



## December 2023 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Compassion**, which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Community**.

**'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'**



### *Dear Parents/Carers*

Our FOHS have worked extremely hard to raise funds for the school. We are especially grateful for their efforts organising the Winter Fair, which was well attended. They transformed our reflection area into a cosy Santa's grotto and the main man himself arrived to see our children and pass on a gift!

The 'Guess the teachers' (who were disguised in Christmas Movie covers) caused great amusement. With festive treats, fun and fun stalls, FOHS raised a whopping £697.00 for the school funds. Incredible.

Whilst on the subject, we've announced to the children that FOHS will be funding the Christmas panto trip to watch Peter Pan.

Last week KS2 had their Christmas crafts week while enthusiastic singing resounded from the KS1 classroom as they practised for their Nativity performance of 'The Twinkly Nativity'.

Let's hope the children (and staff) can maintain their energy levels for the final week as we still have a Talent Show, Christmas Parties, a Panto and the Christmas Church Service to fit in.

Thank you for your continued support during another busy term.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2024!

**Mr David Gibbons, Headteacher**

### **A Few Words From The Staff**

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank both David Gibbons and Penny Summerlin for all their support over the last term, it can't have been easy, but they've both fit into 'Hackthorn life' smoothly and gently.

Both the staff and children already feel like they're part of the furniture!

We'd also like to extend our thanks to all of our Governors, always there to support and encourage where needed, and as a voluntary role too. Thank you.

### **Drovers Call Residential Home - Donations Requested**

Mrs Rowe (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Hartley are almost there with the fabulous hampers they are very generously putting together for residents at Drovers Call in Gainsborough.

They are still a little short on men's socks and shower gel. If you would like to donate, please bring items to school by Tuesday 12th December as they'll be wrapping up items on Wednesday.

## KS1 Nativity Production - 14 December

The Twinkly Nativity will bring guaranteed sparkle to any Christmas celebrations! This shiny retelling of the traditional story, with a good dose of dazzle and no shortage of delight, is perfectly written for KS1, with cute and quirky songs that are SURE to 'Bring some sparkle to your toes'. We hope to see you all there!

(tickets on sale via your Weduc account)



## End of Term Talent Show - 15 December

All children are encouraged to participate in whichever capacity they feel most suitable. For some, this is singing and dancing on stage, for others this is being part of an encouraging audience.

Please talk to your child/ren about what they'd like to do this year. This is not open to the parents, however, if your child would like to bring in a prop or change of clothes, please do so in a names bag with for the children to bring in in the morning.

## Christmas Lunch - 15 December

Children will be celebrating their Christmas lunch time with crackers, napkins, party decorations & music.

## FOHS Movie Night - 15 December

This years movie is 'The Grinch'! and children can come to school in their PJs. Please arrive by 6pm and collect at 7.50pm prompt. If you have a bean bag to bring please arrive promptly in order to find a space.

## Panto Trip - Peter Pan - 18 December

This year FOHS have very kindly paid for the whole school to attend the Pantomime, Peter Pan, at The Drill on the 18th December. The children will be eating lunch at school as normal, before a coach will take them (at 12.45pm) to The Drill in Lincoln.

This is extra special this year as we have pupils past and present in the production too!

A digital consent will be on Weduc soon.

Please collect your child/ren from school at 4.30pm prompt.



## Christmas Party - 19 December

Our school Christmas Party is on the 19th December this year. Children will need to come to school in their full school uniform and bring a bag with their party clothes to get changed into in the afternoon. Collection time is as normal.



## Christmas Church Service - 20 December (2pm)

The Service will take place at 2.00pm on Wednesday 20th December in the village church. Everyone is welcome! You will be able to collect your children from staff outside in the courtyard at the end of the service. For parents who are unable to attend, we will escort the children back to school after the service and they will remain in school until the normal home-time.



## Witham Hill Gymnastics - 9 January

We will be starting Gymnastics classes again on the 9th January for KS1. Children are asked to come to school in the PE kit ready for a 9.30am start. KS2 children will be starting after half term.

### Dates to Remember

<b>9 Dec</b>	Talent Show	<b>20 Dec</b>	Christmas Church Service - 2pm
<b>14 Dec</b>	KS1 Nativity Production - 2pm	<b>20 Dec</b>	Last Day of Term
<b>15 Dec</b>	Christmas Lunch	<b>3 Jan</b>	First Day of Term
<b>15 Dec</b>	Talent Show	<b>9 Jan</b>	Witham Hill Gymnastics Starts
<b>15 Dec</b>	FOHS Movie Night - 6pm	<b>9 Feb</b>	Young Voices
<b>18 Dec</b>	Panto - Peter Pan at The Drill		