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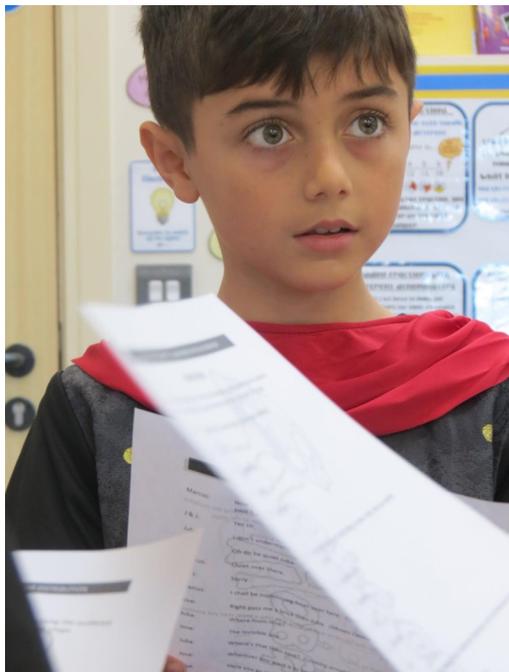
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11th	Christmas jumper day
w/c 7th	Class Christmas parties
14th	Christmas lunches
14th	Panto Day!
17th	Last day of term - Early finish

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4th	Children return to school
From 5th	Y6 cycling course after school begins
15th	Closing date for Reception 2021 applications



Welcome to our December newsletter

Welcome to our December newsletter. Despite being in a National Lockdown, the Academy has continued to be filled with hard-work, fun and learning. Our Reception pupils have been learning all about people who help us and had a wonderful experience day dressed as all sorts of heroes. Years 1 and 2 wowed us on their Toys experience day with their wonderful costumes and brilliant learning, and Year 5 and 6 looked fearsome as Romans as they embarked upon battle re-enactments and clay tile creations. Thank you for supporting the Academy to continue to run these exciting learning experiences for our pupils, we firmly believe these are now more important than ever.

COVID-19 Update

All staff and pupils at the Academy have continued to work hard to keep our school safe and open. By all stakeholders consistently following both Academy and National restrictions, we hope that this will continue to be the case up to the Christmas break. We truly appreciate how seriously parents and carers have taken this, and children have been kept at home where appropriate to protect others.



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Christmas

This year Christmas celebrations at school will inevitably look a little different to usual. Please see below for some Christmas headlines:

Christmas Cards

Children will be able to give Christmas cards this year if they choose. Cards will only be able to be given within a year group to maintain the integrity of class bubbles. Teachers will quarantine cards and then distribute once we are confident it is safe to do so.

Christmas Lunch

Children who have a hot lunch in school will have their Christmas lunch on Monday 14th December. Children having a packed lunch are invited to bring a 'festive pack up' on this day.

Christmas Parties

Each year, class teachers host a Christmas party for the children in their year group. These will continue to take place this year, simply spread out over a longer timescale.

Christmas Productions & Carol Concert

This year pupils will not be performing a Christmas play or carol concert due to COVID-19 restrictions. We understand that this is disappointing, but hope to still share Christmas cheer through our Facebook page throughout the festive season.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th, we will be inviting children to attend school in a Christmas jumper. Further details can be found in last week's letter.

Panto Day

On Monday 14th, school will be celebrating Christmas with a Panto Day! Further details can be found in last week's letter.

Remembrance Day

This year we marked Remembrance Day with a beautiful display of soldiers and poppies for our community to enjoy. On the 11th November, all



members of Witham St Hughs Academy gathered to observe the 2 minutes silence and pay our respects. The children did a wonderful job of both

creating their poppies and observing the silence. Well done all!

PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who ordered Christmas items from 'Xmas for Schools'. The cards, calendars, gift tags and mugs all look fantastic and show off the children's amazing art work. We have raised a fantastic £220 from this event which will go towards further supporting the pupils at the Academy. Please look at the Witham St Hughs Academy Facebook page for details of any future events or activities.

Morning Drop Off

May we once again take the opportunity to thank our parents and carers for observing the one-way system in place for drop off and pick up times.



Thank you also for respecting our requirements for you to wear a face covering whilst on the school site - this, along with the countless other measures are helping to keep our Academy safe and open. May we kindly remind parents and carers not to gather at the exit gate, especially without masks, as this jeopardises the hard work being put in by all to keep our school community safe.

Books

As you know, reading is of great importance here at Witham St Hughs Academy. We have spent a great deal of time and money ensuring that the books children are able to take home to share are high quality and enjoyable. Please ensure that your child returns their current book to school before selecting a new one. These books are incredibly expensive to replace and there is no need to do this if all books are returned for others to enjoy. May we also thank the children, parents and carers who have donated lovely books to the Academy, this is always greatly appreciated.



Spare Clothes

The Academy continues to hold spare items of uniform for pupils who may need to change during the school day for whatever reason. Teachers will encourage pupils to change into their own PE kit if appropriate. We ask that if your child has used an item of spare uniform, this is washed and returned to school. Children do not currently have access to spare PE kit due to class bubbles not being able to mix.

What's been on offer in the Autumn Term?

We work incredibly hard as a staff team at Witham St Hughs Academy to consistently go 'above and beyond' for our children and families. We are proud of everything that has been on offer in the Autumn term, including: Experience days, use of VR headsets, anti-bullying week, Zoom calls with sportspeople, authors and illustrators, Remembrance celebrations, World Rainbow Day celebrations and many more all amongst the daily learning that takes place here at Witham.

Emergency Contacts

Please may we kindly request that school are kept up to date if emergency contact numbers are changed. We are able to hold several contact numbers on file for each child but it is highly important that these are accurate. Should we need to contact a parent or carer in the case of an emergency we must hold accurate, up to date information. Please also note that family friends and work numbers may be added as extra emergency contacts in the event that we are unable to contact parents.



Children in Need

This year we were thrilled to support local children and families in need. Children came to school in colourful clothes with a donation for Lincoln Food Bank. Because of your generous donations, 42 food parcels were able to be made and distributed to local families in need. Thank you!



May I take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe, happy and joyful Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Emily Broadley

