



Unsworth
Primary School

Newsletter

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Christmas at Unsworth

The infant performance of 'Prickly Hay' this week was fantastic and we hope you enjoyed it too! The children worked so hard learning their lines and practising the songs and we were so proud of each and every one of them. Rehearsals have been taking place for the junior production of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' next week and it's looking and sounding fabulous!



Our school Christmas dinner is on Monday 17th December. This is always lots of fun as staff and children wear Christmas hats and each class sing their favourite Christmas song as they come into the hall. Children can wear something Christmassy on that day too such as a Christmas jumper, hat, headband etc. alongside their uniform and bring in a suggested donation of 50p to the school council's charity collection.

D&T Enquiry



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Our whole school enquiry in December is focussing on making products to sell at our Unsworth Christmas market on Wednesday 19th December. Each class will be working on a different skill area for example textiles, construction, sheet materials and food to make some fabulous creations which they will sell on their class stall at the market. We hope you can come along after school on Wednesday 19th December and see what the children have made.

Digital Leaders

Our digital leaders have been busy this half term creating their digital worry boxes and introducing them to their class. Next term they will be delivering some e-safety sessions to their class mates and also helping to plan our whole school Safer Internet Day.

School Council

Our School Council have done a great job this term raising money for Children in Need and have settled into their new roles. They recently went up to Castlebrook High School to meet other local school councils and came back with lots of ideas about what they could do in the spring and summer term.

Class News



Reception did so well at our Infant Nativity and we loved seeing them as stars, sheep and babies on stage. We have been talking about what a baby needs and have helped to feed and change our class baby. We will be learning about Baby Jesus and the Christmas story in our RE sessions. Miss Ashton.

Year 1 are learning about poems and will be writing their own Christmas themed poems over the next couple of weeks. We are looking forward to starting our D&T enquiry next week where we will focus on food skills and also joining materials in different ways. In maths we will revisit place value of 2 digit numbers. Don't forget to keep practising spellings and reading at home. Miss Dooley.

Year 2 performed brilliantly at our Christmas play and I was so proud of them! In class we have been looking at different methods for multiplication and division and we are working towards writing our own traditional tales. We are all looking forward to the last busy weeks of term ahead! Miss Garvin.

Year 3 are really enjoying singing and dancing in our Christmas play. We are starting to work on our understanding of multiplication and division facts. The children have also begun to plan and create their own adventure stories. Miss Sinclair.

The **Year 4** children have been working hard. I am looking forward to reading their stories in an historical context over the next few weeks. Thank you for working on the times tables and spellings books; their hard work is showing in lessons. Friday 7th December is their last swimming lesson and after that the children will have P.E instead on Fridays so please ensure that their kits are in school. The Geography enquiry focus will turn to that of Europe next term, learning all about different features and countries. Mr Garside.

It's been another busy term in **Year 5** and the children are working as hard as ever. We have enjoyed making 'rockets' to end our Space enquiry and the children can't wait to launch them! We are also creating Arctic landscapes as part of our Geography enquiry. This has really got us thinking about the cold weather ahead especially snow! Mrs Ali.



In **Year 6** the children have been learning how to support each other with their learning through coaching techniques and dialogue, and are now able to deliver effective coaching strategies in most areas of the curriculum. I have been really impressed with the way in which they have engaged and actively participated during lessons with our latest text type, suspense stories. Their independent writing is fabulous! It has also been a pleasure to watch and listen to the way in which they have worked together to tackle some tricky fractions work! Finally, I couldn't be prouder of the effort and energy every single child has put into their Christmas production, 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies.' They look and sound amazing, you really are in for a treat! Mrs McLoughlin.

Sports News

We've had plenty of sporting clubs and fixtures over the last few weeks. The girls got off to a great start winning their football match 5-0! There will be many new clubs starting next year so please look out for them and encourage your child to join!





PTA News

We will be selling photographs of the cast and taking orders for a DVD of both the Christmas plays on the night of each performance. We will also be serving refreshments each night. Calendars have been ordered and will be delivered soon.

Don't forget to visit our stalls at the Christmas market! There will be 'lucky dip' and 'Christmas coins' stalls as well as the 'secret santa tombola.' There is a non-uniform day on Monday 17th December where we are asking for a donation of a small value wrapped present for the tombola.

Have you taken a look at our new Facebook page yet? Find us on Facebook @UnsworthPrimaryPTA. Mrs Wagman has been adding lots of content and we would encourage you to follow the page and add your comments and ideas.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event or Activity	More information
10th December	Choral Group—Bury Parish Church Carol Concert	7pm at Bury Parish Church (rehearsal—AM)
11th/ 12th December	Junior Production	7pm in the school hall
12th December	Non-uniform day	Please send in a small value wrapped gift for the secret santa tombola
13th December	Infant Christmas Party	1.30pm—3pm
14th December	Y5/Y6 visit Bury College to see panto 'The Snow Queen.'	Leaving school at 9am prompt, returning for lunch
14th December	Lower Junior Party	1.30pm—3pm
17th December	'Wear something Christmassy' Day	Children can wear something Christmassy alongside their uniform and bring in a suggested donation of 50p for the school council's charity collection
17th December	School Christmas dinner	12noon—1.15pm
18th December	Upper Junior Party	1.30pm—3pm
19th December	Unsworth Christmas market	3.30pm—4.30pm
21st December	School closes for Christmas	2pm—early finish (no after school club)
7th January 2019	School opens	9am