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21st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Joy: It has been a very busy, but lovely end to the autumn term. We drew our annual Christmas raffle with the prizes bringing much joy to the lucky winners. Thank you to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Maher for organising this once again and to the many staff and parents who donated prizes. Today, we held our Christingle service at St. Paul's Church. The service was led by Year 5, who highlighted the Christian message of Christmas before we break for our holiday to enjoy the festivities. Year 5 spoke clearly and beautifully. The singing was also amazing and with the lovely acoustics in the church hall, it felt like we were really 'raising the roof'. It was a special service and we thank Rev'd Ravi and all at St. Paul's for welcoming us so warmly.

We thank parents and carers for your generous support of our Christmas fundraisers. The money we have raised will be used to top-up our School Fund which enables us to buy extras which benefit our children. We have also just placed an order for some Ozobots, which are desk-friendly codable robots; we will be making some improvements to Reception's outdoor learning area and, of course, stocking up our libraries.

As we approach Christmas, please remember that encouraging your child to read is probably the greatest gift you will ever give them. Being able to read confidently allows children to access all areas of the curriculum and we know that our good readers are the most successful, academically, in school. To help parents, '*The Book Trust Great Book Guide*' can be found in each class gallery on our website: <u>https://www.hattonhill.co.uk/classes</u> We have also added brilliant resources called '50 Recommended Reads' for each year group. These will give you some great ideas for Christmas presents.

Reading with your child is a really special time which passes far too quickly. If you struggle to read, you could consider borrowing talking books from your local library. Sefton libraries operate the Borrow Box scheme which gives all Sefton residents who join the library free access to talking books; these can be accessed via your phone and are great for long journeys. There is no charge to join; library staff members are very welcoming; and an amazing service is provided. Find out more here:

https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/libraries/digital-library-service.aspx

Uniform: Please ensure that children return fully kitted out for a new year of learning. I believe ours is one of the smartest schools in the area with children dressed to impress from their Hatton Hill blue hair bobbles and sensible hair styles to their smart black shoes. We greatly appreciate the effort parents make to respect our uniform policy. Please ensure that children in Years 1 to 6 also return with the correct PE kits. <u>Children should not wear branded tracksuits</u>. If your child is unwilling to follow the PE kit rules, please send him/her into school in ordinary school uniform with sports kit in a bag. Our PE kit consists of the following; it is inexpensive and functional:

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt (available with logo)
- White sports socks
- Plain black tracksuit top (available with logo)
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Black pumps
- Trainers

Thank you: I would like to take an opportunity to express my gratitude to all Hatton Hill staff. We are a big team consisting of teachers, TAs, governors, office staff, caretaker, kitchen and cleaning staff, and other support staff such as our learning mentor and attendance officer. Each member of staff works with kindness and dedication. They are amazing. Thank you also to the many families who loyally support our school; your kind words and deeds are always a morale boost. Home and school, working together, will provide the very best outcome for our children.

MERRY CHRISTMAS Hatton Hill families. We now enter the Christmas holidays and I hope all families will find time to rest and have fun. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024!

Yours faithfully, Mrs Anna James Headteacher Week Commencing: Monday, 8th January 2024 Monday **INSET DAY** Tuesday Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Year 1 & J6 St. Paul's Wednesday Church Christingle Indoor PE lesson - remember shorts & pumps Year 2 & 3 in the church hall Outdoor PE lesson Reception & Year 5 **Multi Sports** Year 2 – selected chdn Sunday, 24th December at Thursday 4.00pm You are Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Year 4 warmly Indoor PE lesson – remember pumps! Nursery invited to Outdoor PE lesson Year 1 attend this lovely Friday service. Indoor PE lesson – remember pumps Reception Outdoor PE lesson Years 2 & 4

Spring PE Timetable (Please ensure that children in Years 1-6 have the correct kit (no brand logos) on the following days):

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Indoor | INSET DAY | Year 1 | Year 2 | Nursery | Reception |
| Pumps needed | | J6 | Year 3 | Year 4 | |
| Outdoor | | | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
| | | | Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 4 |
| | | | | J5 - Swimming | |

This Week's Menu

Dinner money must be paid in advance. £2.42 per day

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Th | ursday | Friday |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| | Sausage | Roast Chicken Deep | | illed Meat & | Jumbo Fish Fingers |
| INSET DAY | Baked Beans | Gravy | | tato Pie | Baked Beans |
| | Creamy Mash | Baton Carrots | Green Vegetables | | Chipped Potatoes |
| | Yorkshire Pudding | Roast Potatoes | | | |
| | V Quorn Mince & | V Lasagne | V Chunky Quorn | | V Cheese & Tomato |
| | Onion Gravy | Crispy Salad | Curry | | Quiche |
| | Green Beans | Crusty Bread | 50/50 Rice | | Garden Peas & |
| | Creamy Mashed Potato | | Naan Bread | | Sweetcorn |
| | | | | | ¹ / ₂ Jacket Potato |
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| | Jacket Potato with | Jacket Potato with | Jacket Potato with | | Jacket Potato with |
| | Baked Beans | Various Fillings | Baked Beans | | Various Fillings |
| | Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6) | Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6) | Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6) | | Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6) |
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| | Delight | Chocolate Sponge & Frozen | | Yoghurt or | Lemon Drizzle Cake |
| | | Chocolate Sauce | Fresh Fruit | | |
| | Plus the option of Fre | Drinks: | Fruit juice or fresh water | | |
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