



# FROM THE HART



HART MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## QUICK REMINDERS

- **Hometimes** remember early hometimes on Friday 18 December 2020:
- \* 8.25am drop-off, 11.45am pick up
- \* 8.40am drop-off, 12pm pick up
- \* 8.55am drop-off, 12.15pm pick up

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021

### JANUARY 2021

First day of term	5
Dogs' Trust class visits	18

### FEBRUARY 2021

Helping Hands programme starts in P5 classes	5
Safer Internet Day	9
Mid-term break	18-22

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### PANTOMIME SEASON



Despite not being able to go to a live pantomime this year, classes thoroughly enjoyed a performance of 'Beauty & the Beast', staged and live streamed by the students of SRC Armagh. It was very professionally delivered, using up-to-date music and references that the children 'got'. Many thanks to all the members of the cast and crew from SRC Armagh.



Some P7MM Christmas Jump-

### STAFF GET FESTIVE!

During December, staff have been engaging in a variety of different activities to keep their brains in good shape (very important when they're teaching your children!!). Daily brain-teasers have been won by different members of staff each day, with Mrs Annett being the only dual winner. On Christmas Jumper Day last Friday, as well as contributing to the very worthy charity of 'Save the Children', they were encouraged to get creative with their jumpers. Mrs McNally, Senior Teacher, was nominated as judge and, after long deliberations, couldn't split Mrs Taggart and Mrs Lee who had both gone to enormous pains to stand out from the crowd. Unfortunately, we have no picture of Mrs Lee's creation, but you will see Mrs Taggart's, complete with home-made pom-poms and do-it-yourself lights (thankfully not connected to the mains!!).



A huge thank you for all your donations to Save the Children. We will be forwarding a cheque for £601.50—a brilliant total for one day.

### FEARGAL THE DONKEY : FOUND!

There has also been a massive donkey hunt going on around the school as Feargal the Donkey was missing and had to be found. Thankfully, he was reunited with Miss Shipley on Monday last when he was eventually tracked down by Miss Marple-Hyde!



## ROAD SAFETY



P2LM pupils were learning all about Road Safety during Road Safety week in November. They discussed that important, life-saving message 'Be safe, be seen'.



### ROAD SAFETY

Parents, please encourage your children to wear high visibility clothing every day to and from school. The mornings are so dark and children are very hard to see for motorists unless they are wearing reflective strips.



**VERY SPECIAL VIRTUAL VISITORS**

Foundation Stage classes were treated, by the wonders of technology, to an early visit from Santa and Mrs Claus last week.



**Double, Double, Toil & Trouble!**

P7 pupils have been studying Shakespeare's Macbeth this term. They loved getting to grips with Shakespearean language and even had a go at changing the ending of this tragic tale. They wrote excellent play scripts in the style of Shakespeare, and had the opportunity to share these with the rest of the class, as Ryan is here.



**FOCUS ON HEALTH**

P6H pupils participating in the online 'Healthy Me' programme. They discussed how to keep their mind and bodies healthy and were given strategies to help them keep fit and healthy.



Festive fun on board the P3MT sleigh!!



WHAT?? MORE RAIN?!!

P4S pupils had a most enjoyable morning when David from Senti-nus visited to help us carry out investigations to enhance our learning in our World Around Us topic of The Weather. We made wind measuring devices, and even created rain clouds and saw the rain drip out of them !



**THINKING OF OTHERS**

Some of the beautiful Christmas cards made by P4S pupils for our friends in the local Care Homes.

Our Digital Leaders were given the task of planning and leading the filming of our virtual Open Day, this term. They worked hard together to come up with some great ideas and let everyone know what they needed to do. We are very proud of all their hard work and we think you will agree that they did an excellent job! If you have not watched the video yet, please visit the home page of our website and enjoy! [www.hartmemorialps.org](http://www.hartmemorialps.org)

**VIRTUAL OPEN DAY**



**WORKING & PLAYING HARD IN P1TA**

The boys and girls in P1TA have been working very hard on their key words this term. The children who knew all of their key words for the term were given a special treat.

Alongside working hard, we have been busy with lots of different Christmas craft



**SENIOR CAROL SERVICE**

**SINGING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND**

The Senior Carol Service took a different form this year but nothing was going to hold back P4-7 pupils in delivering a fully-fledged performance. All the classes sang one song and recited a Bible verse, culminating in a Christmas Spirit Extravaganza. Through the expert leadership of Mrs Stockdale and Mr Poots, with creative help from the ICT Team and, of course, our wonderfully talented pupils, a memorable performance was delivered. Many thanks to all pupils and teachers for continuing a Hart Christmas tradition. Visit [www.hartmemorialps.org](http://www.hartmemorialps.org) to enjoy 'singing in a winter wonderland'!

