

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The results of this term's Homework projects have been absolutely amazing.



KS1 have been looking at personal timelines, charting how the children have changed since they were born.



transport you could think of.

Lower KS2 have been looking at different kinds of transport. From Tuks Tuks to Camels to Concorde, there were examples of every kind of



and built.

Upper KS2 have been learning about the Anglo Saxons and creating Maths Games. Some amazing models were designed



**Beech and Hawthorn class** had a visit with Engineers from MWH Global who were showing the children how to clean dirty water, and helping them to understand the importance of water

filtration. The children really enjoyed working with experts.



Year 1 and 2 visited Ripon Workhouse Museum – exploring their history topic 'Now and Then.' They attended workshops set in the Victorian age, exploring the lives of children living in that era. They investigated changes in home life, schools and toys.

**Oak, Hawthorn and Beech** visited the National Railway Museum in York. They took part in two workshops 'From Rocket to Bullet' and 'The Power of Steam' as well as looking at railways through the ages.



#### **Sporting Influence**

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children continue to represent our school at the after school Football competition at Harrogate High School and continue to improve and get better results. Last Wednesday after losing their first match, they showed great character and resilience by going on to win the next two. Well done children. A few Year 5 and 6 children also went along to discover their tennis skills at Starbeck Tennis Club.





Our Reception children enjoyed a forest school workshop run by 'Bushbabies Woodlands Adventure Company'.

They enjoyed using objects from nature to go on a magical outdoor adventure.

**Our KS1 children** enjoyed a cricket coaching session with Rachel Hildreth, who plays cricket for the Yorkshire Women's team and is a community cricket coach at the Yorkshire Cricket Board. Let's hope she can inspire a new generation of cricketers.



breaking £480.00.

**Children in Need**. A big thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need appeal this year, we raised a record

White Watch from North Yorkshire Fire and Safety came to deliver fire safety talks to KS1 and KS2. KS1 were lucky enough to get a fire engine visit too!

#### **Class Assemblies**

This month it has been lovely to welcome parents to see their child's class assemblies. So far we have been treated to Silver Birch, Maple Class, Hawthorn and Beech sharing their learning from this term. We have really enjoyed a variety of work including some lovely singing, maths, art, writing, science and French.

Dance Club also performed two wonderful dances that they created. It was such a confident creative performance.

# School Choir performing at the Conference Centre

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December our school choir along with other schools in the district will be performing with the Harrogate Choral Society and Harrogate Philharmonic Orchestra at the Convention Centre in a Family Christmas concert. Tickets cost £13.00 Adults, Students £6.50, children under 11 free and are available via the box office 01423 502116 or the website www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk

#### **Christmas Performances**

**Reception children** have been busy practising for their Nativity performances on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.

**Year 1 and Year 2** are also getting ready for their Christmas performances the following week, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am and 1.45pm.

## Christmas Fair – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

A massive Thank you to the 'Friends of Hookstone Chase' who organised another fantastic Christmas Fair, over £1400 has been raised, an amazing amount. It was lovely to see so many families supporting the event.

### Children's Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day

The Christmas lunch is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, this is also Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children. For a donation of £1.00, your child can wear something Christmassy and help this very worthwhile cause. Attendance cup winners w/e 3.11.17 Maple 99.7% w/e 10.11.17 Beech 98.8% w/e 17.11.17 Pine 100% w/e 24.11.17 Hawthorn and Horsechestnut 100%

Well done to the above classes - keep it up!

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December Reception Nativity 2.30pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 1.45pm KS1 Christmas Performance

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert at Harrogate Convention Centre

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December PM –Christmas Party Sycamore and Rowan

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December PM – Christmas Party Pine, Willow, Horsechestnut and Year 2's Oak

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December PM – Christmas Party Beech, Hawthorn and Y3's in Oak

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December PM – Christmas Party Maple and Silver Birch

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2.30pm Close for Christmas

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www.hookstonechaseprimary.co.uk.

Letters home are posted under the 'Parents/Carers' section on the website so if you think you may have missed something it is always worth checking on here.