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Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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2nd December 2022

Dates and events for the term ahead

Celebration service – 2nd December, 2pm

Nativity – 6th December, 1.15pm & 8th December, 9am

Both performances will take place in the school hall. All children in Wrens and Robins will be involved in both performances.

Mrs Halstead farewell assembly – 7th December, 2pm

Please join us in the school hall as we gather to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Halstead.

Whole school visit to Bristol Old Vic – 9th December

The children will be watching a performance of Belle and Sebastien. Thank you to the PTA for funding transport.

Christmas fair – 10th December

This will take place in the Village Hall and will begin at 11.30am. All money raised will go to the PTA which supports the work of the school.

KS2 performance – 13th December, 1.15pm and 5.30pm

Families of children in Swallows and Hawks are invited to join us for their Christmas pantomime which will take place in the school hall. All KS2 children will be needed at both performances. School aged children will be able to watch the dress rehearsal during school time.

Christmas lunch – 14th December

Christingle service – 16th December

The church has had to postpone this service. It will now take place on **Friday 6th January, 9.30am.**

Christmas parties – 16th December

Each class will have a Christmas party in the final week of term. Children can wear something festive (like a Christmas jumper) along with their school uniform.

Carols around the tree – 16th December, 2pm

Come and join us in the school hall as we gather to sing some Christmas songs just before the term ends.

Final day of Term 2 – 16th December

Mental health webinar

South Gloucestershire Council is providing the following mental health awareness webinar for parents and carers:

Tuesday 6th December 19.30-21.00 – Sign up via the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-awareness-webinar-for-south-glou-tickets-431683395657>

After School Club

A letter from the After School Club committee was shared earlier today and a copy is attached to this newsletter. This sets out the plans to close the current provision at the end of this term. We would like to thank the committee as well as Louisa and Miranda for all their hard work and commitment to the school over a number of years.

Over recent weeks, school has been working alongside the committee to put arrangements in place for an After School Club provision for Term 3 and beyond. The school is committed to ensuring wrap around care is in place as we move forward and a recruitment process is currently under way.

We are unlikely to be able to get any provision in place for the first week back (4th and 5th January) and so we are aiming to start a new After School Club from **Monday 9th January**. We will keep you informed of any updates around this matter over the next two weeks.

KLB Cross Country

A team of Junior Children are attending Dursley and Wotton Primary School Cross Country League at KLB one Saturday a month over the winter months. The first event, which took place on Saturday 12th November, involved children running 1 or 1.6 kilometres around the field at KLB with children from a range of local primary schools.

I was so proud to see our children confidently taking on this new challenge, running an unfamiliar route in a large group, through mud and up hills, all with smiles on their faces! The children really were fantastic role models for the school.

I look forward to continuing to monitor the progress of our runners over the coming months, seeing if anyone qualifies for county level races and finding out how many points we can win for our school team. But mostly I want to say a big well done from us all to everyone who's taken part!

Mrs Halstead



School lunches on Wednesday 7th December

On 7th December there will be a temporary change to the usual lunch menu: the set menu that day will be sandwiches with a selection of crudités followed by shortbread.

Attendance information

Our current attendance information for each class is as follows:

Wrens Reception	Robins Y1/2	Swallows Y3/4	Hawks Y5/6	Whole school
97%	95.7%	95.5%	94.9%	95.6%

Our attendance target for the year ahead is 96.5%. Well done to Wren Class for having the highest attendance so far this year!

Please remember: **schools are unable to authorise term time holiday unless there are exceptional circumstances.** This is in place to stop your child from falling behind in their learning.

Term 1&2 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
Celebration assembly	2 nd December 2pm	Families are invited to attend.
Wrens & Robins Nativity services	6 th December, 1.15 8 th December, 9am	
Staff farewell assembly	7 th December 2pm	
Old Vic Theatre visit	9 th December	
Christmas fair	10 th December 11.30	This will take place in the Village Hall.
Swallows & Hawks performance	13 th December 1.15 & 5.30	See above
Christmas lunch	14 th December	
Christmas parties	16 th December	
Last day of Term 2	Friday 16 th December 2.30pm	
Christingle service - postponed	Friday 16 th December 9.30am	This has been postponed to Friday 6 th January.
Carols around the tree	Friday 16 th December 2pm	
First day of Term 3	Wednesday 4 th January 8.30am	

Dates can also be found on our school website: <https://hawkesburyprimaryschool.co.uk/category/news/>



Hawkesbury After School Club (ASC)
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to advise that Hawkesbury After School Club will be closing at the end of this term. Our last day of operation will be Thursday 15th December 2022. I can only apologise for the lack of notice period. The committee, staff and Hawkesbury School had all hoped for a different outcome.

As previously communicated, we have been working towards a solution which would keep ASC as a viable proposition from 1st January 2023 when the school day lengthens. Unfortunately, with the numbers of children currently utilising ASC we have not been able to identify a model which works financially, nor a solution which offers our existing staff enough hours of employment on a weekly basis. With support from the Mr Riches, Mrs Parry & the Governors we have investigated every possible option and late yesterday we confirmed that the only viable solution is to cease trading. We wanted to ensure that this was communicated to you all as swiftly as possible.

After School Club will continue to operate as usual for the remainder of this term. I know that Mr Riches is already investigating wrap around care provision from Wednesday 4th January 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Riches and team for welcoming the ASC ladies into their school family and a HUGE thank you to Louisa and Miranda for their years of loyal service, and we wish them all the very best with their future endeavours.

Kind regards,

Celia, Amanda & Matt

Celia Rowlands, Amanda Conway, Matt Dunk