opening time to set up and they stayed behind for an hour at the end of the fair too tidying up.

I thought it was a lovely event enjoyed greatly by all who came. It raised a massive £444 for the PFA!

# Happy 40th Snowman!

It is 40 years this year since Raymond Briggs published his magical "Snowman" story. We are celebrating this at Heptonstall School with this year's design for our Village Advent Window (we are night Number 18 this year). As usual many thanks to Mrs Marney for the wonderful artwork and to Mr Hooper for his lighting prowess!

**There will NOT be a Newsletter next week so, on behalf of all the Staff, Governors and Children at Heptonstall School, can I wish all readers of this Newsletter a wonderful and Merry Christmas and a peaceful and successful 2019.**

