

Autumn is upon us and Christmas is peering round the corner and as ever, the Hunsdon calendar is jam-packed with upcoming events! Please keep an eye on our website: [www.hunsdon.herts.sch.uk](http://www.hunsdon.herts.sch.uk) for updates as well as photos and reports of our school in action!



### RECENT EVENTS:

**HARVEST ASSEMBLY INCLUDING THE GREAT WELLY WALK** – A massive thank you to everyone for turning up to support this event. The children (and adults) looked great in their wellies and raised a fantastic £432 for Farm Africa!

**SMALL SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT** – Our football team took part in the first ever Small Schools' Football Tournament recently and through a mixture of skill and determination managed to play our way through to the final which we then won on penalties! I was incredibly proud of the team's togetherness and their sense of fair play and resilience when things got tough. The best small school football team in Hertfordshire has a lovely sound to it don't you think?

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY** – Undeterred by lashing rain and frozen fingers the hardy folk of Hunsdon again turned out in their masses to watch the fabulous firework display organised by our very active Friends. Our thanks go to Mrs. Hodgson and her team who battled the elements to bring things to an explosive finale!

### COMING UP:

**PARLIAMENT WEEK - 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** – This week we are working to develop an understanding of the principles of democracy and how it works in the United Kingdom, concluding, at the end of the week with a visit from our MP, Mark Prisk. This week is also **ANTI BULLYING WEEK** which will culminate in a production and workshop by Altru Theatre.

**CORAM LIFESPACE – THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** – '*Helping children make healthy choices*' is the focus of this term's CORAM visit. There's a rumour that the bus has been replaced by a giant, inflatable tent that will fill our hall which should be rather exciting! There's also an opportunity for parents to experience the 'lifespace' after school when you are invited to a drug education workshop.

**CHEERLEADING SESSION – MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** – Ash class will be welcoming Claire from Tiger Cheer who will lead the chants and dance in a special cheerleading session.

**WWI DAY - FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER** – This month marks the centenary of the end of World War One and the children have been studying different aspects of life during the war. They have worked in the school council to put together a very thoughtful WWI themed topic day featuring a mix of art, games, music and food to commemorate the Armistice. We would like the children to come to school dressed in costumes representing the period (and appropriate for the present-day weather!)

**LITERACY QUIZ – WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** – Hunsdon plays host to Bayford and Stapleford for a quiz inspired by kids' books – more details to follow.

**CHANCE TO SHINE – THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** – Chance to Shine is a charity which aims to promote cricket in Primary Schools by providing resources and training. We are delighted to be working with the organisation next term - in readiness for the cricket world cup in the summer! – and the staff who will be delivering the programme are coming to introduce themselves. To find out more please follow the link: [www.chancetoshine.org/](http://www.chancetoshine.org/)

**CHRISTMAS MARKET - FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2.30pm to 5pm** – Kicking off the festive season in Hunsdon, the Friends' Christmas Market is not to be missed! Come along and peruse the stalls, play a few games and enjoy a mince pie with us!

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7pm** – Another new event on our calendar this term, Cedar class will be taking part in the Hertford, Ware and Village schools Carol Concert to be held at Christ Church, Ware. More details to follow.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7.30am** - Join Santa from 8.00 to 9.00am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December for breakfast! Ask at The Ducklings for further details.

**KS1 AND EYFS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION** - We're all looking forward to this year's performances which will take place at **2pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and **7pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Who can resist a Christmas jumper? Especially when you can wear it whilst singing Christmas songs and eating Christmas lunch!

**EARLY FINISH – THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2pm** – School will be closing earlier than usual for a Governor and Staff event. If you anticipate difficulties in picking your child/ren up there will be a crèche available but could you please notify the office in advance.

**CHRISTMAS PANTOMINE – FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2pm** - Panto comes to Hunsdon, this year in the form of Aladdin! *Between you and me, though, I am a little worried as we're not allowed animals in school and I've heard that he's going to bring his car-PET with him!!!*

**CHRISTINGLE ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 9.15am** – Mrs. Cole would like to invite you all to a traditional Christingle Assembly that she will be leading with the aid of some of our children.

**END OF TERM – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER** - Please join us for our final assembly at 1.45pm before school breaks up for the Christmas Holidays at 2.30pm.

Yours sincerely,



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