

**Newsletter**

**Autumn 2**

**2017**



**Farewell to Mrs Czornyj**

The end of term will bring a significant change to our school, as you are well aware, it marks the end of Mrs Czornyj’s position of Deputy Head and the beginning of her retirement. Mrs Czornyj will be greatly missed and I wish to thank all of you that have already contacted school to express your gratitude to Mrs Czornyj for all she has done for your children over the years. I personally will miss a trusted colleague and a dear friend. I am sure that we all wish Mrs Czornyj a long, happy and peaceful retirement.

**Deputy Head Appointment**

I am pleased to announce we have successfully appointed a new Deputy Head, Mrs Amanda Capp, who will be joining us from the beginning of January. Mrs Capp is currently working at Tickford Park School in Newport Pagnell and she is very excited about moving to Hanslope Primary. We are very much looking forward to working with Mrs Capp and I am sure our community will make her feel very welcome.

**Outstanding Primary Leadership**

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I am pleased to announce that our school has been awarded the Prince’s Teaching Institute Mark for 2016/17.

The Prince’s Teaching Institute (PTI) Mark celebrates a school’s outstanding commitment to increasing their teachers’ subject knowledge to improve the outcomes for all students. We were given the Mark for demonstrating excellence in primary leadership and for our innovative work. We will be proud to carry the Mark on our stationery and website as evidence of our commitment to inspirational teaching.

The PTI launched the Schools Programme in 2007 to recognise and reward schools that develop inspirational ideas and activities which enhance the teaching of Art, English, Geography, History, Latin, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Music and Science, regardless of their pupils’ backgrounds or abilities. The programme, which is open to all state primary and secondary schools in England, is run as a membership group for schools that choose to commit to increasing the challenge of their curriculum provision.

Nicola Bentley, Senior Programmes Manager the PTI, said: “We are delighted to celebrate Hanslope Primary’s success by awarding them our Mark of excellence.

**Christmas Post**

Our Christmas post box will be in place (outside Mr Fensham-Brown’s Office) from Friday 1st December until Wednesday 13th December. All cards put into the box must be clearly labelled with the recipient’s first name, surname and class to avoid confusion and undelivered mail.



**Defibrillator in School**

Sarah McGarr has asked Hanslope’s FEOFFEE Charity for funding to purchase a defibrillator. I am pleased to announce that through FEOFFEE’s generosity, we now have this life-saving piece of equipment in school for use in emergencies. Access to the defibrillator will be restricted to school hours and on school premises.

**Sending Money into School**

When you send money into school with your child for school visits etc., please can the money be put into an envelope or bag that is clearly labelled with your child’s name, the purpose of the money and the amount sent in. At the moment we are having trouble with a lot of loose change at the bottom of book bags that children are unaware of; obviously, this take up a lot of our time to sort out. Thank you.

**Christmas Jumper Day**

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The last day of term, Friday 15th December, falls on National Christmas Jumper Day organised by Save The Children. All pupils are welcome to dress up in Christmas jumpers and donate any spare change into our collection for Save the Children.

**KS2 100 Books**

Mrs Knight has arranged for lists of 100 recommended books for KS2 children to be put onto our website. These books are great reads and have been selected to give children a broad depth in literature. You can access the lists by clicking the Learning tab and then selecting English.

**Diary Dates**

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**5th December - KS1 Nativity (beginning at 9:30am and tickets only)**

**6th December - KS1 Nativity (beginning at 9:30am and tickets only)**

**Saturday 9th December - Brass Concert at St. James the Great**

**12th December - KS2 Christmas Production at St. James the Great (beginning at 10:00am)**

**12th December - KS1 Christmas Parties (pm)**

**13th December - KS2 Christmas Parties (pm)**

**15th December - Last day of term (finish at 3:15 as normal)**

 **Christmas Jumper Day**

**16th December – 2nd January - Christmas Holiday**

**3rd January - Spring Term begins**

***Please note all the dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of the publication of this newsletter. Any unforeseen event may happen that could cause alterations to the information listed below; if this does occur we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.***

I hope that you all have a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes

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