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Howitt Primary School Newsletter no.5

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to Term 2! We have an exciting few months ahead, with plenty to look forward to. Please see the diary dates below. Thank you to all our staff, governors, parents, carers and children for making me feel so welcome during my first term as your headteacher. It has been a pleasure getting to know our school community.

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Breakfasts: We look forward to welcoming parents and carers for a short, festive performance in the hall, followed by refreshments and activities to enjoy together. Tickets will be on sale soon. To ensure there is enough seating for everyone, we will hold these events separately: **Year 1 on 11th December** and **Year 2 on 16th December**, rather than all 11th December as previously planned. Both events will run from 9.15 to 10.15am. We apologise for the change to the Year 2 date and any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 3 and Year 4: donations of play equipment Our junior children have been enjoying the LEGO organised by Mrs Snow for playtimes, and we would love to offer them more opportunities to play. If you have any small-world toys to donate, such as dolls' houses, Sylvanian Families, Playmobil, dinosaurs, toy cars and garages, Barbies or Girls' World, we would be very grateful. Thank you for supporting our junior children!

Howitt Choir Christmas Concert 'Save a Date'; the Howitt choir will be performing their annual Christmas concert at St Luke's Church, Loscoe on 11th December at 7:00pm, more detailed information will follow later. Mrs Webster will be organising solo parts so please let her know on Wednesday (if you have not already done so) if your child is unable to attend the concert.

A reminder about safe and considerate parking Local residents and staff have raised concerns about parking near school. Please help us keep the area safe and accessible by avoiding:

- blocking driveways or gates;
- leaving engines running for long periods;
- stopping on or too close to the yellow zigzag markings to drop off or collect children.

We appreciate that parking can be difficult. Where possible, please consider parking a little further away and walking the rest of the way. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe and for being considerate to our neighbours.

Dates for your diary

Mon 2 Nov	**Pupils return to school for term 2** **Poppies and poppy items will be on sale all week in support of the Royal British Legion. Please send donations in an envelope, for example £1–£2.**
3 Nov	Reception and Nursery Open Evening for children starting in 2027 (or anytime in Nursery), 4–5pm. Call the office to book 01773 713217.
4 Nov	Video day at Howitt with Studio 77
5 Nov	NHS flu vaccinations in school. The NHS has emailed parents to request consent. Please use this link https://www.manage-vaccinations-in-schools.nhs.uk/consents/RizWPsJZAj/flu/start to consent/not consent to your reception – year 6 child having the vaccination. ALSO….Years 3–6: University of Derby student research project questionnaire.
6 Nov	Mr Field, our caretaker, will give Years 1 and 2 a First World War talk in character as William Gregg. ALSO…. Howitt will play in the Gregg Cup football match at Heanor Town's ground, 6.30pm.
Sun 8 NOV	Heanor and Loscoe Remembrance parade, leaving the town hall at 10am, gather from 9.45am, see email sent to parents.
10 Nov	Years 3 and 4 handball competition at Heanor Leisure Centre, after school.
12 Nov	Reception and Nursery Open Evening for children starting in 2027, 4–5.30pm. Call the office to book 01773 713217
13 Nov Get sporty!	- Tough Rower (sports event). Details to follow. - **Sportswear non-uniform day** – please **donate chocolate** for our Christmas Fair. Thank you! - Mr Tomlinson begins a six-week health and wellbeing course for Years 3 and 4. Children will be wearing sportswear for this on the day.
16 Nov	**Anti-Bullying Week** Local police constable Jennifer will lead an anti-bullying assembly for Years 1 and 2.
20 Nov	- **Children in Need Day –** children are welcome to bring or wear Pudsey accessories. - Mr Tomlinson's six-week health and wellbeing course continues. Years 3 and 4 should wear PE kit on Fridays for the rest of the course. - **Matt Crawford,** Trust Leader, will visit our school in the afternoon. - Local police constable Jennifer will lead an anti-bullying assembly for Years 3–6.
24 Nov	Years 1 and 2 handball competition at Heanor Leisure Centre, after school.
2 Dec	Mrs McBean's family coffee morning in the small hall, 9-10am 😊 **Howitt Christmas Fair, 3.30 to 5pm**
9th / 10th Dec	Reception classes will perform the Nativity for parents at 2.30pm. Details to follow.
11th Dec	**Year 1 only:** Christmas Breakfast for parents and carers, 9.15–10.15am. Details to follow.
16th Dec	**Year 2 only:** Christmas Breakfast for parents and carers, 9.15–10.15am. Details to follow.
17th Dec	**Party Day with a special visitor!** Children are welcome to wear party clothes. Please ensure they are warm and wear sensible shoes. No make-up, please. **Nursery:** Santa's grotto – parents and carers will be able to book via ClassDojo.
18 Dec	Last day of term 2
4 Jan 2027	INSET day 4
5 Jan 2027	First day of term 3 for pupils
25 June	Final INSET day

Best wishes,
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