

Hardwick Weekly Catch Up – 17 December 2020



After a long 15 weeks, we've finally reached the end of the autumn term and the start of the Christmas holidays! The children have coped extremely well with everything this term and I know they are all ready for a well-deserved rest!

We hope you enjoyed watching our Christmas performance and concert on our new remote learning platform. If you haven't had a chance to watch them, you will need your child's login details, which were sent to you on Wednesday, in their reading record or school bag. Just click on the links sent to you on ClassDojo to view them.

Congratulations to the children in Yellow Team for winning the closely fought autumn term team cup! Red Team were runners up, closely followed by Blue Team and the Green Team. We will start the competition again for the spring term when we return in January. Well done to everyone for their efforts over the course of the term.

Since September, KS2 have been having a reading 'word count' competition and the end of term winners were Kestrels with 4,156,462 words read and Frogs with 1,048,445. We start again in January. Also, congratulations to Walker, Sammie and Max for winning the Accelerated Reader quizzing raffle. For getting 100% correct in their book quiz, the children place a raffle ticket into the draw to win a book token, donated by FoHPS.

Thank you to FOHPs for giving all the children a Christmas present, and especially Kate Carter and Laura Hutton for wrapping every single one! Also, thank you to everyone for returning the school autumn term and teacher/parent consultation surveys.

On the reverse, you will find some important information from the Department of Education and Public Health England regarding COVID-19 Test and Trace arrangements for the Christmas holidays. Please read this carefully.

On behalf of everyone at Hardwick Primary School I want to say a huge thank you for the support you have shown the school and children this term. We still don't know what the future holds from January, but be rest assured we will continue to ensure your child receives the best possible care and education. Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy the time with family and friends. Keep safe and well, and we will see you all again on 4th January 2021!

Start of the Spring Term 2021

We return to school on **Monday 4 January 2021**

Dates for Diaries

Thursday 17 December: Last day of the autumn term

Friday 18 December: PD Day – school closed to pupils

Friday 18 December - Friday 1 January: Christmas holidays (school closed)

Monday 4 January 2021: Start of the spring term – pupils return to school

Wednesday 6 January: FoHPS Pantomime (*COVID-19 compliant*)

COVID-19 Test and Trace Arrangements for the Christmas Holidays

We have been asked by the Department for Education to make you aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive COVID-19 cases in the holidays:

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends **from 3:15pm Thursday 17th to Wednesday 23rd December**, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms between **3:15pm on Thursday 17th to 3:15pm Saturday 19th December**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Please use the following email address to let the school know of a positive test: Xmascovid@hardwick365.net Following instruction from NHS Test and Trace, the school will email and text the parents of those pupils who will be required to self-isolate.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **from 3:15pm on Saturday 19th December, the school should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case **from Thursday 24th December**, schools do not need to be informed. If their illness means they will not be in school at the start of the new term from Monday 4th January 2021, please let the school office know on Monday morning.



MERRY CHRISTMAS