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## **Howitt Primary Community School Newsletter no.4**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**A reminder about school uniform;** We are really proud of how smart our children look in their school uniform at Howitt. Wearing the correct uniform helps children feel part of the Howitt community and sets a positive tone for behaviour, attitudes and learning. On PE days, children should wear the correct PE kit please;

- A **plain white top with no logos (except for the Howitt school logo) or branding**
- Dark blue or black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- On cold days; a **plain** black or navy tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings
- Optional school hoodie

Please ensure that your child does not wear PE kit when it is not their PE day. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high expectations and ensuring that all children come to school looking smart and ready to learn. Full details of our uniform and PE kit can be found here: [Howitt Primary Community School – School Uniform](#)

**Logos;** also a reminder that we do not expect your child to wear uniform bearing our logo. Although it looks very smart, the logo is optional. We know that non-logo items are much cheaper and easier to pick up from local stores. Please keep all items, including coats, hats, gloves etc **name labelled** and watch out for labels that fade in the wash. Thanks very much.

**Year 5 Harvest Breakfast;** please note if you have booked a place(s) on Thursday, we will send the tickets home with your child on Wednesday. This item is now closed on ParentPay so please contact the office if you still need to book on.

**Parent Survey;** Have you had your say yet? There's still time to tell the DfE about your morning routines and before school childcare to be in with a chance of winning £100. The survey takes about 10 minutes: thank you to everyone who has already taken part. We have also attached a poster with a QR code to complete the survey.

**Early Years Request;** Can you help us replenish some of our Early Years resources? We would really appreciate any donations of **rice, pasta, flour, shaving foam, salt and cornflour** for use in sensory, messy and creative activities. Even one item would be a great help. Donations can be handed to the Early Years team or brought to the school office. **Thank you for supporting our youngest learners!**

**Dates for your diaries;**

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| 15 Oct       | Year 5 Parents or carers invited to a <b>Harvest Breakfast</b> , 9.15 to 10.15, our school hall.                         |
| 16 Oct       | Non uniform day- bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair, thank you!                                                       |
| 21 Oct       | Pumpkin Parade                                                                                                           |
| 22 Oct       | <b>Last day of term 1 for pupils</b>                                                                                     |
| 23 Oct       | INSET Day, school closed to pupils                                                                                       |
| 2 Nov        | Pupils return to school for term 2                                                                                       |
| 3 Nov        | New starters for 2027 - Reception and Nursery Open Evening 4 – 5pm                                                       |
| 5 Nov        | Flu Vaccines – NHS in school – Intra Health will contact you directly                                                    |
| 12 Nov       | New starters for 2027 - Reception and Nursery Open Evening 4 – 5.30pm                                                    |
| 13 Nov       | Tough Rower (sports event). Details to follow.<br>Sportswear non uniform Day – Bring chocs for our Christmas Fair please |
| 16 Nov       | Anti Bullying Week                                                                                                       |
| 20 Nov       | CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – bring or wear Pudsey accessories.<br>Matt Crawford Trust Leader visits our school.                |
| 9 and 10 Dec | Reception classes perform The Nativity for their parents at 2.30pm, details to follow.                                   |
| 11 Dec       | Year 1 Christmas Breakfast for Parents, 9.15 am, details to follow.                                                      |
| 16 Dec       | Year 2 Christmas Breakfast for Parents, 9.15 am, details to follow.                                                      |
| 18 Dec       | Last day of term 2                                                                                                       |
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| 4 Jan 2027   | INSET day 4                                                                                                              |
| 5 Jan 2027   | First day of term 3 for pupils                                                                                           |
| 25 June 2027 | Final INSET day                                                                                                          |

**Best wishes,****Mrs Alison Spencer, Headteacher**  
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