

Ashby Hill Top Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 18th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Hill Top, the tree is up and children have been decorating classrooms and making cards!

A huge thank you to our Friends of Hill Top who organised the fabulous Christmas Fair a few weeks ago, it was a resounding success! FoHT raised a wonderful £2800! The children all thoroughly enjoyed the event- your help in making Christmas such a special time here at Ashby Hill Top is very much appreciated.

As I write this newsletter, the Key Stage 1 team are putting the final finishing touches to their Christmas production. We look forward to welcoming friends and family to see the children's hard work later this week.

Thank you to all those parents and friends who joined us for the EYFS children's Christmas celebration on Friday last week. Everyone made a Christmas wreath and visitors were thoroughly entertained by the children's singing. It truly was a special celebration! Thank you to Mrs Dexter, Miss Spratt and the whole team for all of their hard work!

Our Key Stage 2 children also amazed us with their Christmas Service at church on Wednesday evening. It really was an extravaganza! Thank you and well done to all involved, every child gave a fabulous performance and should be very proud of their singing, dancing, acting, playing and narrating.

All of the children's performances left us all feeling thoroughly Christmassy- it is so fabulous to be watching live performances together.

Thank you too to our cook Mrs Mills and her catering team for producing such a fabulous feast for us all at lunchtime last week. It was delicious!

School Uniform Reminder

We all want to be proud of our school and I think that a smart school uniform and tidy appearance plays an important part of this. Most children look very smart in their school uniforms, but I have noticed a small number of children wearing visible sports skin layers or other non-uniform items. Please do come and see me if you need support in providing the correct school uniform for your child. Can I also remind families



that after Christmas, hair accessories should be kept to a minimum and preferably be in school colours, (please no large or fancy headbands, save these for the weekend, as they do cause a distraction in school!).

May I also remind you that outdoor PE kit should be: a white t shirt (with or without the school logo), a plain black sweatshirt and joggers or shorts and trainers. Year 5/6 children are permitted to wear a plain black t-shirt and year 6 children can wear Hill Top hoodies. Other colours of tracksuit, patterned and highly printed and logoed t-shirts are not school uniform.

For more information, our school uniform policy can be found on the school website. Thank you so much for your support.

Parking

As you already know, Beaumont Avenue is very congested at the start and end of the day when parents are collecting their children. Local residents have raised concerns that their drives are being blocked at busy times. **Please do not park in front of anyone's driveway.** I know that you all lead very busy lives, but if you were able to park further away from the school gates and walk a little further to collect your children, it would be much safer for everyone. Thank you in advance.

Co-op fundraising

We are excited to share with you our wonderful news! We have been selected by the Co-op to be one of their causes for the whole year! What this means is that we have the potential to raise lots of money towards creating a vibrant and engaging outdoor environment for our year 1 and 2 children which will promote learning, physical activity and social interaction. This is an amazing opportunity and we know, as always, you will all be keen to know how you can support us!

How to help!!

If you are not already a co-op member, you will need to register. There is a one-off cost of £1 to become a member. Please click on this link to complete your registration.

https://www.coop.co.uk/membership?utm_source=coop.co.uk&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=CooNavigation&utm_content=Join%20Co-op

When you are a member click on Choose a cause. You will be able to find Ashby Hill Top Primary School on this page.

When you buy selected Co-op products and services, 2p for every £1 spent goes into your membership account, and Co-op will donate the same towards your chosen cause. This is where it is important to select us as your cause.

Being a member not only helps our cause, it also gives you lots of membership special offers and cost savings, not only on produce, but on tickets to events etc.

Please share this with your friends and family. The more of our community we can get supporting our cause the more money we can raise. As always, thank you so much for your continued support.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place from Tuesday 9th May 2023 with the last test being on Friday 12th May. National testing for Year 2 children will take place during the month of May 2023. We will be sharing information regarding testing arrangements for Year 6 and Year 2 later on in the school year.



Primary School Places

Its nearly the deadline to apply for a place at our amazing school. For applications, the simplest way is online at: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

This is the last newsletter of 2023! Ashby Hill Top Primary School continues to go from strength to strength and it really has been a wonderful term! We have the most amazing children, dedicated and talented staff, supportive parents and we are blessed to be situated in a great community! Thank you to you all for your support in 2023, we are already looking forward to a spectacular 2024! We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 8th January. I hope you all have a magical Christmas!

If you have any questions, please phone school or email office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

 TRAFFIC WATCH!!!! 			
Please use the one-way system...it may add a few minutes to your day, but it will ensure that all cars can enter and exit the estate in safety- <u>it only takes one selfish driver to go against the flow of traffic to delay everyone!</u>	Please do not turn in the road to go against the flow of traffic.	Please do not park across driveways or on the pavement.	Please do not stop on the yellow zig-zags to drop off children