



Welcome back Team 3 and 4...  

I am delighted to report, as I write this, that we have a full school again! It is just not the same when one or two teams are missing! Team 3 and 4 have done so well – we have seen some amazing home learning but we are very glad you are back! 😊

TikTok...  



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We are having an increasing number of issues brought into school that start with children interacting on their home devices on TikTok. We would strongly recommend that primary age children do not have access to this. TikTok themselves advocate that no child under the age of 13 should have an account. If your child does have an account, please be vigilant about what they are watching or posting. At primary age, children are generally not emotionally mature enough to manage this completely independently and they risk damage to their or others mental health and wellbeing. If you would like to learn more about what you can do to protect your child, please visit the TikTok parent's page here.

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/for-parents?lang=en>

  Half term...

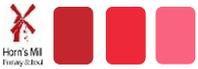
Christmas Jumper Day	Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Parties including whole school Christmas ZOOM Bingo	Wed 16 th Dec
Horn's Mill school appears on Ho Ho Helsby Facebook page!	Sat 12 th Dec	Santa Visit	Thurs 17 th Dec
Chocolate Christmas Story	Mon 14 th Dec	Children's Christmas Books go home	Thurs 17 th Dec
Link to Horn's Mill Virtual Christmas Story Video sent to families	Wed 16 th Dec	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS Last day on Fri 18 th December (Pick up as normal at 3/3.15pm) Back to school on Mon 4 th January	
Christmas Dinner	Wed 16 th Dec		

Christmas (COVID Style) ...  



Our lovely little Millers have been through a lot this year and we are endeavouring to make Christmas as special as we possibly can. You will see above, some of the ideas we have had; some traditions can remain,

but other things will have to be different. There **WILL** be a performance – but it will be recorded and sent home on a link to you...the whole school will be performing together! Much planning is taking place already! The finished product may not be 'Andrew Lloyd Webber worthy' but we hope that what comes together in the end will make you and your little one's smile. A part of this will be shown on the Ho HO Helsby Facebook page on 12th Dec too!

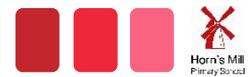


Diwali...

The children in all classes have been Learning about Hinduism this week. We have been particularly focusing on the Festival of Lights called Diwali. They have taken part in dance workshops, dressed in beautiful bright colours, made Rangoli patterns, tasted Barfi and much, much more! You can see lots of pictures of what has been going on by following our Twitter account (@HMillSchool). Here are Annabelle and Hannah beautifully demonstrating the 'peacock' move.



Children in Need 2020...



Thanks to everyone for coming into school in their PJs last week. Children had a great day and as a result of your kind donations and the staff contributions to the 'very competitive' Duck Race (!!) we were able to send a whopping £176.50 to this fabulous cause!



Remembrance...



Whilst we were not able to sell poppies for the poppy appeal this year, we made sure that the children remembered the important messages of this time of the year with activities in school and a minute's silence in their bubbles. Three of our Team 6 children visited St Paul's church to present our wreath, and to read poems in a small local school service. They did us proud as usual – well done Eve, Maegan and Amber.





Baby Caroe...

I am delighted to report that this little bundle of joy arrived last week. Dorothy (Dotty) Caroe born on 12th November at 2am weighing in at 8lbs. Mum and baby are doing very well and we are delighted that a very special little Miller has been added to our team! I am sure you will join me in offering massive congratulations to Mrs Caroe and her husband from all of us!



Going GREEN at the Mill...



We are currently working on a couple of schemes to help to teach the children about the importance of reducing waste, one of which will also help to raise funds for school. Recycle4School is a free fundraising scheme that helps schools raise funds through textile recycling. They are committed to helping schools and other organisations raise funds in a way that is eco-friendly, highly educational, and best of all, at no cost to us at all! We will be in touch with more details nearer the time of our first clothes collection in the new year. But until then, we urge you to remember this scheme when you have that 'sort out' after Christmas to fit all the pressies in – please keep any textiles in bin bags to bring to school on January 11th.



And finally...

FREE Advent Activity Bags! On Saturday 28th November Helsby Methodist Church will be offering to local families a chance to pick up a free bag of children's advent activities. Please reserve your bag (one per family) by emailing cathclarke.hmc@gmail.com by Tuesday 24th November at the latest. You will then be allocated a time slot between 9.30-11.30am to collect your bag safely from the church car park.

A great way to keep the children entertained over the coming weeks!!

Take Care all,

Kind regards,

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