



Hipswell Church of England

Primary School

Autumn Newsletter

20th December 2024

Dear parents,

It has been an incredibly busy but enjoyable term at Hipswell, in which we have welcomed many new families. We look forward to seeing you all when school reopens to the children on Tuesday 7th January 2025. We wish you a very merry Christmas.

Miss Ewbank

Harvest Festival

We were very proud of our children who certainly lived our Hipswell vision to 'live generously and graciously towards others.'



Colburn Food Bank were incredibly grateful to receive your donations.

Remembrance



During November, we paid our respects to those who have fought for their countries: Year 6 attended the Remembrance Service at Ripon Cathedral and we visited the special service at St. John's

Church, Hipswell, where a wreath was laid on behalf of everyone at Hipswell Church of England Primary School.

Important messages

Road Safety Campaign

We sent out an important letter on 28th November on behalf of both Risedale and Hipswell Schools regarding our road safety campaign. We ask that all visitors driving into site respect the 5mph speed limit and park responsibly in marked bays only. Our children created some wonderful posters as part of our poster competition.

Wrap Around Care

Due to increasing numbers, we ask that children are booked into Fun Club via Parent Pay at **least 24 hours in advance**, as per our Charging and Remissions Policy: <http://hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/policy-Charging-and-Remissions.pdf>

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accept bookings on the day. Please note that there will be an additional charge if your child is collected late, this is also detailed in the policy (link above).

Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure that your child's PE kit follows our uniform policy: <http://hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/policy-uniform.pdf> Trainers should be **plain black** and logo free.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Every lunchtime our children have access to the playground, bank and field and our various 'zones'. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat and wellies daily. We also highly recommend waterproof trousers to help protect their uniform and keep them clean.



Christmas!



Our Christmas performances were wonderful; well done to the children and staff!



Earlier this term, our children designed and made Christmas cards which were collected by Catterick PCSOs and distributed to care home residents across Catterick Garrison.

Our Christmas Fair was a real success, a huge thank you to everyone who supported us. It was lovely to see so many of our families.



We have had a busy final week with various celebrations, including the Hipswell Warriors winning team treat, Christmas jumpers, Christmas dinner and a special visit from Santa!



Dates for your diary

New Reception parents' open morning

Thursday 9th January 2025, 10:30am

Coffee Morning for parents

Thursday 23rd January 2025, 08:50 - 09:30

Spring term parents' evenings

Tuesday 18th March and Thursday 20th March