

## HUNSDON JMI SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Carer,

Remarkably we've already reached the final month of term. It's certainly been a busy one filled with lots of treats and a few challenges to keep us on our toes! Thank you, as always, for all your support and I hope that you all have amazing Christmases and find the time to enjoy the moments amongst the hurly burly!

**Recent events:**

**ANTI BULLYING WEEK** – The time spent with Nancy from CORAM and the performance by Altru Theatre were part of a very positive week, enabling the children to deepen their knowledge of this crucial area – Happy, Healthy Me!

**HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT FIGURES DAY** – We had a lovely day, making rudimentary phones, learning and then performing Beethoven's Ode to Joy on tuned bells and a massive drum, fashioning rosettes in support of the suffragettes, using beads to create strings of Morse code, using quills to write with and of course, coming together at end of day to feast on Alfred's cakes and enjoy some incredible musical performances! It was a truly historic day and will be long remembered by us all. As always please visit our website to see pictures of this and the other activities that go on here.

**Coming up:**

**EARLY FINISH – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm** – School will be closing earlier than usual for this special Staff event. If you anticipate difficulties picking your child/ren up, there will be a crèche available, but please notify the office by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at latest if you require it. *(Please note that there is no Gym club on the 9<sup>th</sup>)*

**CHRISTMAS PANTOMINE – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am** – This year the whole school will be travelling to The Harlow Playhouse to watch Robin Hood. Apparently Robin Hood was very nearly caught recently stealing a cart load of Red Bull – I don't know how he sleeps at night!!!!!!! 😊

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS ELF DAY – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – This Christmas we have decided to support our local charity, Isabel Hospice. Isabel Hospice is an East Herts charity that provides free care to its patients and their families during their most difficult times. For more information about this wonderful charity please follow the link: <https://www.isabelhospice.org.uk/> Consequently, we're asking the children to bring in £2 and wear something red, green or 'Elf-y'. Come to school dressed like an Elf, and do so whilst singing Christmas songs and eating Christmas lunch? Phenomenelf!

**OAK AND MAPLE 'LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!' Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm** – We are very keen that the children have the opportunity to perform their Nativity play as usual and we're crossing everything that they will be able to do this to an audience! However, if this is forbidden by the powers above, then please be assured that we will film the children and you will be able to watch it and have copies of the play.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Join Santa from 7.45am to 9.00am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December for breakfast! Ask at The Ducklings for further details.

**CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES** – As always, the final week of term will see each class celebrate with their own Christmas party. The children are invited to bring their own party clothes to change into after lunch so whether it's flashing T-shirts, big hats, mad dancing or a Christmas feast, it's sure to be good fun!

Ash – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Cedar – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Oak, Maple and Cherry – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**END OF TERM – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Our final assembly will be at 1.45pm and the term ends at 2.30pm.

**JANUARY INSET DAY** - Please don't forget that it's our INSET day on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** and that school will be open for the children at 9.00 o'clock on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – We look forward to seeing all the children, bright and shiny in their school uniforms and with tied back hair if it gets in their eyes!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Millward".

Jonathan Millward  
Head teacher