

# Welcome to our...



# Hoyland Springwood Newsletter

## Advent Attendance

I have been really pleased with the children's response to the Advent Attendance incentive that we are currently running. Each school day in December, all of the children who have 100% attendance for the month so far, are entered into a draw to win a prize. The draw takes place in assembly and one child is chosen at random. The child then chooses a prize from a selection. There are lots of different prizes on offer including stationery items, art and craft activities, games, toys, and a digital camera, perfect for taking lots of exciting photos over the Christmas holidays! The winners so far are:

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Erica Swift	Maths Set
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Cody-Jo Millns	Playing Cards
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Ethan Whittaker	Horrible Histories Top Trumps
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Isobel Fenton	Watercolour Pencil Set
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Brandon Maddison	Lego Set

## Our New Finance Admin Officer

We will say goodbye next Friday to Jackie Armstrong, our Finance Admin Officer, when she retires after 28 years of working at Hoyland Springwood. We will be sad to see Jackie leave but wish her all the very best for a long and happy retirement with her husband, Trevor. In January, we will welcome Mrs Karen Charnock to Springwood. Mrs Charnock will take over the role of Finance Admin Officer and will work closely with Mrs Drayton in the office. I know that you will all make her feel very welcome. Mrs Charnock will be visiting school over the next fortnight in order to spend time with Jackie to handover the role.

## Christmas Jumpers

Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on Friday 18th December—the last day of term for the Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day. We would be grateful for donations of £1. All proceeds will go to support charities including Save the Children, Macmillan Cancer Support and the Make a Wish Foundation.

8th December 2015

Autumn Term 2

Week 6



## Attendance

Our Attendance Target for the year is 96%. Our attendance for the year to date is 94.9%

Our Attendance Award for last week goes to the Alligators whose attendance was 100%. They have won the award for the second week in a row.

Well done Alligators!



### **Peripatetic Drum Lessons**

We have some spaces available for Key Stage 2 children who would like to take up the drums. Lessons are delivered by Mr Matthew Townsend from Barnsley Music Service on a Wednesday afternoon.

The costs (per pupil, per term) for peripatetic lessons are:

	<b>Usual Cost</b>	<b>Reduced Cost for Children in Receipt of Income Related Free School Meals</b>
Instrument Hire	£15	Free
Small Group Tuition	£45	£15

If you would like your child to have drum lessons, please contact the school office.

### **Clothes Borrowed from School**

We keep a small selection of spare clothes in school for children to use in case of accidents etc. In spite of having bought lots of new items recently, our stocks are low once again as clothes are being borrowed but not returned. If you have items of clothing (pants, socks, t-shirts, trousers, jumpers) that your child has borrowed but which have not been returned, please would you return these to school as soon as possible, ensuring that they are freshly laundered. Thank you.

### **Monkeys & Explorers to the Theatre**

Mr Pettitt's and Mrs Laverack's classes will be visiting the Civic Theatre next Monday. Please would parents ensure that their child(ren) are at school for 8.50am on that morning so that there is sufficient time to register the children and leave on time for the theatre. The children do not need to bring anything with them and will not need any money.

### **Lost Property**

We have a large number of items of lost property which are not clearly named and have therefore not been reunited with their owners. Miss Smith will have the lost property on display on the path into school at the end of the day on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and before school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Please do come and check if you think your child has lost something. Any unnamed items remaining at the end of the day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> will be disposed of as we do not have the space to store items indefinitely.

## Christmas Concert

We will be performing our Christmas concert at St Peter's Church in Hoyland. The concert will be performed twice to allow all parents, carers, grandparents and friends who wish to attend to do so. The performances will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm and on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am. The performance will last for approximately 45 minutes. Please could we ask that parents, carers and other audience members are seated by 2.10pm on Tuesday and 9.40am on Wednesday. There will be some space at the back of the church to park pushchairs and prams.

The children will not be using microphones during the performance so please could we ask that audience members sit quietly during the performance and that all mobile phones are turned off or on silent. If you are bringing babies or young children, please will you sit near the end of a pew, if possible, so that you can take them out should they become distressed during the performance.

Please do not take photos with a flash during the performance as this may distract the children. There will be an opportunity immediately after the show for parents to take photos of their own children, should they so wish.

After the performance on Tuesday, parents/carers will be able to take their own children home, having signed them out with the class teacher. If you would like your child to go home from church with an adult who does not normally collect him/her, please let your child's class teacher, or the school office staff, know in advance. If we are in any doubt regarding the identity of an adult coming to collect a child, the child will return to school with school staff. Any children whose parents do not attend the performance will walk back to school with school staff and can be collected at the end of the day as normal.

On Wednesday, all children should come to school for registration; we will then walk to church. In addition to the performances, staff and children will be going to church on Friday afternoon for a rehearsal. We will return to school in time for the end of the school day.

