



# Hipswell Church of England

## Primary School

### Autumn Term Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

It has been a busy but fun-filled term at Hipswell! As always, we have all strived throughout to live our vision to "Live generously and graciously towards others, the way God lives towards us" (Matthew 5:48).

#### Family BBQ



It seems a very long time ago and the weather was very different to present, but we had a brilliant time at our delayed summer barbecue! It was lovely to have our Hipswell community together again.

#### Christmas!

It has been wonderful being able to celebrate Christmas properly by inviting families in to join us. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 impressed everyone with their retelling of the Christmas story. Years 3 and 4 went back in time and shared their work on the Vikings and World War II



evacuees. The Year 5 and 6 singing during their carol concert put a smile on our faces. Well done to the raffle winners!



Our Christingle and advent services at St. John's Church led by Reverend Andrew reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas.



We have had a busy final week with parties, Christmas jumpers, Christmas dinner and a special visit from Santa and his elf!

#### Forest School



Year 6 have been enjoying their Forest School sessions with Rachel Muir, taking part in activities outdoors, whatever the weather!

#### Physical Education

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school daily. If your child is unable to take part in PE lessons for medical reasons, please contact their class teacher.

## Educational visits

Visits to the Life Science Centre, Crucial Crew and Ceramic Inspirations and White Rose Candles have enhanced the children's learning this term.



## Harvest Festival



Year 1 to Year 6 visited St John's Church on 19<sup>th</sup> October for a lovely Harvest Service on the theme of 'being

thankful'. The children's singing and readings were excellent, as always. Thank you for your kind donations which were donated to Colburn Food Bank. We were overwhelmed by everyone's generosity.

## Remembrance



During November, we paid our respects to those who have fought for their countries by attending the Remembrance Service at Ripon Cathedral; decorating poppies for the Remembrance display at John Blenkinsop & Sons Funeral Directors; during special acts of Collective Worship in school and at St John's Church where a wreath was laid on behalf of everyone at Hipswell Church of England Primary School.

## Dates for your diary

World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, we will look forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters.

Our spring term parents' evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.

Sports Days are pencilled in for the afternoons of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June (Reception and KS1) and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June (KS2).

## Communication

Whole school communication will continue to be sent out electronically on Our School App. This can be downloaded onto any device from your app store. Some parents have notified us that they do not always receive notifications therefore please check the app regularly for news events and documents.

## Safeguarding at Hipswell

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Miss Ewbank and Mrs. Regan. We are an 'Operation Encompass' school. For further information, please chat to us.

For your child to get the most from their education and to reach their full potential, they need to be in school daily. If your child's attendance falls below national expectations, we will keep you informed verbally or by letter. If your child is not well enough to attend school, please contact the school office before 9am (phone 01748 832513 or email [admin@hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hipswell.n-yorks.sch.uk)).

Please take care when driving around the school site. We encourage the children to use the zebra crossing, where possible, and to take extra care when moving around parked cars.



*We thank you for your continued support, wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year!*