



# Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School

## Newsletter No 14 - 16 December 2022

 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**   
**AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES**  
**FROM THE HINS TEAM**

### Holiday Dates -

**Last Day of Autumn Term** - Tuesday 20th December 2022. School closes at 1:30pm

**Return to School** - Thursday 5th January 2023

**Inset Day** - 10th February 2023

**February Half Term** - Monday 13th February - Friday

### Dates for your Diary -

**19th December** - Christmas Parties - Explorers/  
Reception/Yr 1/Yr 2

**20th December** - Pantomime

**15th January** - Reception/Junior School applications close

**24th January** - Year 2 Dance Festival

**25th January** - BATICS Got Talent

**27th January** - Lego Day

### Achievers of the Week -

**Explorers:** Nathan

**Stars:** Daisy

**Planets:** Eloise

**Galaxies:** Erin

**Moons:** Stanley

**Astronauts:** Pippa

**Asteroids:** Jack

**Rockets:** Sebastian

**Flying Saucers:** Jack

**Satellites:** James

### Attendance Heroes -

**Planets:** Edith

**Galaxies:** Luna

**Astronauts:** Jude

**Asteroids:** Ashley

**Flying Saucers:** Saachi

**Satellites:** James K

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 19 DECEMBER 2022

Monday – Pasta Neapolitan with Crusty Bread and Roasted Broccoli or Jacket Potato with Cheese/Tuna Mayo and Fruit Platter

Tuesday – Hot Dog or Veggie Hot Dog served with Lightly Seasoned Wedges and Corn on the Cob and Homemade Cookie

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 5 JANUARY 2023

Thursday – Chicken and Tomato Pasta Bake or Tomato and Lentil Pasta Bake with Carrots and Fruit Crumble and Custard

Friday – Omega 3 Fish Fingers or Omelette with Chips and Baked Beans and Ice Cream Sponge

## News ...

**Reading books** - Please remember to send any school reading books and picture books back into school before the end of term if you haven't already, so that they can be checked, sorted and put back into the classes where they are needed for next term.

**Admission arrangements consultation** - We are currently consulting on proposed changes to our Admission Arrangements for the year 2024-2025. We propose to make a change to our oversubscription criteria by removing the current criterion 5 which reads: Children who have attended the school's Nursery for at least 15 hours of state funded provision. We have also changed the definitions of Looked After Children and Siblings so that they are in line with the definitions Essex LA uses. Our consultation period runs from this week until Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. You can find the proposed Admission Arrangements on the school website at the bottom of the Admissions page under the tab 'Thinking of joining HINS'. Please send any responses to the consultation, within the time frame, to [admin@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk)

**School Admissions** - Applications for Reception Year and Year 3 Junior School September 2023 intake will be open until 15th January 2023. The following link gives you all the information you need to know about the process: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Please ensure you apply before the closing date as late applications could mean your child misses out on a place at your preferred school. **You must apply even if your child attends our Nursery or is in Year 2 at the Infant school and is transferring to the Junior school.**

**Christmas performances** - It was lovely for me to be able to watch all 6 of the Infant school performances this week rather than being involved in the stresses of planning, preparing, practising and finally putting on the shows. I am so proud of our children and think every year group did a wonderful job. Thank you to parents who provided costumes and came to watch their children. I only got to see one of the Nursery performances but know that parents loved the opportunities to see the children singing and performing too.

**Christmas events** - Thank you to the Parents Association for organising and supervising the discos yesterday. Lots of fun was had by all. We had a Christingle assembly for everyone this morning. We welcomed in Marian Fripp from The Salvation Army, who talked about the meaning of the Christingle. This afternoon all the Gold Star award winners who were in school today came to a 'tea party' to celebrate their achievement and Explorers held the first of their Christmas parties. The afternoon was finished off with an Attendance Award assembly. All KS1 children who have managed the achievement of 96% attendance or above received either a Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificate.

Next week we have Christmas parties on Monday and the pantomime on Tuesday morning. Please remember that school closes at 1.30pm on Tuesday. After School Club will run until 3.15pm but please make sure you have let the ASC staff know if your child will be staying.

**Donated toys** - We have a selection of new or nearly new toys and accessories that have been donated, which I have displayed outside the main entrance. Please feel free to come and have a look through the selection to see if there is anything that would help you out. Many of the items could be wrapped up for Christmas presents. Thank you to all those who have donated items. We are no longer accepting donations and anything left on Tuesday afternoon will be taken to a local charity shop.

**End of term** - We've come to the final newsletter of my term as Acting Head teacher. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, parents, children and governors who have supported me this term. My aim was to try to continue all the good work Mr Proctor had done in his time as Head here and I hope I have managed to do this in some small way. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Fynn to her new role as head teacher and to showing her what a wonderful place Hadleigh Infant and Nursery school is for children, parents and staff.

**All the staff and I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back safe and sound in January.**