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Learn to love learning to live life better

Christmas at Hornbeam!

Christmas at Hornbeam is a wonderful time of the year with many activities and events to join in with. Each class had a Christmas party with a special visitor invited. We had a Christmas Fair to raise money for the school and the RNLI. Year R performed a traditional nativity which was enjoyed by all families and friends. Year 2 were brilliant in their show called 'The Greatest Snowman.' Year 5 and 6 went to the panto at Goodwin and really enjoyed themselves and year 5 led the School Carol Service. We all enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day.

Mrs Jones at Christmas:

We asked Mrs Jones about why she loves Christmas so much.

Here is her response……

I'm most excited for chocolate just kidding. I'm most excited for family and friends enjoying Christmas altogether.

Christmas Crafts

Crafty Christmas ideas for kids include making salt dough ornaments but if you want to make one of these delicious salty ornaments then listen carefully to the ingredients for the classic Salt Dough Recipe!

You need 500g plain flour, self raising flour will make the salt dough bubble as it dries, in the oven cook for 1.5 to 3 hours
Then 250g table salt, any fine cooking salt will work
Lastly 125ml of warm water

Fingerprint Christmas trees

Want to make fingerprint Christmas trees for Christmas? Get a drop of paint on the tip of your finger and dot the trunk of the tree. Make sure to scatter it in rows which get smaller until there's only one dot on top. Then you can add some different colours with a few on each row but not hundreds, only a few. Make sure to have fun, everybody always does!

Jokes and Riddles

Who hides in a Christmas bakery?

A mince *spy*!

What do Santa's helpers learn in school?

The *elf*-abet!

What's an Arctic wolf's favourite time of year?

The Christmas *howl*-idays!

School Trips KS2

Y6 will be going on a curriculum-based trip to the Mining Museum! We also have lots of workshops. There are some secret Y6 events that even I don`t know about yet!

Y5 are going to Bowles in February to stay for 3 days and participate in fun activities such as skiing, sledging, climbing, kayaking and teamwork! The hardest part is learning to make their own beds! (I remember myself getting stuck in the duvet cover!)

Y4 are going to Wildwood in Term 5 (Canterbury) to sort habitats of species that live there, they will see if anyone is brave enough to cross the Bear Bridge, which is an extremely high rope bridge.

There will also be a number of other outings for other year groups—look forward to finding out about theses in future editions.

Rugby Day

Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Club hosted a rugby event at school. Much fun was had by all year groups and the children really enjoyed themselves. There were plenty of muddy faces.

"I'm now going to join the rugby club." Year 6 child.

WELCOME TO THE NEW

HORNBEAM HOUSE CAPTAINS

Xander, the house captain in Cedar, said that he is looking forward to leading houses in meetings and to represent Remembrance Day, he also said that he is good at representing the school on day trips. He has the skill to do everything that house captains need.

Florence, the house captain of Ash, said that being a house captain is a massive opportunity in a primary school. She also said that you must be a good counter because every Friday morning Vice, house and sports captains must count all the house captain. She also said that it's very fun that when there are visitors coming to look at the school and we get to show them around.

Mrs Vassie, the teacher of Cedar, said that she didn't choose what house she was in, and really wants Cedar to win. She also said that the house meetings are interesting and Cedar is very sporty. Mrs Vassie said that Cedar is a big house because there are more younger children.

Mrs Waters, the teacher of Birch, said that they have nearly 40 children in Birch. She also said that her favourite colour is purple because of the purple bibs that Birch wear.

Mrs Dack, the teacher of Cedar, said that the children in Cedar are very creative and that they never give up. She also said that they are building up their confidence.

Talented Children, hobbies and more!

Hornbeam primary school is extremely lucky to have very talented children who have been working so hard to get where they want to go in life, including Elena and Daisy from year six who have been a part of the Peter Pan performance at the Leas cliff hall. Now the perfect example of hard work is Lille from year 4 she has been playing the piano for 3 whole years straight and still loves it to this day!!! Did you know you can be any age to follow your dreams.

Next, we have somebody in Year R that can speak two languages. Have you ever thought about learning another language? Let's talk about one of the year 6 pupils, who has earnt her role as Elsa in Frozen at her dance school which is Faith! Well done! Another example is a 7-year-old girl from year 3 called Catalaya who does gymnastics and she has been doing it for 2 whole years and is loving it!

Let's go on to year 3 now where there are two girls who both do swimming; they are Amber and Molly! They have worked so hard, good job girls! LAST BUT NOT LEAST we have Zara who is a dancer at 'Dance with Danni' who has been doing it for 5 years now. HOW DEDICATED IS SHE!!!

I hope this has inspired you (I know it has brought a smile to my face!). So many different things to learn and explore, just think about how talented you might be!

Have a talent or hobby we don't know about? Let us know and you may feature in our next edition.

Do we need mobile phones?

Mobile phones are everywhere now. Almost every adult has one, and a lot of kids do too. Some people think kids shouldn't have phones, but others think it's okay. I think mobile phones can be really helpful, but only if we use them the right way.

First of all, phones are great for staying in touch. If I'm walking home from school or staying late for a club, I can text or call my parents so they know I'm safe. It also helps them find me if I'm lost, which is actually kind of cool and makes me feel secure.

Another good thing about phones is learning. There are tons of apps where you can practice math, learn languages, or even study for tests. Sometimes I watch science videos or look things up when I don't understand something at school. Phones can basically be mini-computers in your pocket.

But, there are also some bad things. Phones can be super distracting. Sometimes you say "just one more video," and suddenly it's been an hour. Too much screen time can also hurt your eyes or make it hard to sleep. And there are some people online who aren't very nice or safe, so kids have to be careful.

In conclusion, I think mobile phones are useful and fun, but kids should have rules so they don't use them too much. Phones can make our lives better if we use them wisely. So maybe mobile phones aren't good or bad—they just depend on how we use them!

We asked Mrs Dack her thoughts on mobile phones.

'I think they are important as they have many uses such as communication, education and entertainment. It is important that we all use them safely and remember the SMART rules for staying safe on the Internet.

An interview with Mrs Harris:

What is your favourite colour?

Purple

Do you have any pets?

Yes 1 dog and 18 budgies

What is your favourite TV show?

Emmerdale

Do you have any hobbies?

Going on walks

What is your favourite food?

Egg and chips

Who would you like us to interview in the next edition?

Reviews

I just watched Wicked Part Two, and it was AMAZING! I liked the first movie a lot, but this one felt even bigger and more magical. There were more songs, more drama, and definitely more green magic!

My favourite part was seeing what happened to Elphaba and Glinda after everything that went wrong in the first movie. Elphaba is still super cool and brave, and I liked how she tried to help people even when everyone thought she was "wicked." Glinda was funny but also serious sometimes, which made her feel like a real person and not just sparkles and pink dresses.

. I give it **5 out of 5 stars!** ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

<u>Good books to read at Christmas</u>

Santa and Son by David Walliams

The Great Reindeer Rescue by Stephen Mangan

The Girl Who Saved Christmas by Matt Haig