



HCCPS Times

Festive Fun, Fond Farewells & Warm Welcomes

As we approach the end of a busy and festive term, we would like to share a few highlights and important messages with you.

Curriculum Enrichment

From Ancient Egyptian day to toys going on adventures in the night, these last few weeks have been full of lots of exciting learning opportunities. Highlights according to the children include: making tuk tuks and programming them to not collide with each other: developing drawing and portrait skills by creating Ancient Egyptian death masks and writing statements to the police about the toys that snuck out of school at night!



Local Church Visits

Earlier in the month, many of our children enjoyed a lovely walk to their local churches. The visits provided a wonderful opportunity for reflection, learning, and community connection, and the children represented the school beautifully throughout their visit. A special thanks to all those who helped to plan and deliver such an engaging service and got us in the Christmas spirit!

Performances Galore!

We are so very proud of all those who took part in our recent Christmas performances. The Year 1/2 performances of *"Bethlehem Bake Off"*, were full of humour, enthusiasm, and fantastic singing. This was closely followed by the Reception Christmas Shows which were a delight, with some of our youngest children confidently taking to the stage and spreading plenty of festive cheer. Well done to all the children and staff involved.



Farewells

As the term comes to a close, we say farewell to some valued members of our team. Sebie Page from Hardwick Wraparound and Dawn Biggs from Cambourne Wraparound will be leaving us, and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours. A very special final farewell also goes to Vicky Driver, our much-loved Squirrels class teacher. Vicky will be greatly missed by both staff and children alike, and we wish her every happiness for the future.

Welcome and Welcome Back!

At the same time, we are pleased to extend a warm welcome to Susie Sugg, who will be teaching Squirrels class from next term. We are very much looking forward to her joining our school community. We are also delighted to welcome back Cate Oxley-Thompson, who will be re-joining us after Christmas on a phased return – it will be wonderful to have her back!

Finally, we would like to wish all our families a joyous and relaxing Christmas break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on

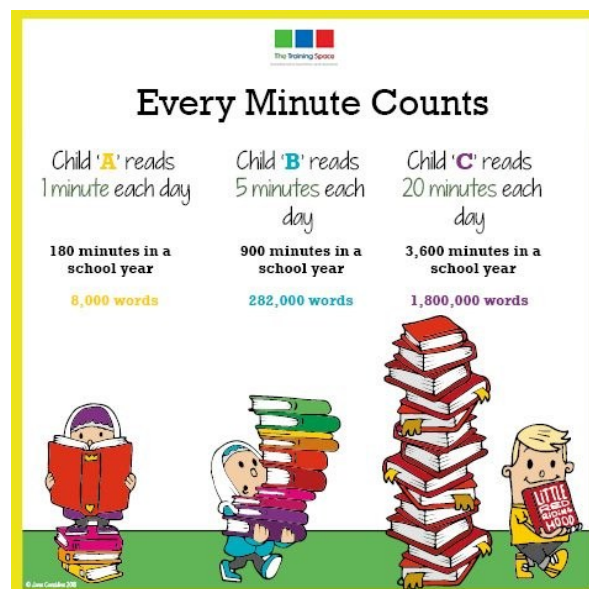
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Safeguarding focus – Screen time

As we approach Christmas, many children may be receiving new technology such as tablets or phones. While these can be enjoyable and useful for learning and staying in touch with friends and family, we are noticing that some children who find learning, concentration or behaviour more challenging are often the same children who tell us they spend a lot of time on video games or screens at home. Research suggests that large amounts of unregulated screen time can sometimes make it harder for children to focus and manage their behaviour. Parents may find it helpful to look at guidance from trusted sources such as <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child/> which offers practical tips on setting healthy boundaries and supporting children online. Limiting and monitoring screen time and promoting diverse activities like reading, physical play and family time can help children thrive both in and out of school. We plan to share further resources in the New Year.

Reading at home

This is gentle reminder of the importance of reading with your child at home. All children from EYFS to Year 3 are assigned an eBook every week using the Collins website <https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>. The website informs us when pupils are not reading the books assigned to them at home. We would strongly urge you to log on at least 3 times a week to help your child cement their learning and help them to make expected progress. Some children in Years 4-6 are also assigned eBooks to help with their reading progress and you will have been given login details by the class teacher. If you have lost your child's login information please talk to the teacher ASAP.



Water Bottles

This is a polite reminder that children should bring **water only** in their water bottles. Water is the best choice for keeping children hydrated throughout the day, helps maintain concentration, and avoids spills, stickiness, and potential damage to books and equipment. Thank you for your support with this.

Diary Dates Reminder....

Mon 5th January	School Closed - INSET DAY
Tues 6th January 2026, 9am	Spring term 1 2026 begins
w/c Mon 2nd February 2026	Parent Consultations Week– more info to follow in January
16th-20th February 2026	Half Term
Mon 23rd February 2026	Spring term 2 2026 begins