

Hearsall News

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This Week at Hearsall

Snow Closures

The big story of this week has to be the heavy blanket of snow that fell on Sunday and the sub-zero conditions that followed over the following 48 hours. Those of you who ventured out on Monday and Tuesday will know that the snow and subsequent ice left the roads and pavements surrounding the school completely treacherous and left me with no option but to close the school for two days. This is never an easy decision to make and I would like to thank parents for their understanding, patience and flexibility. Inevitably, in the busy run-up to Christmas, this closure meant that we have had to rearrange a number of different events. The Year 6 family assembly will now take place next Tuesday 19th December at 9am and the Nursery Christmas Songs will also take place on this date at 10am. The Friends of Hearsall Christmas Wrap will now take place on the last morning of term- Thursday 21st December with gifts priced at £2 each. We are still hoping to find an alternative date for the KS2 pantomime visit and I will keep you informed as soon as we have any news.



Reception and Year 1 Performances of Angel Express

On Wednesday afternoon and evening, Reception and Year 1 put on an amazing performance of Angel Express. Everyone played their part with great enthusiasm - acting, reading, singing, dancing and even playing instruments - I defy anybody to have left the hall without feeling full of pride and Christmas spirit! This achievement was all the more amazing due to the fact that final rehearsals were scuppered by the snow. Many thanks to all the parents who supported with costumes and helped their children learn their lines and practise the songs. A huge thank you also to the Reception and Year 1 staff who have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to teach songs, rehearse and make props and backdrops - it was a fantastic team effort!



Earlsdon Library Friends Update

The library will be closed from 23 December to 1 January inclusive, so make sure you are stocked up with books before we close for Christmas! It was lovely to see some pupils from Hearsall (past and present) at our Hackjam event last Saturday. It went really well. The history of pantomime talk was also well-received. We are looking forward to having more community events in new year.

And finally...

I was delighted to see that Hearsall was named as one of the top performing schools in Coventry in the National League tables that were published this week. The school was in the top ten schools in the city for the percentage of children reaching the expected standard and was the highest in Coventry for the percentage of children achieving at a higher standard. These are amazing results and a result of the hard work of our amazing children and staff and whilst we truly believe that there is far more to school life than tests, it is lovely to have the recognition that we deserve!

Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs B Harrison, Head Teacher*



The School Calendar

Upcoming events!

Don't forget to check Class Dojo for regular updates



Week 13 - WB 18/12

18/12 - Christmas Assembly in Church (am) and Christmas parties (pm)
19/12 - KS1 Pantomime Visit (am)
19/12 - Year 6 Family Assembly at 9am and Nursery Songs at 10am
20/12 - Gold Merit Assembly at 9am and School Christmas Dinner
21/12 - Friends of Hearsall Christmas Wrap (am)
21/12 - Break up for Christmas Holidays!

Key Dates for January

Monday 8th Jan - Teacher Training Day - School closed for children
Tuesday 9th Jan - Children return to school following the Christmas holidays



Other News



POWER Project Showcase

On Wednesday morning, Mrs Cooke led a special assembly showcasing and celebrating some of the amazing homework POWER projects that have been brought into school over the past few weeks. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to share their creative ideas and hard work and also gave the children the



opportunity to find out what the children in different parts of the school have been learning about. A big thank you to Mrs Cooke for organising this assembly and an especially large thank you to parents and families for taking the time to create some amazing projects with the children.

100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RB	86%	3W	99%
RW	95%	4C	93%
1C/P	99%	4G	95%
1P	98%	5H	94%
2C	94%	5L	98%
2P	96%	6T	100%
3H	94%	6M	92%

Christmas Assembly at St Mary Magdelene Church

Just a reminder that next Monday 18th December we will be visiting St Mary Magdelene Church for a special Christmas assembly. The children will walk to the church in classes straight after the register and will return to school before break time. There is no need for you to return a permission slip for this visit. If, however, for any reason you do not wish for your child to join the rest of the school for this assembly please contact your child's class teacher. If you are available to accompany the children on this visit please contact your child's class teacher.



New Christmas Reading Competition!

The children will soon be coming home with a Christmas reading competition to try and complete over the Christmas holidays. They need to find a book title that starts with each letter and then once they have read it they will need you to sign the form. The children will receive a Class Dojo point for every book title they find and read and if they complete the whole sheet they will receive a ticket from their class teacher who will pass it on to me. The tickets are for the special prize draw, where there will be up to 5 winners and will be drawn the week commencing 15th January. Happy Christmas reading everyone, it's a great time to curl up and enjoy a good book together! Mrs Chambers - English Enrichment Lead

Christmas reading competition!!!

Can you read a book that starts with each of these letters? Remember to get a grown up to sign to say you have read the book and return your completed form to Mrs Chambers 20 by January 12th. All completed entries will earn a dojo point for each book and will receive your reading ticket be entered into the Big prize draw, for a chance to win a special reading parcel.

Letter	Title of the book you read	Date completed and signature
X		
M		
A		
S		
R		
E		
A		
D		
I		
N		
G		

Merit Certificates	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Maya M-H	Rhea K	Daniel K	Reuben T	Thando M	Alexia A
		Eva-Rose G	Caitlin M	Elijah F	Amber T-S	Harry B	Charan G



Birthday Zone

Birthdays from 11th - 17th December - Happy Birthday!

Matthew B - Y5
Ra E N - Y3
Haroon M - Reception
Imogen W - y1

Matteo M - Y3
Katherine H - Y3
Rex M - Nursery