



Hamp Nursery & Infants School

NEWSLETTER

December 2017

Merry Christmas



This has been a very busy term, with the children fundraising for Macmillan, Children in Need, Save the Children and Bridgwater Foodbank. Money raised from Christmas Card sales and our Christmas Fun Day supports our school fund and has again enabled us to book the West End Theatre Company (who performed *Beauty and the Beast* for our children, which they all thoroughly enjoyed), provide individual photographs for parents, and arrange end of year parties for the children.

I am sure you will agree that the children performed brilliantly in their Nativity Play, on no less than six occasions! A big 'Thank You' to them all.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back at school on the 8th of January!

Ofsted

As you know our Ofsted Inspection took place on 21st November and we are delighted to report that our school was judged as being **"Good"**. Although the final report is not yet on the Ofsted website it is on our school website and a copy will be sent home to parents after the Christmas holiday.

Our Site:

The new play area at the nursery which includes new surfacing is now complete and children have been enjoying their activities outside. The final piece, the mud kitchen, was delivered today – 18th December.

There has been a slight delay in the installation of our new entrance gates which will be finished early in the Spring Term. More information to follow in due course.

Concerns have been expressed that groups of parents are congregating, sometimes with dogs, for a chat and a cigarette just outside school. Can we please therefore ask that the entrance to the campus from Rhode Lane is kept clear during school arrival and departure times. Thank you.

Please Note: New Gate Closure Times

As from Monday 8th January 2018, the site entrance gate will be closed to traffic from 8.20 to 9.00 am each day in order to maintain the safety of parents and children using the drive. The closure times for the afternoon will remain the same, i.e. 2.45 – 3.10 pm.

Job Opportunity

We have a vacancy for a cleaner working 15 hours per week. This position will be advertised in the new year but if you are interested or know of anyone who may wish to apply, please call into the school office.

Thank You!

Our 'Buddy Bus Stops' are now in place in the playground, and we recently welcomed back the two children who created the designs (now in Year 3 at Hamp Academy) to show them the finished signs.

A total of £336.80 was raised through the design-your-own School Christmas Card Project. Thank you to everyone who bought cards, mouse mats etc, and well done to all the children for their creative work!

Safeguarding

Our 'Safeguarding' display in the reception area contains a range of relevant information for parents and visitors. Please ask at Reception for a copy of any of the documents.

All visitors are required to read our 'Safeguarding and Health & Safety' leaflet.

For safeguarding reasons, mobile phones may not be brought into school. We therefore ask that visitors either leave their phone in their car, or hand it in at the school office for the duration of their visit. Please note that this also applies to parents/carers attending meetings in school.

For more information on safeguarding, contact the Local Safeguarding Board 0300 1232224, or see their website: somersetsafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary

20 th and 21 st December 2017	Inset Days – school closed
22 nd December 2017 – 5 th January 2018	Christmas Holiday
8 th January 2018	School and Jack & Jill Nursery reopen
12 th – 16 th February 2018	Half term break
23 rd March 2018	Parents' Day – school closed to pupils
26 th March – 6 th April 2018	Easter Holiday

Reminder!

Please:

- contact us if your child is unable to attend school through illness etc
- ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name
- ensure your child always has a full PE kit in school
- check book bags for school letters, to ensure you do not miss any important information
- inform the school office of changes of telephone numbers, addresses, etc

Thank you