

Hackthorn Church of England Primary School

Happy new year to one and all, and to distract you from the difficult choice of whether to indulge in another mince pie or go for a bracing walk, let us take you on a trip through some of our recent highlights.

First of all, we would like to make it clear that Covid did not prevent us from enjoying our traditional festivities. In fact, it made us more determined than ever to maintain our Christmas traditions and spread a little Christmas cheer. Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed their Christmas craft activity afternoons and there was a wonderful atmosphere as the children completed their creations whilst listening to Christmas music.

At the time of writing Key Stage 1 pupils are practising their Nativity. Every year's performance seems more incredible than the last and it looks like 'Lights, Camels, Action – The Sequin', will be no exception thanks to the very topical 'strictly' theme. We decided to focus on dancing this year as we are not encouraged to sing in school, due to Covid. We are always proud of the achievements of our pupils and everyone has at least one line to speak. I had a sneaky peek at this year's 'judges' who were performing magnificently, having been given some fairly long (and very funny) speeches to perform. Obviously, we are unable to have our usual live audience so the production will be recorded so parents don't miss out.

We are also preparing for our Winter Fair. Unfortunately, we will have fewer stalls and the items have had to be quarantined for the appropriate length of time. Parents will not be able to join us on-site but hopefully, by the time you read this, the children will have spent plenty of pocket money to raise funds for the school.

Please don't forget that the deadline for applying for a reception place for September 2021 is almost upon us, so don't delay if you haven't yet got around to making an application. If you need any help or advice, please get in touch; we are always happy to help where we can. Contact the school on 01673 860295 to arrange a visit or request a school brochure, or visit www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk.

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