

St Hedda's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER

08.12.23

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our stars of the week:

in class 1 - Louis
in class 2 - Jacob



WONDERFUL WORK

Class 1 - Through exploring textiles and thinking about patterns, class 1 has been learning to make template patterns and cut out fabric shapes for patchwork in the style of Kaffe Fassett.

As scientists we have revisited our knowledge and understanding of the microhabitat and how it is affected by the extreme change in weather, warming ourselves afterwards with some forest school style hot chocolate.

Whilst the time of Advent has begun, we are also looking forward to starting our new class book *The Christmas Pine* by Julia Donaldson.

In Class 2 this week, we visited Shetland house and sang carols for the residents. We have continued our science topics of animals, including humans. In writing, we are creating a letter to advise the government why shortening the six week holiday would not be beneficial to the children. We have applied our knowledge of subordinate clauses to our creative writing and have developed expressive sentences to make our writing stronger.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 11th December

a.m. Trip to Panto at Stephen Joseph Theatre
3.15 - 4 p.m. After School Sports Club (final session this term)

Tuesday 12th December

Relax Kids

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December

No After School Drama club - finished for this term

Friday 15th December

1.30 p.m. Class 2 Performance and Christmas Fair

Mass at St Hilda's Church

Thank you to those families who managed to attend Mass at St Hilda's on Sunday despite the wintery weather.

#ESKforsuccess - Everyone Shows Kindness

Building on our kindness week in school there is a 'reverse advent calendar' included with this week's newsletter. Children are invited to take part just for fun, and to promote a little spirit of kindness and giving in the run up to Christmas.

If your child takes part I would love to see pictures. Please send photographs to admin@stheddas.npcat.org.uk and I will share them in assemblies and on social media.

Time to Shine!

The children have chosen a Christmas movie pyjama party as their 'Time to Shine' this half term. After the votes were counted the film that will be shown is...The Polar Express.

Time to Shine is a reward for children who have collected shine points throughout the half term and have followed the St Hedda's Golden Rules.

Christmas Post

The Post box is now out if children wish to send Christmas cards to each other. Last day for delivery Wednesday 20th December. We have a few duplicate names so please make this clear on the envelope to avoid any confusion, thank you.

MONDAY - Beauty and the Beast Pantomime at the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough.

All children will be visiting the Stephen Joseph Theatre on Monday morning to watch a performance of Beauty and The Beast. Friends of St. Hedda's have generously funded the whole of this trip for which we are extremely grateful. **We will be leaving at 9 a.m. prompt so please could all children be in school no later than 8.55 a.m.** We will return for a late lunch at approximately 12:45 p.m. **Please remember to consent via the Arbor app.**



WEDNESDAY - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday of this week which will be as follows
Roasted Breast of Turkey

Pigs in Blankets, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce & Gravy

OR

Oven Baked Vegetable Wellington

Served with Road and Mash Potatoes

A Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

Finished with

Snowy topped Chocolate Cake or Christmas Biscuit

All children can come to school in a Christmas Jumper on Wednesday, rest of uniform as normal.



Carol Singing at Shetland House

I was delighted to accompany Class 2 to sing carols and give cards to the residents at Shetland House this week. The children's behaviour was excellent and it gave them a great opportunity to work through some performance nerves ahead of their class performance and carol service! Thank you Miss Cockrem and her colleagues for the warm welcome.

FRIDAY - Class 2 performance of 'Grinch' followed by our Christmas Fair

Class 2 will be performing 'Grinch' at 1.30 p.m. today in the School dining hall, please come via the main school entrance. Following the performance we will be holding our Christmas Fair where there will be a raffle, cake stall and games.

Can you bake a cake for the Christmas Fair? Could you man a stall? Please contact Mrs Bartoli or Mrs Leanne Coates if you are able to help out to make this a really special event for our children. Please send any raffle prizes to the school office.

Father Christmas to visit Egton and Egton Bridge



Santa's coming for his annual sleigh ride through Egton on 21st December at 5.30pm.

The big man will be making his way up the village, with a quick trip around Little Betty before coming back into the top of Egton for a quick stop at The Witching Post.

He will the Head down to Egton Bridge towards The Horseshoe Hotel, then along Broom House Lane before he heads back to the North Pole to get ready for the big day!

Attendance

It is important that children attend school whenever they are well enough to do so. Please speak to Mrs Bartoli if you need support to improve your child's attendance.

Government research published in May 2023 found that 'pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. The data also shows that in 2019, primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.'

Arbor App

We will continue to use Arbor for any communication, consents etc. This is where you can also update us with any information eg: change of contact details etc.

After School Clubs

After School Sports Club (3.15 - 4.00) will be lead this week by Mr Mitchell. Your child will need collecting after the club at 4.00 p.m. **This club will finish for this term on Monday 11th December.**

After School Drama Club will continue on Thursdays from 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. with Mrs Coates.

This club will finish on Thursday 7th December.

Please consent via the Arbor app if you wish your child to attend either club.

Wraparound Care and Bus Run 1

In order to arrange staffing for buses and wrap around care this half term please can parents and carers contact the school office by 3pm on a Thursday to book places for the following week.

Places will need to be booked in this way for Bus 1, Breakfast Club and After school care. Morning bus 2 and the bus at the end of the school day will run as normal.

School Photos

Hopefully everyone has received their order by now, these raised a total of £24.19 in commission, many thanks.



St Hedda's Christmas Dates 2023:



Monday 11th December - *Beauty and the Beast* Pantomime at Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December - Class 2 'Grinchmas' performance 1:30pm

Friday 15th December - Christmas Fair 2:30pm

Tuesday 19th December - Class 1 Nativity 2:00pm

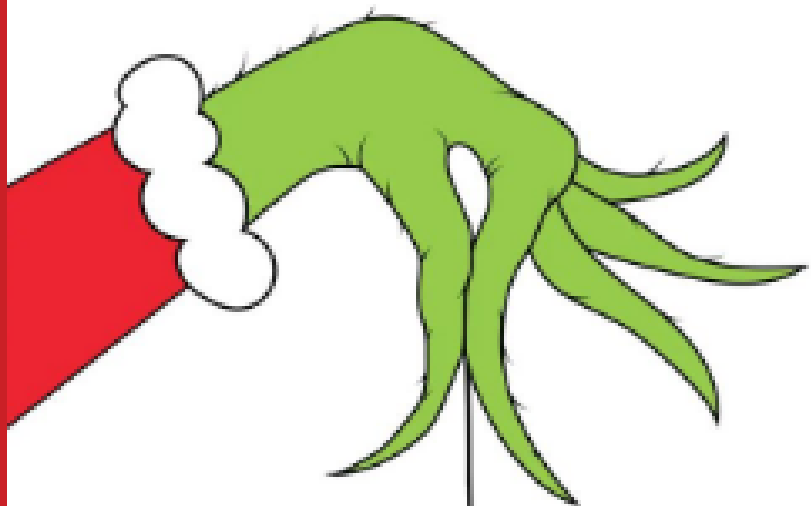
Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Mass 9:15am

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Party - 1:30pm

Thursday 21st December - Time to Shine - 11M

Thursday 21st December - Carol Service, 2pm





**ST HEDDA'S
CATHOLIC
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

presents

**Friday 15th
December 2023
1:30pm**



**CLASS 2 CHRISTMAS
PERFORMANCE**

FOLLOWED BY OUR
'WHOBILATION' FAIR
FEATURING:

- CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
- ANIMAL PETTING
- REINDEER FOOD
MAKING
- GLITTER TATTOOS
- TRADITIONAL GAMES
AND STALLS



St Hedda's



Reverse

Advent Calendar

Pay someone a compliment

Make a Christmas card for a care home resident and bring it into school.

5
Say please and thank you all day.

4
Hold the door open for someone.

3
Attend mass at St Hilda's and share with asylum seeker families.

2

6
Ask someone to play with you.

7
Tell an adult when you notice someone being kind.

Tell someone a joke to make them smile.



Help to make a meal for your family.

Litter pick outside your home.



15

Smile at someone for no reason!

Set the table.

Make your bed.

15

Share a book with a friend.

Make a list of things you are grateful for.

12

Donate an old toy or book to charity.

16

Draw a picture or make a card for an elderly neighbour or family member.

Offer to help someone.

Thank someone who helps you.

10

Write a list of things you feel proud of.



Take time to say a prayer of thanks.

2

Play a game with a family member.

25

Tidy up after yourself all day.

22

Sing your heart out!

21