



Friday 17th December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all the lucky winners in our Christmas raffle and huge thanks for all the donations. The total amount raised with Christmas events is an

incredible **£552.50** which is an incredible amount. All the money will go to providing extra opportunities for your children for example – the recent trip to the theatre and the Indian Dance workshop were both part funded by the PTA. We desperately need a team of PTA helpers to help run events so please let us know if you can help, even if you can only commit to a couple of times a term.

It has been a long term with Covid challenges along the way however despite this all the staff at Hexham First have worked really hard to make sure that the children are catching up on learning that was missed over the last 18 months. The children have worked just as hard and continue to amaze us every day. Their enthusiasm and smiling faces keep us all going and it's been a joy to see their excitement in the build up to Christmas in school.

We would all like to wish you a safe and very happy Christmas and a fantastic new year.

My very best wishes

Mrs Overton

PE kits

Please can all children bring a PE kit into school in a draw string bag on Tuesday 4th January. We will no longer ask children to come into school dressed in their PE kit and instead go back to them changing in school. The PE kit can then remain in school until half term when it can go home to be washed. PE kit is a plain white T shirt, black / blue plain shorts and a pair of plain trainers (any colour is fine).

January Plans

As I'm sure you are aware, the Covid rates are increasing throughout the country. There may well be small changes in school for example re introducing bubbles or staggered start times however nothing is confirmed yet and we shall adapt and be as flexible and safe as always. We will let you know if there are any changes with as much notice as we can but for now – please assume that everything will be 'normal'

Christmas Message from our governors

Mrs Armstrong, our chair of governors would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and her very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2022.



Gemutlich - Having a feeling or atmosphere of warmth and friendliness e.g.: "I had the feeling that my entrance had spoiled the gemütlich atmosphere"



Well done to this week's Dojo Certificates holders

Reception: Warren - confidence

Year 1: Jac - kindness

Year 2: Jake S - Curious

Year 3: Evie - Confidence

Year 4: Lacey - Kindness

Handwriting Certificates go to:

Eva, Bobby B, James L, Aimee and Dominique

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 4

Year 4 came second place in the School Games Multi skills competition! The children have been doing a different challenge during their PE lessons. They had to do a different challenge for 1 minute at a time. This involved a balance, coordination and aiming. We are so proud of you all for your efforts. The children will now be part of the virtual final on 14th January.



Tuesday 4th January

Spring term starts

Monday 7th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 18th February

Teacher training day – school closed

Monday 21st February

Half Term

Friday 8th April

Additional Bank holiday

Monday 11th April

Easter Holidays

Wednesday 27th April

Year 4 trip to Robinwood

Monday 30th May

Half Term

Kind Respectful Resilient Ambitious Curious Confident Unique Safe