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## Newsletter



These last few weeks really have been a collective celebration of achievements for the children at Mackie Hill. We were thrilled to be welcomed to St James church for harvest celebrations with Reverend Kevin Greaves and many classes have enjoyed an educational visit to deepen topic learning.

I am sure you all agree, the Remembrance Display outside the school office was a fitting tribute to remember members of the armed forces who had died in the line of duty. A big thank you to the school council for dedicating break and lunchtimes to arrange the poppy display.



## Reminders

If you have not yet registered your child on the new school dinner system please do. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch they need to be registered and money on their account.

If your child is absent from school please ring school and leave a message on the absent line.

If your child is going to be late please contact school before 9.25am if a school dinner needs to be ordered.

## PTA Christmas Fayre

Children and families are welcome to join the PTA straight after school and enjoy a range of games and activities as well as purchasing some Christmas gifts from the Christmas Fayre.

The PTA have added more stalls and a wider selection of games this year making it an event not to be missed. There may even be a visit from Father Christmas if he isn't too busy!



## Before and After School Club

Parents can book places for children via the school office and complete the necessary paperwork. We aim to provide engaging, fun and reliable childcare for families of our school.

**The Before School Club will run from 7:30am—8:45am and the After School Club is from 3:15pm—6pm.**

Please contact Mrs Elliott for additional information.

## Upcoming Events

- **Thursday 29th November**— PTA Christmas Fayre
- **Tuesday 4th December 2:30pm** — Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
- **Wednesday 5th December 10am** - Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
- **Thursday 6th December 2pm and 6pm**—Key Stage 2 Christmas Production
- **Monday 10th December**— Year 6 school visit
- **Tuesday 11th December 1:30pm** - Key Stage 1 Christmas Carol Concert and Nativity at St James Church
- **Wednesday 12th December 10am**— Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert and Nativity at St James Church
- **Thursday 13th December 1:30pm**— Pocket Panto production for all children
- **Monday 17th December**—Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
- **Tuesday 18th December**—Early Years Christmas Party
- **Wednesday 19th December**—Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
- **Thursday 20th December**— Christmas Dinner! Please pre-book your child's lunch
- **Friday 21st December**— Children can wear Christmas jumpers to school with a £1 donation to the PTA.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Art Exhibition. It was a pleasure to share the children's achievements with you all. We look forward to hosting more celebration events in the future. I am sure you will agree, we have some talented artist amongst us.



#### Reminders

**Dinners:** Have you registered your child/ren on the new school dinners system? Please do so as soon as possible by visiting the 'Feeding Hungry Minds' website. Once registered you can order and pay for any school lunches required. All children need to be registered even if your child has sandwiches. No payment is required if you are entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals.

**Absence:** Please call school and/or leave a message as early as possible to advise us of any absence.

**Lateness:** If you know your child is going to be late and you will require a school dinner, please contact school before 9.25am otherwise we cannot guarantee that a meal will be available.

#### Mayor Visit

Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Mayor, Councillor Stuart Heptinstall into school. He met the children during assembly and appointed Elyssia as 'Mackie Hill Mini-Mayor' who then gave him a tour of school. He visited each classroom where the children were able to ask questions about his clothing, role and duties. Thank you to him and to his Macebearer for a wonderful experience.



Thank you for your continued support!

*Mrs J Elliott.*