



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Performer of the Week:

Rhuben (Y5)

awarded for excellent musicianship whilst helping a new pupil.



A note from the Headmaster

As the final week of the term draws near, we are reaching the very busy time of year. I have experienced the delights of my first Hydesville Nativity. The pupils took to the stage with great aplomb and the pride of those in the audience was tangible. Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances have been rehearsed, and the Carol Concert preparations for next week are continuing apace. I am really looking forward to seeing the whole school together for this latter event, and remind parents, family and friends of how much it means to share the occasion with you all.



The oldest sections of the school completed mock examinations last week, and the outcomes of these will be shared with parents in due course. It is incredible to see how every teacher uses the information from these papers, along with the knowledge of the child, to plan for the individual support required to help them reach the next level. It reflects how the staff across all ages are constantly looking to develop a child's learning and performance; they are a remarkable group and I am sure you will join me in wishing them a restful, relaxing and recharging Christmas break...in a week's time!

I hear on the grapevine that snow may reach us over the weekend. Although closure of the school is very unlikely; can I remind you that we would notify parents via email or text, and we will keep the School's social media networks updated with any key notices.

Please can I also urge you to ensure the School Office has your current contact details.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Elvis the Elf visits Year 2

It's been a busy week in Year 2...the children have been visited by Elvis the Elf (who is a very naughty elf!). The children arrived in school on Monday to such a



mess, there was glitter and baubles everywhere! Santa sent a letter and delivered Elvis the Elf to watch the children to make sure they were being good. On Thursday, the children found Mrs Taylor all wrapped up, she had been in school all night! In English, the children discussed what Elvis had been doing and came up with predictions about what he might get up to next....with Elvis around, anything could happen!



Nursery Star of the Week:

Katie (awarded for growing in self-confidence).



Shaan's Santa dash



Well done to Shaan in Year 1 who donned a red suit and beard and joined a group of Santas in last weekend's 2km Santa Dash at Sandwell Valley Country Park, despite the cold and wet weather!

Shaan had lots of fun and was a speedy little Santa! He was awarded a medal for completing the full 2km. Whilst having fun Shaan has also managed to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. The current amount raised (as it currently stands) is £882, which is amazing as the family's target was £100! If you would like to donate to this fantastic cause you can do so here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Baljinder-](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Baljinder-Dulay?utm_source=whatsapp)

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Bethlehem comes to Hydesville



Pupils in Nursery & Reception took to the stage for the nativity this week.

This year we traditionally transported pupils back 2,000 years to Bethlehem, recreating Hydesville's version of the story of the very first Christmas.

The performance gave all our children a chance to be part of the widely told magical story and it kick

started a period of excitement in the end of term calendar.

The children made us so very proud; their acting and singing was amazing!

Thank you to parents for supporting the event, we hope you enjoyed the show.

Annual Carol Service

A reminder that our annual carol service will take place on Thursday, 14th December at St Matthew's Church, Church Hill, Walsall, WS1 3DG. We ask that you are seated in good time, ready for the service to begin at 6.30 pm. Performers are asked to be present by 6.00 pm and all other pupils by 6.15 pm. For a "through school" like Hydesville, an event such as this that

brings most of the elements together is particularly special. Thus, we expect all pupils from Reception to Year 11 to attend, representing Hydesville wonderfully in full school uniform. Parents, family and friends will be warmly welcomed as well, so we can see out the end of term as a community together. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who achieved 100% attendance this week:

Form 6

Congratulations to the following Prep School Class who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week:

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Notices/reminders:

Safeguarding: advice and tips	Please see our website for updates on websites, Apps and social media networks to be aware of. You can also access advice and tips on keeping your children safe online: https://www.hydesville.com/about-us/safeguarding-contacts/
Be Seen Be Bright t-shirt design comp	The deadline for entries is Wed 13 th December. More details are on the website: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home-2/
Nursery & Lower Prep Christmas party and pantomime: Monday 11th Dec	Nursery & Lower Prep children can come to school dressed in party clothes on Monday.
Christmas Jumper Day	All pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Friday, 15 th December to support Save the Children.
Year 1	A reminder to parents to send in any outstanding money for the Snowdome trip (on 8 th Feb) by Monday, 11 th December please.

Dates coming up week commencing 11th December 2017

Monday	Christmas party & pantomime: Nursery & Lower Prep After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors
Tuesday	Christmas performance: KS1 (2.00 pm) Musical Theatre: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Maths Club: Seniors Movie Night: Upper Prep (4 pm – 6 pm)
Wednesday	Christmas performance: KS1 (9.15 am)
Thursday	Carol Service at St Matthew's Church: 6.30 pm No After-School Clubs, due to the Carol Service
Friday	Christmas lunch 'Save The Children' Christmas Jumper Day Senior School Christmas disco (during enrichment) After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6