



Headteacher's bulletin



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear parents,

This week, Year 6 enjoyed visiting the high school for the 'Big Maths' event and Y2 took part in the Christmas Journey in Frodsham. Our Year 4 Brass band were fantastic in a short concert for their families. Today, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Fletcher-Curran, Mrs Porter and Chris Davis have been busy getting the Helsby Hillside Float ready for tomorrow's Ho Ho Helsby Parade.

#### **Ho Ho Helsby – Saturday 03/12/22**

If you can, please join in on the festivities tomorrow:

From 12pm – Friends of Hillside Teddy Tombola in the Scout Hut

3pm – Hillside Choir, KS1 Sing-a-long, School Band and Y4 Brass Band at the Community Centre.

6-7pm – Parade starting at Tesco's – look out for a certain teacher disguised as a Christmas Trees, Mrs Christmas and her Elves.

#### **Reindeer Run – Monday 05/12/22**

On Monday, the children will be taking part in a sponsored Reindeer Run to raise money for the Hospice Of The Good Shepherd. They will be given reindeer antlers to wear (provided by the Hospice) and be led by a Mystery Santa! All children can come into school in trainers/ sports clothing suitable for their run. Completed sponsor forms can be brought into school next week.

#### **Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 06/12/22**

On Tuesday the kitchen will be serving a special Christmas Dinner. Please note that there will be change to the Wednesday menu – full details on our website and link below.

#### **KS1 Productions – Wednesday 07/12/22 at 2pm and Thursday 08/12/22 at 6.30 pm.**

We look forward to seeing you at the KS1 'Fireside Nativity' at either of the two performances. Please make sure you have your tickets which are currently available to purchase through ParentPay and will be distributed early next week. Please be aware seating is always limited.

**Christmas jumper day – 08/12/22** – This Thursday is 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' - you can make donations directly to Save the Children through our just giving page [Just giving page - Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children](#)

#### **Helsby Players – The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe**

We wish the Helsby Players (including several of our children) all the best with their latest production being staged next week.

**FOH Non-uniform day Friday 09/12/22** – On Friday, KS1 children have been asked to bring in Toys and KS2 children asked to bring in bottles (alcoholic/non-alcoholic) for the Christmas Fair.

**FOH Christmas Fair 09/12/22 6pm – 8pm** – Next Friday is our Christmas Fair. Please join us for some festive fun and community spirit. Any questions please feel free to talk to anyone who is involved with the PTA, message your class rep or email at [friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com)

**Reception 2023** - if your child is due to start September 2023, a reminder that the closing date for applications is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. If you have not already done so and would like to visit school we will be having a final open morning on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am.

#### **Advent and Christmas Services at St Paul's Church, Helsby**

Starting this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11am – 'Clothing and Crib' family service.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm – 'Carols by Candlelight' – Hillside Choir will also be singing.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm – 'Christingle Service' followed by 'Midnight Mass' at 11.30pm

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am – Sung Family Communion

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## Important dates

6/12/22 – Christmas Dinner  8/12/22 – Save the Children Christmas jumper day.	07/12/22 – KS1 Christmas Production Afternoon performance - 2pm 08/12/22 – KS1 Christmas Production Evening performance – 6.30pm  Ticket information to follow.	09/12/22 – Friends of Hillside Christmas Fair 6-8pm
13/12/22 – KS2 Christmas Production Evening performance – 6.30pm 14/12/22 – KS2 Christmas Production Afternoon performance – 2pm  Ticket information to follow	15/12/22 – Whole School Brindley Pantomime Trip – letter sent out next week	16/12/22 – Carols around the Tree at 1pm. This will now be taking place at St Paul's Church, Helsby. Parents will be able to take their children home from the church, straight after the service.  Break up for Christmas at 2pm Return for Spring Term Wednesday 04/01/23 (Link Club close 5pm)

School contact details: [admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk) Tel: 01928722991 please only email your child's class teacher directly if it is related to their performance; class/homework or you have any concerns. For all other correspondence including absence requests, please contact the school office.

Useful information is available on our [website \(click here\)](#) click on the links below and scroll to the attachments at the bottom of each page for the forms : [Absence request form](#) [Administering Medicine consent](#) [School lunch menu](#)

### Do you believe?

The Polar Express Experience is coming to Helsby Methodist Church during Ho Ho Helsby on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Come and drink hot chocolate, make a Christmas decoration, travel through the spectacular Northern Lights, and arrive at the North Pole. Take a selfie with the Conductor, Mrs Christmas and the Elf. All passengers are welcome to join in the fun – maybe wear your PJ's and dressing gown in case it's cold at the North Pole!



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