



**Academic Year  
2022/23**

**December**

Wednesday 14th  
Christmas Dinner

Monday 19th  
Carol Service at  
St. Marys 2pm

Wednesday 21st  
Holtsmere's Got  
Talent

End of Term  
1:30 Close

**January 2023**

Thurs 5th & Fri 6th  
INSET DAYS  
School Closed

Monday 9th  
Start Spring Term

Thursday 19th  
Y6 Young Voices

Tuesday 24th  
Y6 Harry Potter trip

**February 2023**

13th - 17th  
Half Term

# Holtsmere End Junior School

## Newsletter

ISSUE 2

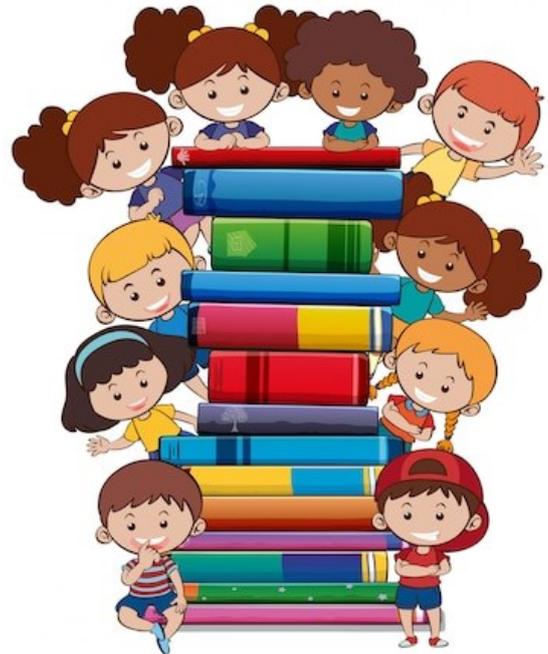
25 NOVEMBER 2022

### Message from Mrs McGuigan

We have high ambitions for your children!

As the autumn term races past we continue to be focused on ensuring children feel happy and make progress. Year 3 and 4 Christmas play rehearsals have started and we are starting to feel a little festive!

As you know by attending learning review meetings, we have set challenging goals and targets for the children in maths, writing and reading. We work hard to teach the children to be resilient learners even when they are finding something challenging, but we would like them to really focus on their reading at home as well as at school. We now have a huge range of books both those accurately matched to their reading ability as well as reading for pleasure books to encourage further the enjoyment of reading. We continue to be asking children to read at least four times a week as part of their homework. If you are struggling to motivate your child to read regularly then please do come in or call and speak to our learning mentor Mrs Sexton who will be able to give you some ideas or strategies that will be helpful.



Could we request as we move into December that all children have coats in school, children do go outside to play in most types of weather and we would like them to be both warm and dry when they come back inside to learn.

Attendance continues to be a focus as we move into the colder weather- children should be in school as often as possible and adjustments can be made for children feeling a little bit under the weather. If we feel that a child is too unwell to be in school we will send them home.

## Staff Moving On:

We will sadly be saying goodbye and thank you to Mrs Dewart next week after 5.5 years. We wish her all the very best for her future.

We will sadly need to say a fond farewell and goodbye at the end of term to Mrs Hawker, the school Assistant Head and SENCO., following many years of working at the school.

Mrs Hawker's time at Holtsmere started in September 1996 as a class teacher. In her time here she has taught all year groups and became the school's SENCO and then Assistant Head.

Over the years Mrs Hawker has had such a positive impact on the school and been a huge part of what makes Holtsmere such a great place to learn.

We wish Mrs Hawker lots of luck in her new role.



## Parent Governor

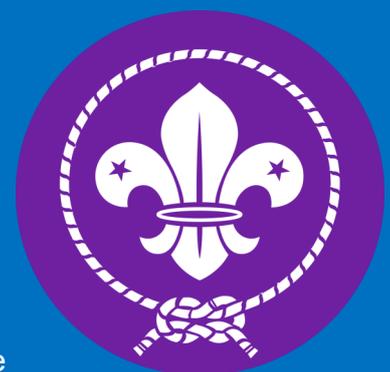
We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Interested parents should apply to the Chair of Governors via [admin@holtsmerejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holtsmerejm.herts.sch.uk) with a statement of no more than 80 words describing why they wish to stand, which may be used on a ballot form should more than one parent apply and an election be necessary.

## Letter from 4th Hemel Scouts

I'm writing to you as Holtsmere End pupil Tommy C. is very close to becoming the first ever Hertfordshire Cub in the 103 years Cubs has existed to earn all 66 badges. Since Cubs started in 1916 there have been approx. 150,000 Cubs in Hertfordshire and no one has ever earned the 66 badges! As this is such an amazing and very rare achievement, we have plans to get this into the local and national press as there are normally only a handful at any one time in the whole country who have every badge and obviously, he's the first in Hertfordshire.

To get an idea of what the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts get up to in our weekly sessions as well as days out, trips and camps please look at our 2021 year in review video on our website: [www.4thhemelscouts.org.uk](http://www.4thhemelscouts.org.uk)

Congratulations Tommy, what an amazing achievement!



## We will remember them

For remembrance day the school council wrote a letter to Yarn Bomb. They are the people that knit the letter box toppers. They gave us some knitted poppies and everyone in school made a poppy in class to make a display, because other people in the community helped it made me happy.

By Thomas Y5



## Children in Need Day

Everyone in the school came together to donate to childrens charities across the UK. We all dressed up in spotty clothes with Pudsey and had a really fun day. In assembly we watched a video on why donating is important and we should appreciate how lucky we are. Pudsey the mascot brought out school together to have a fun day! By Lyla Y6

**£261.42 - well done everyone**

## TAG RUGBY



On Tuesday 9th November we went to Saracens to play tag rugby. There were 9 other children, we played 2 teams twice. The rules are that you can't tackle, you can only pass left and right and behind, not forward. To get a point you have to get to the other side and touchdown on the white line, you can't throw it to get a point. We all improved our defence and attacking.

We had a fabulous morning and all loved it!  
By Ben C. Y5

On Tuesday 9th November 5 children from each year 5 class went to a tag rugby tournament to play against other schools. We practised for a while before we played a match against other people. Our passes were perfect and we had lots of fun. We all worked together as a team to win a match. We all played 4 matches, 2 against the same school and 2 against different schools. We all improved our attacking and defence but most of all we enjoyed our morning and had lots of fun.

By Amelia B. Y5



For a school tournament we played tag rugby, we played against multiple schools at Camelot Rugby Club. We worked together as a team to do our best. Between matches we were practising our throwing skills to get better.

We practised running around to warm up before the matches, we were good at attacking and defending against Saracens and Kings Langley School but we went against other schools also.

By Charlotte & Ollie Y6

## Our School Trip To The Cinema - Year 5

Today, we went to the cinema, but the weather was pouring down! As we were walking from the school to the bus we had to run for it! When we got there the building was massive! Entering the room in which we watched the movie made us feel tiny. We sat with our group leader, mine being Miss McCarroll and waited for Asteroid Hunters (which was a documentary) to start. We had a great view being sat in the middle of the middle row.

Overall, the movie was great and very interesting but there were a lot of loud bangs and booms! In it. It was a really nice experience yet before we knew it the documentary was over.

We entered into a room which wasn't dark and all our eyes seemed to sting from being adjusted to being in a dark room. Soon enough we were back in school so we wrote this. (After having a mini break, that was)

**HOLTSMERE END HSA PRESENTS.....**

**FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022**

**NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Donations greatly appreciated for our **Christmas Hampers**

**RECEPTION RED DONATIONS**

**YR1 ORANGE DONATIONS**

**YR2 YELLOW DONATIONS**

**YR3 GREEN DONATIONS**

**YR4 BLUE DONATIONS**

**YR5 PURPLE DONATIONS**

**YEARS 6 AND NURSERY ANY COLOUR DONATIONS**

**SWEETS**

**TREATS**

**BISCUITS**

**CHOCOLATE**

Coloured bottles also accepted, please leave in the school office.

**TURNING FROWNS UPSIDE DOWN :)**

Holtsmere End Home Schools Association  
Registered Charity Number: 1210065

A vibrant poster for 'Non-Uniform Day' at Holtsmere End HSA. At the top, it says 'HOLTSMERE END HSA PRESENTS.....' and 'FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022'. The main title 'NON-UNIFORM DAY' is in large, bold, red letters. To the right, it says 'Donations greatly appreciated for our Christmas Hampers'. Below the title are seven colorful Christmas baubles, each representing a year group: Reception (Red), YR1 (Orange), YR2 (Yellow), YR3 (Green), YR4 (Blue), YR5 (Purple), and Years 6 and Nursery (Any Colour). At the bottom, five cartoon children are jumping joyfully on a large rainbow. Labels 'SWEETS', 'TREATS', 'BISCUITS', and 'CHOCOLATE' are scattered around the children. A note at the bottom left says 'Coloured bottles also accepted, please leave in the school office.' and a slogan at the bottom reads 'TURNING FROWNS UPSIDE DOWN :)'. The Holtsmere End Home Schools Association logo and registered charity number (1210065) are in the bottom right corner.

Class	11/11/22					25/11/22				
	6R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing	6 R's	Writer of the week	Reader of the week	Mathematician of the week	Hand-writing
Mrs Prendi	Esmae	Lewie	Evan	Kara	Aria	Sienna	Nathaniel	Aria	Sayorn	Roscoe
Miss Carroll	Dina	Alex	Archie	Leelah	Inara	George	Violeta	Dina	Lewis	Olivia
Miss Abrey	Caden	Maciej	Pareeta	Lach	Isabelle	Isabelle	Abbey	Josh	Lara	Gab C
Miss Graham						Miriam	Darcy C	Oghosa	Josh	Roberta
Mrs Toms/ Mrs Florido	Lui	Thomas	T'iarah	Liliana	Adam	Christopher	Amelia H	Vienna	Finley	Abubakar
Miss McCarroll	Grace	Carter	Polly	Lily	Isa	Tony	Obie	Antonia	Cameron	Velina
Mrs Deacon	Hritian	Summer	Toby	Oliver	Paddy	Bella	Ava	Flynn	Melvin	Darius
Mrs Tredwell	Chloe	Olivia	Edie	Spencer	Peyton	Oliver	Ava	Alfie	Melissa	Mahdi

## Families Hertfordshire Magazine Nov/Dec

Link to the latest digital issue of *Families Hertfordshire Magazine*, packed with articles and activities, it's got everything you need for the festive season. From gifts to home-made decorations, we've covered just about everything!

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fh107nd22m?fr=sZjIhYjU1MjM2MTQ>

## Contact Details

Please check that your contact details are up to date. It is vital that school can contact parents in the case of emergencies.