

Hunsdon JMI School

A couple of icy mornings have heralded the start of December and the countdown to Christmas parties, plays and the pantomime.

Oh no it doesn't! Oh yes it does! You get the picture... 😊



RECENT EVENTS:

**PARLIAMENT WEEK AND ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** – An unusual combination of themes which, perhaps surprisingly, complemented each other in a number of themed activities. The week culminated with the very brave Mark Prisk MP opening the floor to questions from the children and the performance of an anti-bullying play by Altru Theatre.

**CORAM LIFESPACE** – A really interesting and important day's activities involved all the children in discovering more about themselves and informing them in the choices they make. We were also lucky enough to be the first school to try Coram's new inflatable classroom which proved to be a source of awe and wonder to all of us!

**WWI DAY** – An amazing turnout by pupils and staff saw 1918 brought to life here at Hunsdon. The children enjoyed a carousel of activities including singing, games and a 1918 classroom experience and poignantly planted a tree for every member of the village who went away to war. Some photos from the day can be found on our website: <http://www.hunsdon.herts.sch.uk/>

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** – Many thanks to FRIENDS for organising the Christmas Market again this year. The committee made the decision to hold it outside and it did look beautiful as the night drew in and the stall lights shone.

**FOLLOW THE STAR** – The Church of England with *Great British Bake Off's* Martha Collison spent a morning filming their Christmas advert with Oak Class this week. It was a great experience, the children had a fabulous time and we're all looking forward to seeing their smiling faces on screens closer to Christmas!

**OFSTED** – Last Thursday and Friday we had a visit from Ofsted to follow up in more detail the inspection we had in June. Once again, the findings of the inspection cannot be made public until the report is officially published, but as ever, I was extremely proud of the way the pupils engaged with the inspectors during their time here. I also must offer a huge thank you for the incredible number of people that logged their opinions on Parent View!

**COMING UP:**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7.30am** - Join Santa from 8.00 to 9.00am on Friday 7<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 by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at latest if you require it.

**CHRISTMAS PANTOMINE – FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2pm** - Panto comes to Hunsdon, this year in the form of Aladdin! *We've been told to be extra careful of the baddie – apparently he's a magician who specialises in turning people into prawn cocktails! And that's just for starters....*

**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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Head teacher