

# Hotwells Primary School

Issue 8 – 16th December 2016 - Term 2

Dear Parents

The Christmas holidays are almost upon us and this will be the final newsletter for 2016. Firstly my thanks go to everyone for the support and enthusiasm that you all give to our wonderful little school! From the support of the PTA, led by Alice and Emily, and events such as the Christmas Cracker to the Gardening Group's input to our school garden, your support towards school life is what builds such a happy school community.

## **School Improvement Officer Visit**

In November our School Improvement Officer, Richard Hanks, paid his first visit of the academic year to Hotwells. All schools take advantage of this sort of support and the autumn term visit focuses upon pupil achievement. I am very pleased to tell you that Richard has verified our judgements of last year's data, showing that Hotwells School is providing an outstanding education in all areas of school life. He was also extremely positive about the changes to the school environment such as Year 6's new classroom.

## **Performances and Plays!**

This term every class had the opportunity to see a theatre production of 'UGLY' the story of what happened to the ugly sisters after Cinderella got married. The play had a focus on cyber-bullying, linking well with our Anti-Bullying Week and sending a message of resilience and empathy to all.

Staying with the theme of Cinderella, Years 1 and 2 saw the legendary fairy tale at the Hippodrome this week whilst Reception have been enjoying their own Ice Palace and Snowflake themed party!

But best of all, perhaps, have been our own school productions:

Reception's very own Nativity Story was a resounding success, enjoyed by everyone who saw it – what inspiring children we have! Year One and Two's wonderful 'Lights Camel, Action' had audiences cheering and applauding – the songs, the dancing - morris, line, ballet, tango and disco - surpassed even the best of the adults!

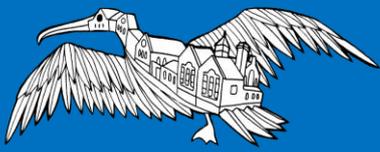
Key Stage Two's Carol Concert on Wednesday was a very special occasion too. The children put so much thought and effort into their carols and readings and it was wonderful to rekindle our relationship with Hotwells Music Workshop as they joined our own budding orchestra members in playing live for the concert. Thank you to everyone involved, teachers, adults, musicians and parents for making it a special afternoon.

The donations from all these recent events means that we have raised £235.64 for Save The Children, the School Council's chosen charity to support this year.

## **Christmas Cracker**

A big well done to Class Six whose entrepreneurial skills came to the fore last week during their Christmas Cracker 'Enterprising Elves' project. Some of the stalls included the selling of sweet snacks, baked good and doughnuts; Christmas crafts; traditional competitions, including darts and a tin-can alley, and a very popular nail salon and face painting stall. All stalls were designed and created using a pre-planned budget and the proceeds will be used to buy class resources. In fact, some of the money has already been used to fund a cookery session in which the children made their own traditional Christmas puddings!

It simply remains for me to wish you all a joyful and peaceful festive time with family and friends and much happiness in the New Year. Mrs Delor



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Please note: We have a Staff INSET on Tuesday 3rd January.

School re-opens to pupils on Wednesday 4th January 2017



The PTA are thrilled to announce that the Christmas Cracker event raised a massive £800 last Friday, we all had a wonderful time and it was great to see all the children enjoying themselves. We would like to thank all the parents, friends, relatives and grandparents who gave up their time to help on the day and made everything run so smoothly, we could not have it without your help.

With the £1800 we raised at the Carnival evening that brings the total for this term to a fantastic £2817!!! In the New Year look out for news on our film night event at the end of January, it will be bigger and better than in previous years!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Alice, Emily, Mic, Rachel and Claire

INSET DAYS 2016/2017	
Tuesday	3rd Jan 2017 INSET DAY School Closed to pupils
Wednesday	4th Jan 2017 SCHOOL STARTS
Monday	13th March School INSET DAY Closed to pupils
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017 End of Term 6

Please note clubs will start back W/C 9th January 2017 except for Netball Club which will start on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Fencing Club which will start on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

The next Hotwells Pantomime is Snow White

At Hope Chapel, [February 22, 23, 24 & 25](#)

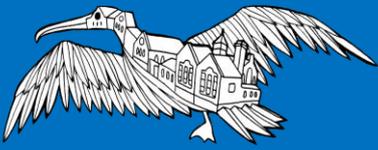
Casting for adults will take place [on Thursday 29th December at Hope Chapel at 7.30 pm](#) and anyone in the local community is welcome to come along. There are no auditions, just commitment to turn up every [Tuesday evening](#) and the two Sundays before the production.

Children's rehearsals are on Tuesdays after school at Hope Chapel until 4.30 starting on the first Tuesday after the holiday. The Sunday rehearsals fall over half term - it is important that children attend the dress rehearsal on Sunday 19th February at 1.30pm.



# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





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