



## Newsletter: Thursday 21 December 2023

### Christmas Wishes



Wow! What an absolutely jam packed Autumn term we've had this year!

It was great to see parents and carers supporting us in school, back in September when we held our Macmillan Coffee Morning, and then the children had a fab time at our Halloween Discos in October. The support for our Christmas Fair was fantastic, and we hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to come into school and visit the big man himself!

Just before October half term, our pupil leadership team led a wonderful Harvest Assembly and your donations went to our local community foodbank.

We've had a number of trips and exciting curriculum activities this term. Some of our Year 6 pupils took off to Robinwood for the weekend in September, all Year 6 took part in a Titanic Workshop, in which they re told the story through drama activities. Whilst Year 5 had a trip into outer space when a mobile planetarium visited the school to complement their space topic. They also visited Daisy Nook Country Park and explored the countryside on our doorstep, Year 2 visited Oldham Town Centre for a comparison of "Now and Then". Reception Class, Year 1, 2 and 4 all made visits to the library and the whole school came together to commemorate Remembrance Day. Year 3 Children had the fantastic opportunity to attend OSFC (Oldham Sixth Form College) to be coached by their sports students, in activities such as football and badminton. We've finished this term, celebrating Christmas with a variety of acting, dancing and musical performances by our super talented pupils, who all made me feel so proud of their efforts. Over the last few days, our annual Christmas Parties have rounded up this term.

I know that there are lots of wonderful activities already being planned for the spring and summer terms, including a trip to Oldham Gallery and visits to both the Police and Transport Museums.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and hope everyone stay's safe over the festive period.

Please remember school opens again on Monday 8 January, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school after a well earned break.

Mrs S Forster, Headteacher



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A big thank you to all our parents, carers and family members, along with the local businesses who helped make this year's Christmas fair a fantastic success. We raised £1,831.00.

### Choir Performance Charles Morris House



Our choir loved singing for the residents of Charles Morris House, last week. It is safe to say I think the residents enjoyed it and the children had a lovely time. Thanks go to Gemma for organising it and Miss Kimberley for running the choir.

### Active Learning at HFPS

Here at Higher Failsworth, we try and incorporate being active and movement into lessons across all of our curriculum subjects, not just in our PE lessons. We do this by trying to create 'Active Lessons'.

Active lessons aim to actively involve pupils in the learning process. Children are active participants in the process of learning through a physical activity, rather than passive learners listening to teacher talk. Active lessons are an engaging and fun way for all ages to learn and consolidate their knowledge.

In Early Years, this is much easier as learning often takes place through play, but we try to continue to learn actively throughout the school. Classes are encouraged to do at least one active maths lesson a week, as well as movement through other subjects such as drama, science and other areas of the curriculum.



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### Studybugs – Reporting absence

Please Download the app so it's ready to use  
FROM MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

We're pleased to announce that Higher Failsworth is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence called Studybugs.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

[Get the app or register now\(https://studybugs.com/about/parents\)](https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

#### Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)





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## Sporting Achievements at HFPS

We've had another super successful term of sporting achievements between September and December.

Here's a round up of all our successes!



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 – Cross Country Race 1  
Silver Medal - Lucy R – Year 3/4 Girls Race

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Cross Country Race 2  
Bronze medal - Leo A – Year 2 Boys Race  
Gold Medal - Lucy R – Year 3/4 Girls Race

7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Reception Multi Skills  
Medal winners – Theo W

21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 – Year 1 Multi Skills  
Medal winners – Penelope O

27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Values Sports Hall Athletics  
Bronze - Ethan B, William A, Finley B, Collin P, Rocco H, Logan N, Jaxon N, Carter N, Willow R, Enya V, Mia G, Ruby B, Milly P, Brooke D, Scarlett L, Sofia M

29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Escape Room Event  
First team to escape – Ellie O, Lexi W, Lilian A, Maysa B, Natalie S

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – KS1 Sports Hall Athletics  
Gold – Hanna W, Livia B, Isla Rose C, Esosasere O, Kanaan B, Teddy H, Jack G, Harley N, Kaleb G

