



December 2021 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Justice** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Tradition**.
'Learn to do right. Seek justice.' Isaiah 1.17



Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that it's the last week of term and what a busy term it's been! Hackthorn children and staff have worked incredibly hard and their efforts have certainly paid off. The standard of work shared in Good works assemblies has been very high and it is clear that the children really want to do their very best.

We always say that our 'Hackthorn way' values underpin everything we do and these have been particularly evident in recent weeks. The two values of 'Justice' and 'Kindness' have been obvious through the children's fundraising for charities. Our small school community has raised £208.55 for Brain Tumour Research, £114 for Children in Need, £122.70 for the Poppy appeal, and £37 for Save the children. We are obviously a very caring school. As if that wasn't enough, parents and children have also created a fabulous hamper for the residents and staff of Drovers' call care home (see below).

We hope to see many of you at the Christmas Carol Service at the church on 17th.

Thank you for your continued support during another busy term.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2022!

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

'The Hackthorn way' values in action - Drovers' call hamper

HUGE thanks to everyone for the lovely gifts for the Drovers' Call hamper. As a community, enough gifts were collected for all 55 residents and we even had biscuits and sweet boxes for the staff to share.



Carol Service - 17 December (2pm)

The Carol Service will take place at 2.00pm on Friday 17th December in the village church (COVID permitting). We are happy for parents to attend this service but we would like all adults to wear masks. Please make sure you do NOT sit on the benches that are marked RESERVED. These are for the children. Parents will be allowed to take their children home as soon as they have been officially dismissed.

As in previous services, we ask that you remain in your seats until the children have vacated the church. You will then be able to collect your children from staff outside in the courtyard area. 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 (January - March 22)

We are hoping to resume lessons at Witham Hill Gymnastics after Christmas. Reception and KS1 pupils will travel every Thursday morning and be taught by qualified instructors from 06 Jan - 10 Feb (inclusive).

After half-term, arrangements will swap so that KS2 pupils will have gymnastic sessions every Friday afternoon from 25 Feb - 25 March. The cost of these sessions will be funded by Sports Premium but a contribution from parents will be required in order to meet transport costs.

Please remind children that it will be essential for them to have their correct PE kit in school for these sessions.

Young Voices Concert - postponed

Contrary to the information that was sent out yesterday, the organisers of Young Voices have decided, in light of the rising tension around the Omicron variant, to postpone all of the concerts to Spring/Summer 2022. **Their priority is the health, both physical and mental, of the children, teachers and the families who attend the concerts.**

We know that the children will be disappointed but we fully understand the decision of the organisers.



Friends of Hackthorn School – 12 January (7pm)

VOLUNTEER



The Friends of Hackthorn School have been incredibly busy and are keen for new recruits to help with future initiatives. Their next planning meeting is Wednesday 12th January at 7pm via Zoom.

Speak to Mrs Crowther for details of how to get involved.

Attendance monitoring

Attendance levels continue to be monitored on a termly basis. We will inform you, via a letter, at the start of each term if we have concerns about your child's attendance.

Safety first

May we remind you that it is very important that we all try to keep congestion to a minimum on a morning and when collecting children from school so that the children can cross the road safely.

We almost had a few accidents recently.

Please guide children safely across the road and reiterate 'Road Safety' to your child/ren.



Topics to be covered - Spring term

KS1

Science:	Seasonal Changes
History:	Changes within living memory Lives of significant individuals
Geography:	Weather
Craft & Design:	Structures
RE:	God (Islam) / Community (Islam)
Music:	Singing and using percussion
PE:	Dance / Gymnastics at Witham Hill
Art:	What is Sculpture?
DIPSI:	Safety
SEAL:	Good to be me
Computing:	Algorithms

KS2

Science:	The Earth & Space / Materials
History:	Ancient Greece
Craft & Design:	Pop-up books (Y3/4) Bridges (Y5/6)
PE:	Dance / Gymnastics at Witham Hill
Computing:	Animation / Multi-media presentations
RE:	Salvation / Incarnation
Music:	Ukulele
Art:	Containers/Pattern
DIPSI:	Relationships
SEAL:	Good to be me

Dates to Remember

14 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
14 Dec	Christmas Party
17 Dec	Last Day of Term
17 Dec	End of Term Carol Service in Church
4 Jan	First Day of Term

6 Jan - 10 Feb	KS1 Witham Hill Gymnastics
12 Jan	Friends - Zoom Meeting
25 Feb - 25 Mar 2022	KS2 Witham Hill Gymnastics Young Voices