



Haughton St Giles



Dream to Achieve



Friday 3rd December 2021

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & JUMPER DAY

Thank you to everyone who filled in the Christmas Dinner order questionnaire. For anyone who did not fill this out, we will contact you separately on Monday to remind you that you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child on Friday 10th December, as the Christmas dinner kitchen order has now been placed.

As well as holding our school Christmas dinner, next Friday will be 'Christmas Jumper Day' - non-uniform but with the encouragement of children wearing a Christmas jumper. We will also be raising money for Save the Children and therefore ask for a voluntary contribution of £1.



THANK YOU PTFA & GIANT CHALLENGE



On behalf of all of the children and staff, we would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA and Giant Challenge for helping us fund the 3 new interactive whiteboards for classrooms.

Unfortunately, in September, 3 of our classroom interactive whiteboards stopped being interactive meaning that although teachers could project onto them, they could not use them directly to model writing on them. The boards have been in school for many years and had come to the point where they could no longer be repaired and we were told that we would have to purchase new ones. However, purchasing new boards costs around £3000 each and we were naturally concerned as to how many we could actually afford. The PTFA and Giant Challenge very kindly offered to help us and contribute towards the cost, using some of the money that you, as parents, have helped to raise through discos, school fayres, film nights etc - every little really does help and we couldn't have done it without you!

Last week, we were lucky enough to receive our boards and have them fully fitted into classrooms so that staff and pupils could begin using them straight away.

Thank you very much!



PTFA News - Christmas Fayre

We look forward to welcoming pupils, family and friends to the Christmas Fayre next Friday 10th December. 5.30-7.30pm. Children free, adults £3 entry to include warm mulled wine. Instrumental students will be performing for us to add the atmosphere and there will be refreshments and a well stocked cake stall. Look out for Santa's grotto, the iconic sweet stall, arts and crafts, the human fruit machine, festive football, kids' and grown up tombolas, 'Knock Santa down the chimney' and Christmas tree ping pong.

Please note that, in line with government and DfE school guidance, all attendees over the age of 11 will be required to wear a mask (unless medically exempt) and social distancing will be recommended. There will be increased ventilation across the school.

The Christmas Prize Draw Raffle will be drawn around 7pm so please return any monies, counter-foils and unsold tickets to the office by Friday if you have been able to sell tickets to friends and family. There are more tickets available from the office if required and on the evening.

Prizes include a luxury Christmas Hamper, a family ticket to Lower Drayton Farm, afternoon tea for two at Red Lion Farm, a cut and blow dry at The Head Room, Westway Butchers voucher, tennis lessons at Church Eaton, a Flamingo Cards package, plus more to be announced!

DONATION DAY FRIDAY 10th December : CAKES PLEASE!! - Many thanks for your donations for 'surprise in a sock' and the grown up and children's tombola which can still be brought in on the 10th if you did not get round to it.

Volunteer Reading Helpers

Thank you so much to those parents who have offered to be volunteer reading helpers in school. We haven't forgotten about you, it's just been a little busy this half term! However, we will be in touch with you in January to arrange a convenient time for you all to come into school and we can explain the process and get started.

For any other parents who may be interested, there is still time to let us know if you can help and we are grateful of any time you can give.



Flu Vaccinations

A number of parents have contacted the school due to their child not receiving the flu vaccination last week despite completion of the online form. Unfortunately this is not something the school can help with, as we were not part of any of the process beyond simply passing on the initial details to parents from the vaccination team and being the 'administration venue'.

We are aware that some parents have been informed that the vaccination team will come back to vaccinate any missed pupils due to forms not being fully completed online. Again, we cannot confirm this, as we have not received any information regarding this as of yet.

Winter Clothing

Now that we are moving into the colder months, please can we remind you to send your child in with the relevant winter clothing, i.e. coats, hats, scarves & gloves. So we do not have to spend every week trying to find the owner of the countless items that are left in lost property, please can you ensure that **all items are clearly named!**



Uniform

Since September, we have noticed a significant number of children in KS2 not wearing their ties. Please can you ensure, that as this is part of the school uniform in KS2, that your child is wearing their tie every day.

Diary Dates

Friday 10th December - Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th December - Afternoon and Evening Christmas Service (more information to follow)

Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 4th January - Inset Day (no pupils)

Wednesday 5th January - School reopens

Autumn 2021	Term starts: Thurs 2 nd Sept (INSET day) Fri 3 rd Sept (INSET day)*
	*Children attend Monday 6th September
	Half term: 25th-29th Oct
	INSET day: Mon 1 st Nov Term ends: Fri 17 th Dec
Spring 2022	INSET day: Tues 4 th Jan Term Starts: Wed 5th Jan Half term: 21st-25th Feb INSET day: Mon 28 th Feb Term ends: Fri 8 th Apr
Summer 2022	Term starts: Mon 25 th Apr *INSET Day: Friday 27th May Half term: 30th May-3rd June *Bank Holiday: Mon 6th June Term ends: Fri 22 nd Jul

* Changes due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations