



NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Parents Evening

The dates for Parents Evenings are **Wednesday 16th November (3pm – 8pm) and Thursday 17th November (3pm – 5.30pm)**. Like last year, the time slots will be printed and displayed in the hall for you to sign yourself up to a slot, from 8.30am – 8.45am in a morning and from 2.45pm – 3.15pm after school from tomorrow Wednesday 9th until Friday 11th November. Please use the external hall door in the KS2 playground.

If you have more than one child in school, please allow for a 10 minute gap between your first appointment finishing and your next one starting.

Christmas Cards

As you should already be aware, the company APFA who were producing the Schools Christmas Cards have had major problems and are unable to process our orders.

A local print company 'IMPRINT' have kindly agreed to step in at this late stage and manage the printing of the cards. They will produce packs of 10 cards with envelopes for £5 with additional packs being £4.

If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form attached and return it to school with payment (either cash or cheque – payable to Harden Primary School). If you have more than one child, complete a separate form for each child. **Deadline is this Thursday 10th November.**

Please complete your child's details clearly, as this information will be used by the printers for the back of card.

Name	
Age	

	Number of Pack Required	Cost
Pack of 10 cards with envelopes @ £5		
Additional Packs of 10 cards with envelopes @ £4		
Total Cost:		



Team GB

The school was buzzing last Thursday when Team GB Athlete William Sharman came to visit us, it was an amazing treat. William spoke with the children and participated in the sponsored event. A huge thank you to you all for all your support in raising £2,293.30 for this event. This money has been split between 'Sports for Champions' and school.

Purple Polio Day

The School Council have organised for us to take part in the Rotary Crocus Campaign to eradicate Polio. The children have been asked to come to school in something purple on **Friday 11th November** for a small donation (suggested 50p) as purple is the colour of the dye that is painted on the little fingers of children who have been immunised. Each child will have the opportunity to plant crocus bulbs outside school which will bloom in Spring. Polio is a disease which kills and paralyses young children (often in just a few hours) and spreads quickly. There is no cure but it can be easily prevented through immunisation. Unfortunately, up to 20 million people in the world today are paralysed with Polio. The cost of this vaccination is LESS THAN 50p. The children attended a special assembly on Monday to find out about Polio and how they can help. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile event.

Children in Need

Children in Need will take place on **Friday 18th November** and this year's theme is 'Spotacular'. The School Council are working together to organise this year's event. They would like children to come to school wearing something spotty for a suggested donation of £1. The members of the School Council will also be holding a bun/cake/biscuit and juice sale at playtime (donations gratefully received on the day!). During the day, the children will take part in a special assembly and activities in class, to develop their understanding of why they are raising money and how this will then, benefit disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Again, thank you for supporting this worthwhile event.

School Christmas Activities

All the dates for our upcoming Christmas events are in the 'Diary Dates' below....

Christmas Activities in the Village

4th December – Turning on of Harden's Christmas Lights

6.00pm at the Christmas Tree/war memorial, and we sing favourite Christmas Carols, then there's the Big Count Down for the turning on of the lights, all followed by wine and mince pies in the church hall provided by the Parish Council. In the event of bad weather still come along as the fun moves indoors inside the parish church.

10th December - Turkey and Tinsel Coffee morning

Christmas Coffee morning in the Family Room at St Saviours' with turkey rolls, mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee, grand raffle, Christmas hamper and other prizes and Lucky Dip. 10.00 to 2.00pm. Church also open for quiet time.

11th December – Nativity and Toy service at St Saviours' from 11.15 to 12.15. Come and worship at the Christmas Family Service. Bring a good condition or preferably new toy to donate for poor children (unwrapped). Young children are invited to come dressed as Nativity characters. We can supply improvised outfits if you don't have anything suitable. All the children will become involved in the Nativity Play. (and probably some adults!) Come and join the fun!

11th December – Traditional candle lit Carol Service at 6.30pm featuring the joint choir from St Matthews and St Saviours'. We sing carols and hear the Christmas story. Seasonal refreshments afterwards. Collection for the work of 'Inn Churches' providing accommodation for homeless people over the winter – specifically supporting the project at St Matthews Wilsden providing dinner bed and breakfast for the week straight after Christmas.

Christmas Eve – The Christingle Service at 4.00pm, a favourite with the children! Christingles provided for all the children. Collection for the Children's Society working with youth and children in Keighley.

Christmas Eve – Midnight Communion begins at 11.30pm, everyone is welcome as we celebrate Jesus birth together. THE way to begin Christmas!

Information & Flyers

Please see below on the following pages, leaflets from different organisations you may find useful.

PTFA

PTFA Nativity Wardrobe

The PTFA have created a nativity costume wardrobe collection for use during the school nativity and we currently have 35 costumes of various characters and sizes. This has been formed from costume donations which will be mended, taken care of and stored by a member of the PTFA.

These costumes will then be made available to parents/carers for each nativity to hire for £1. The hire fee will go into PTFA funds to help fund future projects.

If anybody has any nativity costumes which they no longer need, the PTFA would happily accept any donations of costumes. Please hand any donations into the school office or to Caroline Balson.

For Key Stage one parents/carers information will be available soon on how the PTFA nativity wardrobe will be run.

Dates for your diary

10 th November	Y2 – Snozone Trip
10 th November	Christmas Card Order Deadline at 9am
11 th November	Purple Polio Day – Wear Purple for 50p donation
16 th & 17 th November	Parents Evenings
18 th November	Children in Need day
21 st November	Road Safety training – All year groups
22 nd November	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccines Y1,2,3
25 th November	Rotary Shoebox Deadline
25 th November	Sept 2017 Parents Walk Around
30 th November	Y5 – Leeds Museum Trip
1 st December	Nativity - Dress Rehearsal
4 th December	PTFA School Christmas Fair @ 2pm – 4pm & Harden Village Lights Switch on @ 6pm by the Cenotaph.
6 th December	Pizza Express Trip
7 th December	Nativity – 2pm – 3pm Year 1 Parents
7 th December	Nativity – 6pm – 7pm Year 2 Parents
8 th December	Nativity – 9am – 10am Reception Parents
13 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
14 th December	Year 1 Parents Event
14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
15 th December	KS1 Christmas Party
16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St Saviours Church at 2pm for KS2 parents
16th December	Break up
4th January	School Re-opens