



## December 2019 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.' Colossians 3.12



### Dear Parents & Friends

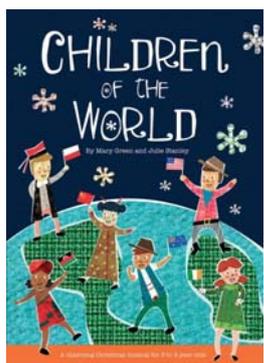
There's certainly a lot of drama at Hackthorn! At the time of writing, I can hear loud, but angelic singing from KS1 as the younger pupils practise for their Christmas production. Meanwhile there is a lively debate occurring in KS2 about which wife Henry VIII should keep! I think the children were inspired by the Young Shakespeare's performance of Macbeth last Friday, which they participated in with great gusto.

By the time this goes out, the children will have realised that we have had a visit from some of Santa's elves who have transformed our outdoor reflection area into a magical grotto, just in time for our Christmas fair. The 'elves' have had many meetings to ensure our fair runs smoothly and we are extremely grateful for all of their efforts.

We have an exciting programme of events over the next three weeks and hope you will be able to join us at the KS1 production and the Carol Service. Both are normally very well attended so I would recommend that you secure performance tickets well in advance of the former and arrive early to the latter to ensure you get a seat.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Christmas.

**Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher**



**'Children of the World' - KS1 Production**  
**Wednesday 11 (11am) & Thursday 12 (2pm) December**  
Discover a little about Christmas around the globe!

Once again we will be asking parents to buy tickets for the production so that we know how many people to expect - funds raised will be used, as previously, to replenish our Nativity wardrobe. Tickets cost £1 and can be purchased from the school office. Please complete the attached ticket request slip.

Recently Mr Tuplin (our Maths link governor) visited the school to observe our 'hands-on' approach to solving mathematical problems. There was excellent use of manipulatives and the children were all actively involved in their learning. Mrs Blackburn (our English link governor) also visited the school to talk to the teachers and children about our new approach to English lessons. We have been trialing planning, written by Chris Whitney, based on new, beautifully illustrated texts with enriched vocabulary which has encouraged the children to expand their vocabulary. The children have really enjoyed predicting what will happen next but they have also been rather impatient to read the next page!

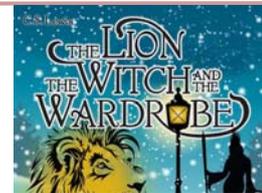
**Governor's Thoughts for the Month**



## Whole School Christmas Trip to LPAC Pantomime - (am) Tuesday 17 December

Please ensure children arrive promptly to school to enable the bus to leave on time.

We will be returning to school in time for lunch.



## Christmas Party - Wednesday 18 December

Children need to wear school uniform during the morning but may bring 'party clothes' for the afternoon if they wish. Due to the anticipated visitation from a certain important visitor, a reminder that also that there will be no need for parents to provide any party food as in previous years - a drink and biscuit will be provided during a brief respite from party games and dancing!



## Carol Service - Thursday 19 December (2pm)

The Carol Service will take place at 2.00pm on Thursday 19 December in the village church. Parents may take their children home after the service if they wish. Children who are booked into Kids Club or go home on the school bus will return to school with staff. Please complete the attached form and return it to school so we are fully aware of your arrangements.

## Dates to Remember

- 10 Dec** KS2 Trip to Gainsborough Old Hall
- 11 Dec** KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- 12 Dec** KS1 Nativity Main Performance (2pm)
- 16 Dec** Christmas Pre-School Arts Afternoon
- 17 Dec** Christmas Pantomime Trip to LPAC
- 18 Dec** Christmas Party
- 19 Dec** Last Day of Term / End of Term Service in Church
- 06 Jan** First Day of Term

## Topics to be Covered Next Term

The main areas of focus in the Spring term will be:

### KS1

Science:	Plants / Working scientifically
History:	Changes within living memory
Geography:	Compass Points / Making Maps
Craft & Design:	Construction sets / Homes
RE:	God (Islam) / Community (Islam)
Music:	Ukulele
PE:	Dance / Multi-Skills & Gymnastics at Witham Hill
Art:	What is Sculpture?
DIPSI:	Safety
SEAL:	Good to be me

### KS2

Science:	The Earth & Space / Materials
History:	Aztecs
Craft & Design:	Pop-up books (Y3/4) Shelters(Y5/6)
PE:	Dance / Gymnastics at Witham Hill
ICT:	Animation / multi-media presentations
RE:	God / Incarnation
Music:	Ukulele
Art:	Masks / Life Journeys
DIPSI:	Relationships
SEAL:	Going for goals /Good to be me

**\*\*\*\*\* Don't forget \*\*\*\*\***  
**Monday 06 January 2020 is the first day of next term**

**CONSENT FORMS**

**Collecting Children After Church - Thursday 19 December 2019**

**\*\*\*Please return this slip to school by Friday 13 December 2019\*\*\***

The school is responsible for bringing children back to school after church services to be dismissed in the usual way at 3.30pm unless we are informed, in writing, otherwise.

There are many potential dangers and hazards surrounding the church yard and village hall areas. When collecting your child please ensure they:

- do not play among the grave stones
- keep away from the lake and water ways
- are guided on the path ways and car park avoiding cars and other vehicles
- are safely escorted through the working stable yard on the way to the village hall
- stay within the boundaries of the gated village hall area once at the village hall

If you (or another named adult) are going to collect your child directly from the church please sign the consent form below and return it to school by **Friday 13 December**.

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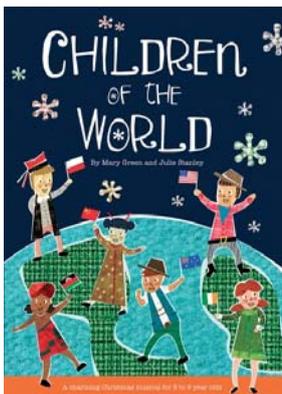
**Name of child/children** .....

(Please tick ✓)

- I will be collecting my child/children myself and will be responsible for them for the remainder of the day
- My child/children will be collected by ..... (named adult)  
who will be responsible for them for the remainder of the day
- My child will return to school to be dismissed in the usual way

**Signed** ..... **parent/guardian**

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**Children of the world**

I would like ..... tickets @ £1 each for

\*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (11am) / Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (2pm)

(\*please circle)

Name ..... Signed .....