



# Hamp Nursery & Infants School Newsletter

December 2018

*Merry Christmas*



We have come to the end of a very busy term, and no doubt you and your children are all looking forward to the Christmas break!

This term we have continued with our sports, music and dance & movement clubs which are very popular - all the children will have the opportunity to attend during the school year, and letters will be sent out each half term by class and/or year group.

The theme week this term was our 'Child Initiated Learning Week', where the children decided on their class activities, taking inspiration from Autumn, Harvest and the outdoor environment. The children rose to the challenge and made this a very successful week - well done to them all.

During the term we have raised money for good causes such as Macmillan, Children in Need and the Bridgwater Foodbank, as well as for the school. Money raised from the 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 Dick Whittington for our children, which they all thoroughly enjoyed), provide individual photographs for parents, and arrange end of year parties for the children.

The children worked hard to learn the songs and words for their Christmas Play and we are sure you will agree that they performed brilliantly - on no less than six occasions! A big 'Thank You' to them all.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back at school on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January!

# Thank You!

The final total raised from our 'Let's Set Records' sponsored sports event was £1823.17. Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored the children - this is a fantastic total!

A total of £357.58 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 working so hard on their designs!

## Important!

Please remember that applications must be completed for children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior school in September 2019 - the closing date is **15 January 2019**. Information on how to apply can be found on Somerset County Council's website [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions). Please call in to the school office if you need any help with your child's application.

## Reminder!

Please remember to:

- 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

## Staffing

Our new Business Manager, Mrs Horne, will take up her post in January following the retirement of Mrs Gascoigne who has worked at the school for more than 20 years.

Mrs Clements, class teacher, commences her maternity leave in January and Miss Ellis has been appointed to Class 1 to work alongside Mrs Richards and Mrs Criddle.

We all wish Mrs Gascoigne and Mrs Clements well.

Dates for your Diary	
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Start of spring term
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Flu Immunisations
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	School closed for half term break
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	World Book Day
5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Parents' Day – school closed for parents to meet with teaching staff
8 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	School closed for Easter Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Start of summer term
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Open Evening for parents 6.30-8.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	School closed for inset day
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	School closed for Bank Holiday
27 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	School closed for half term break
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	School closed for inset day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	'Moving On' Open Evening for parents 6.30-8.00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Last day of term

