

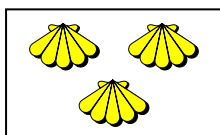
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High Wych CE Primary School

Success and Excellence within a Caring Christian Environment

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Nativity

Value of the month

December Value is **Compassion** and the stories used to support this are The secret baby (Exodus 1-2) and A jar and a jug (Kings 17).

SUCCESSFUL- Please see the website for a list of the values used.

Dates for the term

7 th December	Foundation craft session 10.30-11.30
13 th December am	Whole school panto- Harlow Playhouse, followed by Christmas Dinner
14 th December	Christmas Service in Church 10am
14 th December	PTA Disco 5.30 - 7
18 th December	Foundation Stage Nativity 11am
18 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.15am
19 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.15am
20 th December	End of term 2pm finish
4 th January 2024	Return to school
5 th January 2024	Drumba day KS1 & KS2

Nativity

We are looking forward to welcoming you to see the children's Nativity plays. They are all working hard on their singing.

Recordings will take place from Monday 12th so we need permission by Friday, 8th or your child will sadly not be able to take part in the recording. We currently have permission for all but a few Nursery parents.

Can I also remind you that we are only able to allocate two tickets per child. Younger siblings will count towards your allocation so please try and make alternative arrangements for them if at all possible.

Church service

We would like to invite you to the church on Thursday 14th December at 10am for our church service. The church will be running a café for parents after this service. Everyone is welcome to stay. Donations will be sent to local causes.

Christmas Dinner

This will take place on Wednesday 13th after we return from the Panto (oh yes it will!). All children in Reception and KS1 will be ordered a school dinner, as they are entitled to a meal every day, unless you inform us beforehand that they will be bringing a home packed lunch. If any children would like the Vegetable Wellington please let us know in advance otherwise we will order Turkey for them.

Children in KS2 will be able to choose on the day - either Turkey or Vegetable Wellington. However, it would be helpful to know in advance if your child would like the Vegetarian option. The cost will be £3.20 for KS2 children.

There will be no cold option on this day.

Nursery children staying all day can also choose a hot meal of Turkey or Vegetable Wellington at a cost of £2.70.

Birthday sweets/treats

Following advice from Herts CC we would like to confirm that if you wish to hand out sweets/treats on your child's birthday this must be done outside of the school grounds. Please don't send in sweets with your children and ask the teacher to hand them out. Thank you for your support.

PTA

We are looking forward to the annual Christmas Disco on Thursday 14th December - 5.30 to 7pm. Please sign up through Arbor. If you can help on the night, please email pta@highwych.herts.sch.uk

PE

Please remember to send in your child with a tracksuit (blue or black) as the children will be going out for PE throughout the next few colder months. Thank you.

As per 17th Oct newsletter....

PE Kit

We have numerous children who forget to bring their PE kits in for their lessons. So, after half term, we will trial issuing those children who forget with a red as part of our behaviour policy. Please help your children to bring in their kits and leave them in school for the half term. If they need to go home for washing, they must be returned for the next PE lesson. Thank you for your support with this and thank you to those children who are always prepared for their PE lessons.

Thank you to the children who are so much better at remembering to bring in their PE kits to avoid getting a red. We have only had a few children so far this term which we hope will reduce to zero next term as they take responsibility for their own equipment. We will review the system in the Summer term.

Collection from classes at the end of the day

Please could we ask parents to ensure that siblings do not enter the classes at the end of the day whilst staff are trying to dismiss the children. This is to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you.

Parking in Village Car Park

Please can I remind parents using the Village Hall car park not to use the disabled spaces. Please keep them clear for the people who need them. Thank you.

Dinner debts

Can you please aim to keep your dinner accounts in credit. Meals for a week cost £16 in KS2 and £13.50 in Nursery. We still have a substantial number of accounts that are more than two weeks in deficit. Please clear all debts before Christmas. Thank you.

Yours sincerely
Mrs M. J. West
Headteacher