



# Hindhayes Infant school



**Hindhayes Infant School  
Attendance  
Whole School 90.8%**

**Hazel was the class  
with the highest attendance  
99.6%**

## **Diary Dates:**

Monday 9/12 - Rehearsals for  
Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 10/12 - Whole school  
Christmas Nativity @ Millfield  
School 11.00 a.m., 1.30p.m. &  
6.00p.m

Monday 16/12 - Decorated  
socks to be back

Thursday 19/12 - Children's  
Christmas Fayre 2.00-4.00p.m

Friday 20/12 - Break up for  
Christmas Holiday and  
Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 6/1 - Return to school

## **This Week**

### **Arrangements for the Children's Christmas Fayre**

We have finalised the arrangements for the Children's Christmas Fayre this week. The Fayre will be on Thursday 19th of December. As in previous years the Fayre will open at 2.00p.m. for the Reception pupils. Year 1 pupils will be able to join them at 2.30p.m. and Year 2 at the end of the school day; 3.00p.m. The fayre will then stay open for anyone who wishes to stay until 4.00p.m. We have been collecting lots of lovely raffle prizes which you will be able to win. There will also be the old favourites that the children love for example a chocolate tombola and adopt a teddy.

New for this year is fill a sock for Santa competition. These socks can be filled with anything that you want. There will be a prize for the best socks and the most creative contents. Please could you send your socks into school by Monday December 16th. There will then be the chance to win these back at the Fayre on the Thursday. Don't feel you have to buy a sock a pesky odd one that you have at the bottom of the draw will do.



To enable us to run this event we are asking for different donations from each class. In Reception we are asking for donations of chocolate, so that we can fill the chocolate tombola with tempting treats. In Year One we would like to ask for prizes e.g. smellies, bottles of wine, candles etc. In Year 2 we would like refreshments e.g. mince pies and cakes. We will also be accepting any preloved teddies that would like to be rehomed through our adopt a teddie stall.

Thank you once again for your generosity at this time.

## **At School Next Week**



We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas performances on Tuesday. Please remember that even if you do not have tickets for the evening we still need you to bring your child back to perform so that those parents who are attending can enjoy the play with all of the children. The staff are committed to supporting working families to be able to attend and give up their time to come back in the evening so we know that you will all support them so that the three shows can be the best they can be! All of the children need to be back at Millfield school in their costumes and outfits at 5.45pm so that we can start promptly at 6.00 p.m. Please do not arrive any earlier than this as staff will not be arriving until this time. The evening performance is now sold out so please do not arrive if you do not have a ticket. If however you have a 6pm ticket and you no longer need it please could you pop it into the office. Thank you.



## Lets Celebrate

Congratulations once again to all those pupils who have achieved so well in their learning this week and have been chosen to receive certificates on Friday 13th December. Reception pupils will have their celebration assembly at 9.00am and Year 1 and 2 will continue to have their assembly at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing the parents of the following pupils at these times:

**Work of the week:** Almir Krasniqi/Jimmy Issacs/Esmee Simarpi-Benney/Thomas Herbert/Willow Malpass/Obaidur Rahman/Dominink Ksiadzyna/Oscar Hart/Oliver Newick/Bo Birkett/Braxton Searle/Willem Parr/Maddie Benney/Jessica Cook/Jasmine Jordan/Liam Hunt.

**Better Learning Powers:** Sebi Burrage/Eva Panter/Lola Baker/Grace Champeny/Mya Davis/Austin Hodder/Daisy Huggins/Charley Maunders/Tabitha Lukins/Charlie Holmes/Emily Churchill/Josh Humphries/Logan Proctor/Oscar Miller/Jamie Daymond/Billy Rowen.

**Highest weekly attendance:** Hazel was the class with the highest weekly attendance and as a reward for achieving the highest attendance, Bonnie, our school donkey will be going home with Oskar King.

## Messages from the Office

### Christmas Performance Tickets

The tickets have all gone out today in your child's book bag so please check that your ticket allocation is correct. Also if you would like any further tickets for the 11am and 1.30pm pop in to the office on Monday.

### Arrangements for the last week of term

Due to us moving the Christmas Performance to enable us to still use Millfield School we have decided to move some other dates around for the end of term. At Hindhayes we try to keep as much of what we do for Christmas to the last week of term so that the children can be as settled as possible within their learning whilst we continue to move through December. To enable us to have a calm end to next week we have decided to move Christmas Jumper day to the last day of term. If your child would like to wear their Christmas Jumper to school they are welcome to do so. We will also be visiting the church to share in a Christmas service with our Chair of Governors Janet Day. Please change this date on your calendar and if you would like to be in a contribution for the local food bank Janet will also be collecting these from us on Friday 20th December.

### Oh, What a Night!

Well the children had a great time at the Christmas market disco last Friday night. They danced and sang and the queue for the glitter tattoos was enormous! Thank you for your support for this event. The parents and staff raised £750 profit from the event. Mrs. Shakesby made 77 sticks of candyfloss and Mrs. Honeywell and Andy Leafé made £200 of pizzas! Your generosity at this time of year is very much appreciated.

### Victoria Club Car Parking

Dear All – We have had more reports of poor parking by the Victoria Club today. Unfortunately, if this continues the Club will be closing the gates again next week until further notice. We cannot stress highly enough to all parents and carers the importance of having access the car park not only to those of you who use it courteously but also for perspective families who may look to Hindhayes to be their school of choice in future. Falling pupil numbers will mean less funding for the school. Please continue to challenge people who don't park where they should or report to the Victoria or the School. We know it's frustrating if you can't park but ultimately if the parking is taken away no one will be able to park. Thank you in advance for your continued help and support.



## Messages From the Teachers

Story time with the Shakesbies!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=20qDBmpaKBE>



### Poem of the Week

Jack Frost

Look out! Look out!  
Jack Frost is about!  
He's after our fingers and toes,  
And all through the night,  
The happy little sprite  
Is working where nobody knows.  
He'll climb each tree,  
So nimble is he,  
His silvery powder he'll shake.  
To windows he'll creep  
And while we're asleep  
Such wonderful pictures he'll make.  
Across the grass  
He'll merrily pass,  
And change all its greenness to white.  
Then home he will go  
And laugh ho, ho, ho!  
What fun I have had in the night



C.E. Pike

## Choosing Video Games for your Family

With Christmas around the corner, many parents and carers will be considering games consoles and new video games as presents for their children. But knowing which devices and games are most suitable for your children can be difficult.

Child net have produced advice for parents specifically about choosing games for your children. They suggest that parents:

- **Talk to other parents.** Are their children playing the game? What do they think about it?
- **Try the game yourself.** This is the best way to really find out whether it is suitable for your child.
- **Get information from reliable sources,** such as [Netaware](#) and [Common Sense](#).
- **Trust your own judgement.** Even if other children are playing the game, it is important you make your own decision for your child.

The full blog can be found at: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/but-everyone-else-is-playing-it-how-do-i-decide-if-a-game-is-right-for-my-child>

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**To: Schools in South West**

22 November 2019

Dear Head Teacher

#### **Increase in Influenza Outbreaks**

We are writing to inform you that influenza is beginning to circulate in certain parts of the UK. There are a large number of schools affected in the North East of the country and, over the past week, there have been several schools affected in the South West, particularly Somerset and North Somerset.

#### **Immunisation**

The school immunisation programme is underway and if you are not already aware of the scheduled date(s) for your school, this information will be provided very shortly. If you have any queries, please contact [somersetssaint@sompar.nhs.uk](mailto:somersetssaint@sompar.nhs.uk) or **0300 3230032**.

The best protection against seasonal influenza is the annual influenza vaccination. All primary school children (up to and including Year 6) are eligible for flu vaccination this year.

In addition, any staff with the following conditions (those in "at risk" groups) are eligible. It is worth reminding your staff of this. People in "at risk" groups who are eligible for the flu vaccination are:

- People aged 65 years or older
- Pregnant women
- People with:
  - Chronic lung disease
  - Chronic heart disease
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Chronic liver disease
  - Chronic neurological disease
  - Immune-suppression (whether caused by disease or treatment)
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Morbid obesity (BMI  $\geq 40$ )

Staff in these groups can receive influenza immunisation from their GP or pharmacy free of charge.

#### **Infection Prevention and Control**

Maintaining a good standard of infection control practice can reduce the likelihood of acquiring influenza-like illness in your school.

On the following website you will find lots of useful information including leaflets, posters, guidance on infection control and guidance on recognising and managing outbreaks:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/infection-winter/care-guidance/>

Guidance you may find particularly useful at this time of year is:

- Checklist for flu preparedness in schools and nurseries
- Integrated Care Pathway (checklist) for management of outbreaks of respiratory infection in schools and nurseries

These are available on:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/infection-winter/schools-nurseries/>

People with symptoms of flu should be excluded from schools until they feel recovered or 24 hours after the resolution of fever.

#### **Symptoms include:**

Fever  $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , muscle aches, headache and  
Cough, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat

#### **Outbreak Recognition and Management**

An outbreak should be suspected if there are two or more people meeting the above criteria within a 48-hour period. This includes staff. If you suspect an outbreak, please contact your local Health Protection Team (HPT) who can provide expert advice, support and direction.

Telephone: **0300 303 8162 Option 1 then Option 1**

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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