

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School



These few days have been a wonderful celebration of Christmas across both sites with a real mixed bag of activities from the jingle bell rattling Fledglings' concert, to the cracker pulling festive lunches, from Mr Garlick's enthusiastic dancing in the nursery discos to the candlelit reverence of the school's Carol Service at Tonbridge School's Chapel, from the threat of snowfall to the elfin delivery of hand written cards. All very different but all serving a purpose in our community's preparation for Christmas. The children enjoy time with their friends, are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas and let their hair down after what has been a long and focused autumn term. A big thank you to them for starting off the 2017-18 academic year so well. I expect that they will take the first couple of days of the holidays to draw breath and to recover before, with energy levels re-booted, they are inundating you with offers to help decorate the tree, wrap presents and peel the sprouts! This term's Nutshell has been filled with so many reasons to smile, to praise and to celebrate. They should be, as I most definitely am, proud of all they have achieved. I am sure that this determination and effort will continue as we head back towards lighter evenings and warmer temperatures next term. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.



Having been to a few of the children's performances now, I've become accustomed (in a good way!) to the extremely high calibre of the children performing at the school. But I was sitting next to a Year 3 mum, for whom it was her first taste of a full Hazelwood production, and the wonder and admiration on her face for these children, who are still so young, reminded me of how lucky we are to have such fantastic music and drama at the school.

Thank you so much for getting us tickets to the Carol service. It was a perfect reminder of what Christmas means. The singing was really beautiful and moving.

I have to write and congratulate you all on such a splendid Carol Service yesterday. My husband and I attended as two of our grandchildren attend Hazelwood. The service was just beautiful. The various carols chosen were exquisite. I did not know some of them and it was such a pleasure to hear the wonderful choir and indeed all those who sang solo as well as the adults supporting them.

A remarkable Service and one we felt privileged to attend.



Congratulations and thanks to everyone who made the Carol Service such a special way to celebrate the advent of Christmas. The choirs of Hazelwood sang beautifully, conquering a range of singing styles with their musical programme. The readers spoke with clarity, articulation and feeling and the Year 8 children were poised in their candle bearing and warm in their greeting of our very many parent visitors.

For a list of emails/letters/texts sent home each week please see the 'Notice Board' further down the Nutshell.

News from The Nursery & Early Years

It has been a fantastic final week of term before the Christmas break. This term has flown by and the children have all made fantastic personal progress. This week, we were treated to a festive feast from the kitchen as all children and staff enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Tuesday. The week then finished off with all of the children having a Christmas disco, some wonderful dance moves were on show, particularly from the staff!

Please see below for a roundup of the week's activities from each of the rooms.

This week in Fledglings 1, we have been finishing our Christmas crafts, including lots of glitter! The children have also enjoyed trips in the big travel cot to attend their Christmas concert and Christmas dinner - the pigs in blankets were a firm favourite!

Fledglings 2 this week have been using cotton wool to make marks using paint. Explored light and dark by using torches in the sleep room and made Hanukkah stars using lots of glitter. Our concert was a great success with lots of smiles and bell shaking. Christmas dinner, a disco and watching a Christmas movie has also made the last week of term lots of fun.



Lower Robins this week have decorated biscuits and had a party in the hall with musical bumps, pass the parcel and parachute games. We have also made snowmen out of cardboard and had great fun exploring ice we found outside after the very cold weather, Brrrrrr!



This week in Upper Robins, we have really been getting in to the Christmas spirit. We all enjoyed our Christmas lunch on Tuesday, our Christmas party on Wednesday and the disco on Thursday. We finished the week off by watching the Christmas classic 'The Snowman'. We hope you all have a brilliant Christmas and a very happy new year to you all.

Skylarks have enjoyed many Christmas festivities this week. They have been practising their handwriting skills with writing letters to Santa and making patterns with Christmas baubles. They all enjoyed joining in with the Christmas lunch, wearing their hats and pulling the crackers!



Oak have enjoyed creating hats for the Christmas dinner and decorations for the classroom. Huge excitement every morning has come from discovering where Buddy the elf may be found! His last location was Oak's Christmas post box!

It was all festive smiles and Santa's hats at the Oak After School Art Club. The Nutshell is loving the parade of modelling clay Father Christmases. Ho ho hopefully they will look wonderful in their new ho ho homes!



**Little Donkey by Marian Swinger
Read by Georgie Thomsen at the Carol Service**

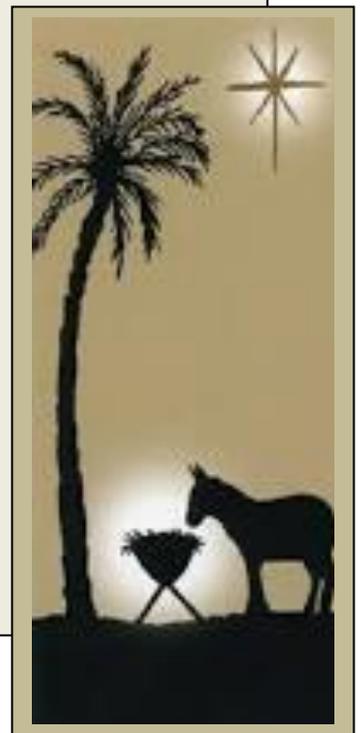
Little donkey, what did you do,
what did you do on Christmas Eve?
'I carried a woman, her head bowed down.
I carried her into Bethlehem town.'

Little donkey, what did you hear,
what did you hear on Christmas Night?
'I heard the angels, the sky was torn
as they sang out joyfully, "Christ is born".

Little donkey, who were you with,
who were you with on Christmas Night?
'I was with the ox who stood quite still
as the shepherds ran from the star-bright hills.'

Little donkey, what did you see,
what did you see on Christmas Day?
'I saw a Babe in a manger bed,
a heavenly light about His head.'

Little donkey, who followed the Star,
who followed the Star on Christmas Night?
'Three kings of splendour and of pride
who fell to their knees at the Baby's side.'





Christmas dinner did-you know???

Dawson and his team cooked, for the Christmas dinners, 1,000 pigs in blankets, 70kg of roasties, 30kg of carrots, 15kg of parsnips and 11kg of sprouts. They cooked and carved 80kg of turkey. All of which (with the possible exception of the sprouts) was very much enjoyed. The chocolate log for dessert went down a treat too.



For some families of Hazelwood, the snow did arrive on Tuesday covering gardens in many inches of snow. With some roads impassable, children before, during and after school, busied themselves making snowmen and snow angels. Thank you to everyone for their cooperation and understanding as the school took the decision to close at 4.30pm to safeguard pupils', parents' and staff safety.

The launch of the Parent Information Portal is imminent. Early warning emails have already been sent out and the activation email is ready to go. Due to an unforeseen Christmas email self-shutdown on Thursday, these emails are heading to an inbox near you on Friday. Please look out for these and register so that you can access your spring term bills in good time. Thank you.



Word has gone out from Lapland that Santa may be short of a few helpers this Christmas. **The dancers of Year 1** responded to the call and have been practising their very best festive routine. They certainly look the part and would keep the Christmas stars shining bright.



A huge thank you to the HPA who once again opened the doors of the Christmas Gift Shop this week for the children of the Prep School. Under the pink glow of the TOSH lights, pupils excitedly chose and had wrapped their secret gifts for family members ready for the surprise opening on Christmas morning.



Miss Clayton's collection of Dowling ducks continues to grow. Beatrice spotted a musical duck whilst Matthew's 'find' is a family of duck-and-dog hybrids. Charlie bought a touch of festive sparkle when she presented the Head of Dowling with a wreath shimmering with ducklings!



The Community Fund was able, with your support to help ten local organisations with grants totaling £7,000.00. Recipients of the grants include St Stephen's C of E School, Hurst Green & Holland Children's Centre, Quarter Pint Ponies, Panda Nursery, Little Oaks Pre-School, the North Downs Community Orchestra and Holland Sports Athletics Club. We are hoping to invite representatives of all the community groups up to Hazelwood in the New Year to hand-over the cheques. Thank you for making this community initiative possible.



One of the Quarter Pint Ponies whose invaluable work visiting hospitals, schools and old people's homes will be able to continue thanks to the Community Fund. The sunrise over Wolfs Hill on what turned out to be a beautifully crisp and cold winter's Wednesday morning. Thanks to Mrs Powell for the picture.

'Question for the Queue'

This week the 'question' was:

All I want for Christmas is...

An Xbox Live (gold edition) Time with my family

A disco ball Nintendo Switch

Converse All Star trainers No Prep! Valais Blacknose Sheep

My mum's foot to get better. Football Rugby ball Netball A surprise from Santa!

And from the staff... ...my two front teeth! Slippers Youuuuuuu!



A Christmas Wish
Read by Lindie Louw at the Carol Service.
Written by Hazelwood staff

If this Christmas time a wish could be mine
I would wish this wish just for you
That peace and faith and happiness
Are yours the whole year through

If this Christmas time a wish could be mine
I would wish you the time to share
love with your family
days filled with joy
time spent with those dearest to you

I wish that joy may be found in the smallest of things
And may warmth and happiness abound
May all of your thoughts turn to positive ones
And may myriad blessings be found

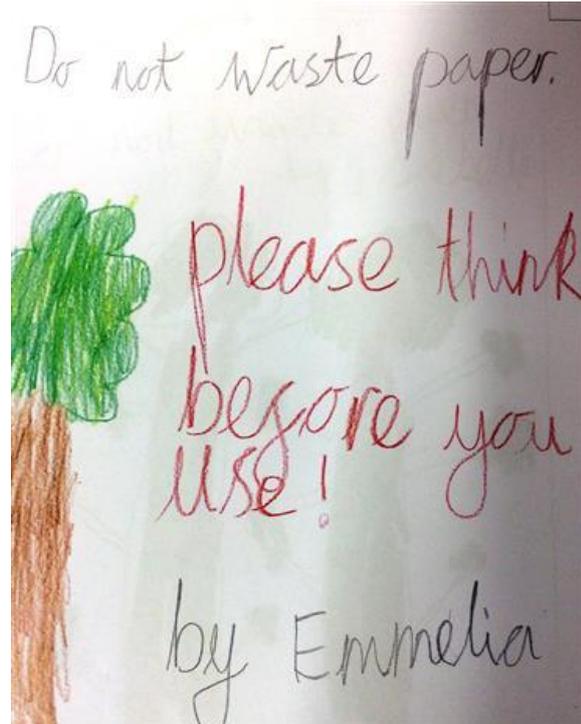
If this Christmas time a wish could be mine
I would wish this wish just for you
May you be able to give to those who have less
And see tolerance spread through the world

If this Christmas time my wish can come true
I would wish this wish just for you
May kindness, gentleness, thoughtfulness, care
Deliver these wishes for you.



Eco-Schools

1M have been focusing on promoting how we can save paper around school. Look at the wonderful awareness posters the children have created. Well done 1M, a fantastic entry to our Eco competition!



On another note, thank you to the children who got involved with the Switch Off Fortnight. I am very happy to announce that on the second week the school switched off twenty more devices and screens than compared with week one. Well done to those who took part in the treasure hunt.
James MacDougall



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Angels and Shepherds **B**ethlehem Baby
 Carols by Candlelight **D**ance and Decoration
 Excitement and Expectation **F**estive Feasting
 Glad tidings of great joy

Happy Christmas from all at Hazelwood!

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Next Open Morning
Friday 23rd February 2018. 9.30am until 12 noon

www.hazelwoodschool.co.uk. Contact Nick Tappin on 01883 733841



Mrs Bilbrough got a thorough soaking in her Year 5 Science experiment. Such was the stupendous reaction achieved out on the Baily Terrace that the carbonated drink showered her and Miss Dancy in plenty of foam and fizz.

Key Events for Next Week

Week One

Monday 8th January

Bus services start.
All Early Rooms, Clubs, Dance, Late Rooms & Breakfast Club Start.
Music Groups Start.

0830 Term starts for Years 3-8
0900 Term starts Years 1 & 2
0900 Terms starts for Oak Reception, Nursery & Early Years (term time)

Tuesday 9th January

1430 Netball: U9 A-B v Copthorne (A)
1430 Netball: U8 A-C v Copthorne (H)
1900 Year 4 Senior Schools' Information Evening

Wednesday 10th January

1430 Early Morning Swimming start
Rugby: U13A v Holmewood House (A)
Rugby: U12A v Holmewood House (H)

Rugby: U11 A-C v Holmewood House & Hawthorns (A)
Rugby: U10 A-C v Hawthorns (H)
Netball: U13 A-C v Lingfield College (A)
Netball: U11 A-C v Holmewood House (A)
Netball: U11D v Essendene (1400 start) (A)
Netball: U10 A-C v Holmewood House (H)
Netball: U10D v St Michael's (A)

Thursday 11th January

0835 House Meetings
1430 Rugby: U9 A-D v St Michael's (A)
Rugby: U8 A-D v St Michael's (H)
Netball: U9 A-C v St Michael's (H)
Netball: U8 A-C v St Michael's (A)
1800 Year 7 & 8 Revision Tips for Pupils and Parents

Friday 12th January

All Day Year 1 Ocean Explorers' Curriculum Day
All Day Year 2 Egyptian Curriculum Day

Sunday 14th January

0700 Staff Lifeguard Training



Happy Christmas from the morning drop off team (or some of them) who treated the children and parents to an assortment of festive fancy dress on Tuesday. The inflatable unicorn was particularly fetching!

St Peter's Church invites you to

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17 December
6.30pm

Mulled wine and
mince pies in St Peter's Hall
after the service



For details of all our Christmas services visit
www.lfth.org.uk/stpeters



St Peter's Limpsfield



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Teach you how to cook the perfect steak ...

Squerryes Winery 'Tasting Room'
Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.30pm
£60 includes all wine and food

Alive with Flavour is excited to partner with Squerryes Winery for this special supper club with Will Devlin. Will, who was Head Chef at the Windmill in Hollingbourne, has worked in many Michelin star kitchens. He now runs his own pop up restaurant business. For our February Supper Club he will be teaching us all how to cook the perfect steak!



Hosted in the local, beautiful surrounds of the Squerryes Winery, this evening is a chance to sit back and relax over a glass of Squerryes Sparkling wine, chef's tips and quality local produce. Sourcing his Shorthorn Beef from Kent and serving the meat with triple cooked chips, woodland mushrooms, confit tomatoes & watercress salad, it's a night for any steak lover! As well as talking us through the cuts of meat, prepping and cooking, Will also will be showing you a few sauces Bernaise, Blue Cheese, and peppercorn.

A vital ingredient to a successful steak supper is the red wine and we will take you through a 'mini' wine tasting with Will's favourite suggestions.

Book now, perfectly timed for that Valentine's Supper, limited numbers.



Tickets available now: www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/442224
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