



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Shaan** – awarded for being a dedicated student and always following the 'Golden Rules'.



### A note from the Headmaster....

Well done to everyone for reaching the end of a long term. Last year we had lost a couple of school days to the "snowbomb", and missed out on having the Carol Concert as a result. Therefore, it has been lovely for me to enjoy the experience of the whole school community together for such an event.

Last week's Christmas Fair was such a pleasure, and thank you to everyone who came along and contributed so positively. I thought the Senior pupils were excellent in running the stalls and being Santa's elves, and it was so nice to see all the younger children enjoying the festivities and celebrations. I discovered that Mr Ison has quite the bass voice in the final round of carol singing...potentially more to come on Tuesday morning!

As I mentioned at the Carol Concert, this is a time of year for reflection. A baby born in the humblest of circumstances is the beginning of the Christmas story. Our lives are so much more fortunate, with living standards and expectations so high by contrast. However, it is not like this for everyone, both in Walsall and around the world. Thus, I hope our children will be grateful for their situation, will appreciate all that is made available to them, and recognise how we can all live our lives for the good and benefit of others. Regardless of faith, this is a core message that applies to all and when resolutions are being set, will be well worth bearing in mind.

Happy Christmas, and peaceful wishes for the New Year...



### Early Years' present The Grumpy Sheep

It was Nursery & Reception's turn to take to the stage this week for their Christmas performance. The traditional Christmas Nativity story centred around a grumpy sheep who is not only cross but lazy as well and has totally the wrong idea of what to expect about Baby Jesus. Luckily, the grumpy sheep sees the error of his ways when he actually gets himself to the stable to meet the little Boy King - he even learns to smile and never grumps again!



Well done to all the children, they worked incredibly hard to learn lines, songs and dance moves. Their hard work definitely paid off.

## Senior Pupils of the Week:

**Rachna (Y10) & Louisa (Y9)** – awarded for their face painting skills at the Christmas Fair.



## The Christmas Fair Elves for super 'Elf-ing'!

**Sartaj, Ria, Parmal and Monisha**



## Lots of fun at the Christmas Fair



beautiful grotto, complete with elves and Mrs Claus herself!

We are delighted that we raised more than £440 for our chosen charity, Crisis, who support homeless people.

There were lots of lucky winners throughout the evening, including Mustafa in Year 4 who was the winner of the raffle to win a balloon filled with chocolate from DJD Balloons.

Thank you again for supporting our wonderful festive event, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fair on Friday night.

The School came alive with stalls, carols, pupil performances and even a fancy dress parade.

We were delighted that Santa paid us a visit, with the younger children in awe of the



## End of term festive fun!

It's been a festive week, with lots of end of term seasonal fun across the School. We enjoyed a trip to Lapland during lunchtime yesterday and tucked into a lovely Christmas dinner. Staff and pupils also came to school in Christmas jumpers today to support national charity, Save The Children.

Yesterday, a group of Pupils from the Prep &



Senor choirs visited a local elderly day care centre in Walsall to perform hymns and bring seasonal cheer to the local community. It was a wonderful event and we were proud of how well the children represented Hydesville, with their singing and behaviour.

Happy Christmas to you all from everyone at Hydesville Tower School!





## Performers of the Week:

All of our wonderful pupils involved in the performances at the Carol Service last night!



## Carol service raises the roof

Pupils from across the School helped raise the roof at St Matthew's Church at our annual carol service last night. This important school and community event is always a fitting celebration of the festive season and this year was no exception. The church pews were thronged with parents, staff and the wider Hydesville community. It was a wonderful service that included readings, solos and group performances. The congregation joined the children in singing a number of hymns and it was a lovely way to spend an evening with family, friends and colleagues. Thank you to everyone who came along!



**Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 1C, 3L and 4B**

**Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week: Form 6**

## Cognita Ski trip – two places remain

We have two places available on the Cognita ski trip at Easter 2019. The lucky pupils will join the other nine

Hydesville pupils and Miss Bowdige for a trip of a lifetime, and a chance to experience the thrill of skiing. This would be a great opportunity for someone new to skiing, as well as for those with some prior experience.

The trip is open to pupils in Years 5 – 9. Further information can be found in the 'letters home' section of our website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home-2/>

Please scroll down to the Prep or Senior section, and click on the letter called: 'Cognita Ski-trip – further information'. If you are interested, please contact Miss Bowdige urgently so the final places can be assigned.



## Well done Eve!

We are very proud of Year 11 pupil and Music Scholar, Eve, who has made it through to the final of the local Popstars competition! She is only one of 12 pupils across the county to have been picked and has made it through application videos, and now the live audition round. Eve will be in a concert on February 7<sup>th</sup> where all the finalists will perform and a winner will be chosen. Good luck Eve!



### Notices/reminders:

<b>Nursery sound of the week</b>	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: <a href="https://youtu.be/mYGGk0MH_xQ">https://youtu.be/mYGGk0MH_xQ</a>
<b>Children in Need</b>	We are delighted to announce we raised £647.18 for Children in Need.
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Nursery &amp; Reception Christmas Party &amp; Entertainment</b>	This day will be a non-uniform day, for children in Nursery & Reception only.
<b>Nursery &amp; Reception Christmas Holiday Club</b>	Places are still available on our Nursery & Reception Christmas Fun Club. The Club is open 9 am – 4pm on Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December, and 9 am until 1.30 pm on Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December.
<b>Enrichment choices – Spring Term</b>	The Spring term's enrichment programme has now been announced and is available to view on our website: <a href="https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/enrichment/">https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/enrichment/</a>
<b>After-School Sports Clubs</b>	After-School Sports Clubs will resume after February Half Term, due to the weather conditions and poor light.

### Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

A Reminder that all 6<sup>th</sup> form applications need to be submitted to Miss Jenkins a week before the given deadlines.

### Dates coming up week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018:

<b>Monday</b>	Christmas Party & Entertainment: Nursery & Reception
<b>Tuesday</b>	Term ends: All After School Clubs: STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
<b>Wednesday - Friday</b>	Nursery & Reception Holiday Club