

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

I wanted to start this week's Nutshell by reiterating the good news that was shared with you all earlier this week; that the Hazelwood Parents' Information Portal (fondly known as PIP) is launching next week. This innovation has been long requested and has been made possible by a change in the school's management system over the summer holiday. A huge amount of work has been going on behind the scenes to make this transition not only possible but as smooth as a sheet of ice in winter! PIP will streamline our communications to parents and will, in time, present you with a single destination for all manner of information and school updates. Your personalised activation email will be dropping into an inbox near you soon. Do please act on it promptly so that we can begin to use PIP with the confidence that it, and we, are interacting with the whole of the school's parent body. I hope that it meets with all of our expectations and that you find it useful and easy to navigate.

The screenshot shows the Hazelwood School PIP interface. At the top is the school crest and name. Below is a navigation bar with links for Documents (0), Pupil, Billing, School Reports, and Links. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Latest Documents' and 'My Account'. The 'Latest Documents' section contains a table with one entry: 'Hazelwood School Parent Handbook May 2017' dated 05/12/2017. The 'My Account' section shows a 'Total Outstanding' amount of 0.00 as of 07/12/2017, with a 'Billing' button. A note below explains that the total outstanding is for all pupils and provides a link to a detailed breakdown.

Actions	Date	Title
	05/12/2017	Hazelwood School Parent Handbook May 2017

My Account [Billing](#)

Total Outstanding 07/12/2017

Please note: the Total Outstanding Amount displayed here is the sum of outstanding items for ALL school pupils for whom you have bill paying responsibilities. For a detailed breakdown of this amount please select the Billing link.

The Three Wise Men were present in numerous nativities this week and continued to use the bright shining star to navigate their way to Bethlehem and to the baby Jesus' crib-side. The performances continue to belie the age of the children telling the story and, without exception, captivated the spellbound audiences. In one of the performances Mary, was doing what every busy mother does; multitasking. All was seemingly good and well-balanced, but with arms full of baby and gifts from shepherds and overseas Magi, it all became too much. Something had to give and sadly it was Mary's grip on presents and on

her new-born. All fell to the floor with hay-softened thud. Baby Jesus was happily unharmed by the episode and carried on until the end of the show. The Nutshell is delighted to report that he went on to lead a full life of miracle-working and resisting temptation.

Speaking of which, I cannot resist the temptation to tell all of you who are joining us at the Christmas Concert tonight that you are in for a real treat. With over 180 children taking part, it really is an event which encompasses almost half of the Hazelwood School community. We have instrumentalists, vocalists and dramatists (and that's just myself, Mrs Young and Mrs Housego) whose only Christmas wish is to entertain you and to send you on your way merrily whistling When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney! Mrs Tulett has filled the Baily Art Room with the children's masterpieces and the catering team have created a bespoke Christmas Chocolate Tiffin, complete with gold leaf, which will wash down nicely with a glass of festive fizz. The only downside to the whole evening will be the car park so please, wherever possible, do car share and keep the inevitable congestion down to a minimum. I hope you enjoy the concert.

Everyone who came along last Saturday to the Christmas Fair certainly enjoyed themselves. There was so much to do and see. The Carousel never stopped turning, Santa's happy Ho Ho Hos never ceased and the sound of happy and excited voices rang out from the minute the doors opened to the time they finally closed ready for the big clean up. It was spectacular event for which we must thank the members of the HPA who masterminded it, the year group parents who manned stalls and attractions, the ladies and gentlemen of Narnia who created the most magical of Grottos and the Playstation 4 which created unprecedented demand for raffle tickets. It simply was the best way to herald in Christmas. The afternoon raised a phenomenal £6,000 which is going towards the refurbishment of the libraries on both sites.





Fresh from the Christmas Fair, I threw my Santa hat high in the air in celebration and admiration for the U9 rugby teams – all three of them- who travelled to Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday to take part in a Festival of Rugby. For some of them it was their first time playing in an organised competition, for others they were looking to build on a successful season last year. For all of them it was a victorious afternoon and the Hazelwood mini buses returned home with three teams and three trophies. Mr Reay's full report appears later in the Nutshell. I will steal his thunder, as Heads, occasionally are allowed to do, by letting slip the fact that the boys scored over fifty tries between them, giving away less than ten!

Finally, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our Governors who came into school on Wednesday for their annual Immersion Day. They are all busy people so to give up a full day is quite an ask. Nevertheless, they all do it with good grace and seemingly look forward to spending their time with the staff and pupils of the school. They while away the morning in the classrooms followed by having lunch with the children. Without exception, they found the pupils to be confident, full of knowledge and enthusiasm for their learning, articulate and polite. Even when faced with minor interrogation (in anticipation of a future Inspection) the children, as young as those in Year 2), were able to answer in an assured and informed way. The teaching was purposeful, imaginative, supportive and stretching. The Board Meeting which followed allowed the discussion of future projects for the school and nursery; all of which will be shared in due course and point to exciting, and busy, times ahead. We are lucky to have such a body of experience and professional integrity serving the school.

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

This week at the Early Years site has been a particularly special week. The children of Oak and Skylarks have enjoyed performing their Christmas nativities. They sang beautifully and projected their voices when speaking. The Christmas buzz started with the Christmas gift shop and jumper day. There was some fantastic festive knitwear on show! It was wonderful to see the children in awe of the transformed Paterson Hall as they perused the shop floor for gifts. A huge thank you to the parents that organised and gave up so much time to put on such a special event for the children.



In Fledglings 1 this week we have been playing hide and seek in our Christmas den, as well painting and using lots of shiny glitter to make our Christmas decorations. The children have enjoyed practising their Christmas songs for the concert on Monday.



This week in Fledglings 2, we have been working on our fantastic Christmas activities. The children have explored fake snow, ice and identified shapes when printing. Children have joined in with the actions when practicing for our Christmas concert and enjoyed making headbands to wear.



In Upper Robins, we have been talking about the different weather we experience, such as rain, snow, wind and sunshine. We have also enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit with lots of different activities. The children's favourites included, creating snowmen using cotton wool, making stained glass baubles and reading many Christmas stories.



The children in Lower Robins have immersed themselves into a winter wonderland. They have worked hard on making various Christmas crafts showing great focus. They have also enjoyed matching games with Christmas objects as well as creating a small world arctic scene.

Skylarks have been practicing their phonics and handwriting this week in preparation for writing their letters to Father Christmas. They have enjoyed outside play, observing the changes winter is bringing. The children performed brilliantly in their nativity on Thursday morning.

Oak have enjoyed making Christmas cards and calendars to bring home at the end of term. They have written Christmas lists, and some children have had a go at writing a letter to Father Christmas, trying to think of a question to ask him! The highlight of the week was their brilliant performance of the Nativity. They all performed with confidence and we were all very proud of them.

What is on at HNEY next week?

Monday 11th December- 9.30- Fledglings Christmas concert.

Tuesday 12th December- Christmas lunch.

Thursday 14th December- Term finishes for Term time children and Oak reception. 12.30 for Oak.

Friday 15th December- HNEY closure for Christmas holidays.



For those of you unable to attend the concert tonight, it will be live streamed on HALO!



Stars Are Born!

The cast of this year's Oak Nativity who put on a very delightful telling of the Christmas Story.

Tri-ple, tri-umphant tri-scorers!

Over the last two seasons the under 9A rugby squad has travelled to Hurstpierpoint to take on the best schools in Sussex in the Hurst Festival. On both previous occasions, we have returned triumphant. This year we were aiming for the hat-trick. Additionally, for the first time, our B and C squads were travelling with us to compete in their own festivals. Training has gone well in the short time since moving across from Football. The boys were all very excited as for many this was their first tournament in the Hazelwood colours.

Under 9C

Many of the players were representing Hazelwood for the first time in a sports tournament. It was going to be a tough afternoon playing the best Sussex has to offer, Hurst, Cumnor House, Westbourne House, Windlesham House and Handcross Park.



Tackling, passing and running forward were key areas of focus highlighted by the players in advance of the tournament.

Wow did they exceed expectation, winning every game, running in 23 tries and conceding just one. The games were played in tremendous spirit with our fast, direct running game, aggressive defence and passing winning many fans. A fantastic afternoon full of grit, determination and improving in every game we played.

Under 9B

This year for the first time, the B team attended the festival at Hurstpierpoint. The boys were playing a round robin against Westbourne House, Windlesham House, Cumnor House, Brambletye School, and Brighton College. They started off really well with some strong attacking running against Westbourne winning two tries to none and continued this against Windlesham winning 4-0. They then came up against a strong Cumnor team and our defence had to be as organised as our attack. Through a nail biting game, they found themselves down for the first time. It was great to see them pick themselves up and throw their full efforts into the game to score with barely seconds to go on the clock, producing a well-deserved draw of 1-1. The boys then went on to win both of their next two games against Brambletye and Brighton 4-1 in each. This then resulted in the boys winning the round robin and scoring 15 tries and only conceding three. A fantastic effort from them and they thoroughly deserve the trophy with which they were presented. Well done.

Under 9A

The A team squad had a tough group featuring Brighton College, Hurst Prep, Cumnor House and Bede's. Nothing short of a clean sweep would see us through to the finals. Thankfully the boys stepped up to the mark with comprehensive victories. Only Cumnor pushed us close with the game ending 5 tries to 2 in our favour. The final saw us take on Westbourne House. A large Prep School from Chichester with a fearsome rugby history. For the first time we found ourselves one try down as we approached the halfway point. The boys knew

something special was required. Some outstanding handling enabled us to bring the scores level before a ferocious defensive set secured turn over ball and we ran in our second try. Further dominant defence ensured we won the final and claimed the trophy for a third successive year. The organisers were so impressed with our efforts that they have donated the trophy to Hazelwood as a recognition of our achievements.



Mr Head, Mr Fotheringham and I could not be more proud of the boys. Well done all.

Mr Reay

Advent Arithmetic!

Miss Parr's Year 4 Maths group last week for prep were set the challenge of an arithmetic advent calendar. They created 24 days of arithmetic questions to get them into the Christmas spirit. Miss Parr, along with Mrs Hood, were very pleased with their calendars and with the eagerness of the children to get started! House points will be awarded for children who successfully complete the 24 days and bring their answer sheet back in January.



Christmas Jumpers on Monday should be worn (Years 1-8), with normal school uniform. It is not a home clothes day. Thank you.



Ho Ho Ho

Yes it is time to start getting those Christmas cards written and posted. The post box will be in the Baily Building entrance. Please be kind to the delivery elves and put names and classes on the cards.



Dowling thanks to Rosie and Charlotte for extending, yet further, Miss Clayton's collection of fabulous ducklings. They're quacking!

Music Department News

On Friday 1st of December, our super Hazelwood Musicians shared their music with David Gresham House, Hurst Green, on a lunchtime concert visit organised by Mrs Cochrane and supported by Mrs Ford under the aegis of the School Council's support of local communities.



The residents of this local care home very kindly applauded our arrival and the children were magnificent, smiling at their audience and setting up with the minimal of fuss and the maximum of professionalism.

Emelie A announced the String pieces: French Folk Tune, Bobby Shafto and Solemn March, in a clear and kindly tone and the Sextet: Emelie, Jemima A, Emmy Bax, Nicola T, Sofia M and Daniel A really rose to the occasion to play accurately and with style.



Jemima A had a busy concert as, together with Imogen P, Eliza B, Hope A, Florine R, Florrie B, Henry L, Grace H and Emelia H, and led by Mr Hewitt, she played 'Sh' in our flute

choir supported by Miss Parkinson, Mrs Ras and Mrs Leach, our splendid parent helpers. Mr Hewitt accompanied 'Sh' but Camilla S accompanied the group for Cheeky Czardas on our Bluthner keyboard - a stirring and secure performance from all.

Warm thanks must go to Mrs Cochrane for kindly organising and leading this worthwhile initiative. Hazelwood Music look forward to returning to David Gresham House in the future to share their music with our community.

Sara Young

Sara Young, Director of Music



The school's ever growing and more enthusiastic percussion section put in some focused rehearsal time ahead of the Christmas Concert on Friday. They will be joined by a professional musician who, judging by the concentration and commitment on their faces, may learn a thing or two from the boys!



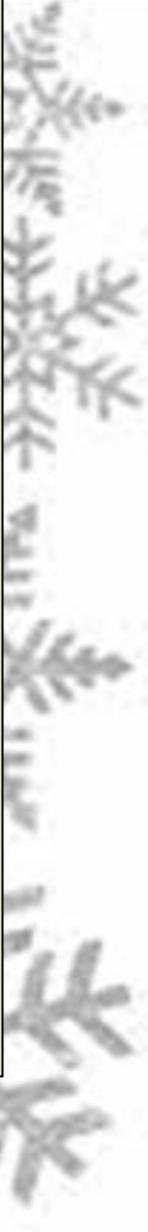
Huge Hazelwood Hugs to...

Sarah Pike whose beautiful daughter Hallie Evelyn Roe born was on the 1st December weighing a healthy 9.4lbs. Mother and baby are both doing really well and hope to be coming home soon.

Tracey Leach on the news of her engagement to her boyfriend. The proposal was a very romantic affair and Miss Leach had no hesitation in accepting.



The HPA Christmas Fair



Year 2 bearly see the sights of London

This half term the children in Year 2 have had a very special visitor - Paddington Bear! He was very interested in London so we have been learning about some of the famous landmarks and sights with him. Last Friday the children and staff took Paddington all the way to London to see all of the things we have been learning about.

We hopped on the train at Hurst Green, making sure that we helped Paddington step over the gap between the platform and the train safely, and travelled up to London Waterloo. When we got off the train, we were all excited to see a huge, golden Paddington in the window of Marks and Spencers! We grabbed our Paddingtons and made sure to take a picture.



Then, we walked along the Southbank to festival pier where a tour boat was waiting for us. We boarded the boats and took a tour along the river to see all of the buildings we had learnt about. Because it was a nice day, we even managed to take Paddington out on the deck for a closer look! The RNLI popped over to see us too and joined our tour for a while. They told us all about how to be safe near the water and explained what to do if we ever see some one in trouble. Paddington is always getting in trouble but luckily he did not need the RNLI's help during our trip!



We had a Paddington themed lunch on board with marmalade sandwiches and an ice cream sundae before getting back on the train to come home. Despite a delay to the trains, everyone had a fantastic day and all of the children and Paddington behaved beautifully.



Christmas Textiles in the making

This half term the Year 1 and 2 children in textiles club have been busy making Christmas decorations for their trees at home. First, they used blanket stitch to sew a stocking which they decorated with glitter and holly. Then, the children wrapped gold string around a polystyrene ball to make a textured bauble. The string had to be completely coated in glue so it was a very messy job! Lastly, they made a material bauble by cutting out some Christmas material and wrapping it around another ball. All three decorations will look fantastic once hung up and the children were very proud of their work.



A day trip to India

On Monday Year 4 were transported to India to round off our topic for the term. The children dressed up in fabulous outfits and really embraced the day. There were three workshops for the children to take part in. Lots of them started with Mr MacDougall making a delicious Banana Lassi drink and raita which they tried with poppadum's and naan breads. During this session they also thought about the different spices used in India. They had to smell, look carefully at the spices and then guess what spice they thought it was. The children had a great time and enjoyed cooking with Mr MacDougall and Mrs Hood.



The next session running was an Indian art session with Mr Kemp. The children had two different stations to complete. Collaboratively, the children worked together on a class elephant using pastels to decorate their Indian festival elephant. The other station was with Mrs Stafford using clay to create their own Diva lamps.

The final session was dance. The children worked really hard in their classes to learn some Indian dance putting together their own routine.

This was then presented to Mr MacDougall at the end of the day.

The children and staff all had a great day and it was such a fantastic way to finish the topic. We are now really looking forward to our next one!



Clever Mrs Wizniewski never wants to throw away an unwanted book. So she created these amazing Christmas trees out of old volumes. They are creating a fantastic festive display outside the library.



Still skipping, still smiling!

Skipping has continued on Monday's on the Bawtree terrace. These girls here are determined to master the cross over jump through. It is a pleasure to see so many willing to have a go, work together and show resilience. We also get to admire the view while we skip.



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January Sale

Up to **1/3rd** off
Selected Lines*

Begins 27th December

*While stocks last
Online Only

Ends 12th January

Thank you to Mrs Howard who made and presented our wonderful holly wreath for the front door. Unlike the wreath, which is well and truly prickly, the welcome which awaits within is always warm and congenial.

Thank You

Hazelwood School

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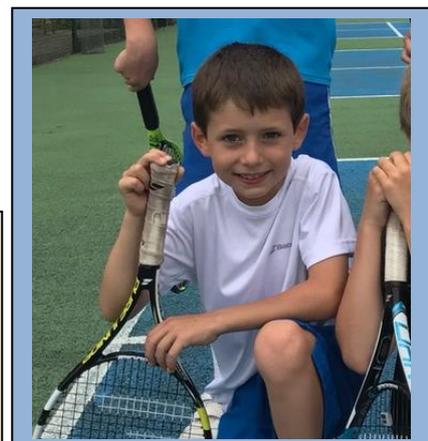
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A wonderful team effort in both monies raised (cake sale) and plaits donated. Well done!



The dancers of Year 2 put the final touches to their Rock n Roll routines for the forthcoming dance exams.
F – A – B – U – L – O – U – S - !!

Congratulations to Sam who came runner up in his group at the U9's South East Match play Tournament in Bromley at the weekend. It was a very busy tournament with lots of talented players. He won four out of his five matches, and only narrowly missed out on first place.



'Question for the Queue'

This week the question was:

If you had one thing to say to the world and everyone had to listen what would it be?



"Don't judge people by their looks."

"Stand up for the right thing, even when it's hard to."

"Life isn't about money, family and friends matter most."

"Peace on Earth"

"Be kind to everybody and SMILE!"

"Buildings are made of bricks."

"Hi Peeps of the world!"

"Stop all wars... except Star Wars!"

"Erm...no, wait...no, I haven't started yet... erm... hang on..."

"Anyone know any good jokes?"

A range of answers as diverse as the children in the queue!

Mr Walton



More of Year 5's 'Seascapes on a block' next week

These stunning sea-horses were created by Isaac (Y3) and Max A (Year 7) to greet guests coming along to the Christmas Concert tonight. Both have approached the design challenge in completely different ways with Max choosing to explore the layering of textures and bold, contrasting images whilst Isaac has sought inspiration from his life at Hazelwood School (including some of the contents from the stationery cupboard by the looks of it!)



Here are some of the first Christmas activities being celebrated by Oak. The children have been pretending to be elves in Santa's workshop. Father Christmas has asked for their help as some of his elves are unwell (they have the sneezles!). Some of the children helped out by making toys, taking orders and later in the week they will be wrapping the presents. The children also loved going shopping in the Christmas Gift Shop.



These beautiful and ethereal chalk on black background drawings are the work of the lunch time art club. They have stunningly captured the lightness of touch of snowflakes and snow angels. Together they make a striking display.

HPA

Monday 11th December - Christmas Jumper & Gift Shop Day

Each child should bring in £4 to choose two gifts (or £2 to choose one gift if they brought just one gift in on Friday) for their parents / grandparents etc. from the Gift Shop which will be in TOSH. These will then be wrapped up for them to take home and give at Christmas.

This event is extremely popular with the children - especially the younger ones - who all like to participate and it is run chiefly for their benefit. This is a special day for the children but if you do not want your child to take part, please could you discuss this with them before the day as it is very difficult to cater for disappointed children who feel that they are missing out on all the excitement with their friends.

HPA Boden Party - A final flourish and a farewell

Thank you to all Boden shoppers for raising a magnificent £665 by way of free commission on all Boden orders using our special code. This was a wonderful result. Sadly, this was our last Boden party as they are now being discontinued due to the recent launch of Boden

concessions in John Lewis stores and the opening of a new shop in the King's Road. Thank you for your much-appreciated support of the Boden parties over the past few years.

If you know of any other popular brand who may offer something similar by way of a fund-raising shopping experience, please do let the HPA know.

HPA - Christmas shopping and free commission through The Giving Machine

With Christmas coming up plus your normal shopping, please also generate a free cash donation for the HPA with every purchase you make online through The Giving Machine portal. There are over 2000 of the most popular stores taking part in the scheme making it easy for you to make a difference without it costing you anything at all. You can open a new tab for The Giving Machine just before you check out and your basket should be waiting there for you to generate money for the HPA! Details are at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hazelwood-school-56917/> or our code at the checkout is "Hazelwood School".

The HPA also has free commission codes set up with Easy2Name, Northbrook wrapping paper and cards, Micro-scooters and Stamptastic so these are all great ways for the HPA to generate funds at no cost to you.

Thank you for your support.

News from the Kitchen

Please don't forget that the new menus for both Hazelwood School and the Nursery & Early Years are now on their respective websites under The Parents' Sections.

Music Timetable

The weekly music timetable can be viewed on the Music Notice Board outside the Dining room in the courtyard. I will endeavour to have the coming week's music timetable on the notice board by the end of the school day each Friday. Please ensure that your child brings their instrument and music in on the relevant day. It is also important for them to take these books and instruments home when they do not need them in school.

Sports Department

Match Reports should be taken to Mrs Greenwood or emailed to her on headspa@hazelwoodschool.com by Friday afternoon ahead of assembly on Monday morning. If your child is nominated as captain, please encourage them to write the report in time for the assembly. The children do like to share their successes with the rest of the school. Thank you.

Notice Board

Communication sent home this week

The following letters have been sent home this week. If you need a duplicate copy, please contact the School Office.

Year 5: Residential to Bowles
Years 6-8: Social Media Alert

Key Events for Next Week

Week 15

Monday 11th December

Am Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Gift Shop Years 1-8
0930 Fledglings' Christmas Concert
1200 Christmas Lunch Year 1-8

Tuesday 12th December

1130 Nursery & Early Years Christmas Lunch
1630 Christmas Carol Service at Tonbridge School
No afternoon bus service. No late rooms (Y3-8) No Clubs (Y1-8)

Wednesday 13th December

Last day for after school clubs, dance and late rooms
1300 Year 8 drama trip to London
1430 Rugby: U12A & B, U11A & B v Handcross Park (A)
1430 Rugby: U10A & B v Handcross Park (H)

Thursday 14th December

Bus services running in morning and at 12.30pm
Siblings bus to Nursery at 11.40am
Last day for breakfast club
Term ends Oak 12.30
Term ends Years 1 & 2 (+ siblings) 11.30am
Term ends Years 3-8 12.30pm (late room for younger siblings until 12.30pm)
Nursery closure until Tuesday 4th January 2018



For the last time this term, we join Daniel and Liam as they continue their journey of verbal discovery. This time, in keeping with the festive season, their word challenges have taken on a Christmas twist with a game of Pin the Babble Bauble on the Christmas tree. The boys were rewarded for their hard work and focus with a packet of everybody's favourite smashing orangey bit in the middle. Their final reward was a game of Headbanz with Liam proudly declaring he was PIZZA! Happy Christmas boys and thank you for sharing your learning fun with us all.



Christmas Forest Skills
Cooking and Activity Day



Friday 15th December 2017



**We will be cooking a Christmas dinner -
sprouts optional!**

Woodland Christmas Decoration making

Morning Session suitable for Years 1 - 4

9.00am - 12.00pm

Afternoon Session suitable for Years 4 - 8

12.00 pm - 3pm

Please contact Mr Walton for more details for to book.

waltonj@hazelwoodschool.com

Cost: £40 per session

Numbers limited due to Health and Safety.

All equipment and food provided.

