

# Happisburgh CE VA Primary & Early Years School

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"Let your Light shine" Matthew 5:16

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## News Bulletin 16 December 2020

**The School terms finishes at 3:15 on Wednesday 16 December. We wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 4 January.**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have finally reached the end of a very busy but unusual term. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and there has been plenty of exciting learning taking place. We have missed your company in school and feel sorry that we have not been able to share as much as we might have done under normal circumstances.

We have trialled our first mini celebration assembly via zoom, when the parents of the children who received end-of-term awards were invited. This seemed to work well and so we would like to continue with this while Covid places restrictions on us.

Today, you should be receiving a link via e-mail to our small Christmas Presentation which we all had fun putting together. We hope you enjoy watching it. Despite a few technical issues and unpredictable weather along the way, it all came together quite nicely. Making a video has opened up new opportunities for us in sharing our work with you in the new year - so maybe there'll be more to come!

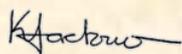
Looking forward to January, there will be a few changes in staffing. As you know, Mrs. Coomer is sadly leaving us this term and she will be replaced by Mrs. Gilbert who already offers tremendous support for the school. We have also arranged for Mrs. Pestell to work in Horse Chestnut on a Friday in order to allow Mrs Heaps quality time in fulfilling her role as SENDCo. Mrs. Pestell will continue to run our catch-up interventions all day on Thursdays.

We will also be welcoming Mr. Geaves who will be providing additional support for us in Silver Birch. Mr. Geaves is a keen sportsman and has already been spending time getting to know the children. We very much look forward to working with him.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of Happisburgh School who have worked tirelessly in continuing to provide the children with a quality education. Their good humour and positivity has continued to get us all through these hard times and I am fully appreciative of all they do for this lovely school.

I hope you are able to have a wonderful, healthy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in the Spring term.

Yours faithfully



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Kathryn Jackson

## Key Dates

**Monday 4 January—Spring Term begins**  
**Tuesday 19 January 8 am - Y6 SATs Booster starts**  
**Thursday 19 January 8 am Y6 SATs Boosters**  
**Friday 29 January —Sponsored Skip**  
**Friday 12 February —Finish for half-term**

## THE GOVERNING BOARD OF HAPPISBURGH CE VA PRIMARY & EARLY YEARS SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

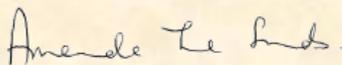
As we are now coming to the end of the Autumn term and 2020 I would like to congratulate everyone - parents, carers, all teaching and non-teaching staff, pupils and governors for the way in which you have all pulled together to carry-on as best we can; it has been so challenging both in school and out and something which none of us would have ever expected in our lifetime. Let us all hope that 2021 makes up for all the disappointments we may have endured in 2020.

I remember very clearly being taken around the school by Miss Jackson at the beginning of this term; I was visibly moved by the dedication, love and support being given to the pupils and in return seeing such happy faces, who are keen to learn and feel very secure within the school environment - truly wonderful to see and a very humbling experience.

For us as a Governing Board it has had its challenges too - generally, we can't come in to school to meet - so 14 faces pop up on our screens for our half termly Governing Board zoom meetings! Just recently two new Foundation Governors have joined our Board and Lee Coomer our Parent Governor has been elected to continue for a further period of time. We are a strong Governing Board with a wide variety of skills; many of us are governors with designated responsibilities e.g. Safeguarding, Literacy, Numeracy, RE, GDPR to name just a few. The Governing Board reviews its own performance and is keen to take on new challenges. We support and challenge the Head Teacher appropriately through a series of meetings, Learning Walks and monitoring. Presently we are developing further the formation of the new Partnership with St. Mary's, Roughton both in the schools and the Governing Boards.

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Board I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year - please keep safe and secure and look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Best wishes



Amanda Sands  
Chair of the Governing Board

### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your support, a terrific total of £50.10 was collected today.

### Attendance Certificates

Congratulations to all pupils who received an Attendance Certificate for gaining either 100% or above 98% attendance for the Autumn Term

### Cake Raffle

Thank you to Mrs Edwards for her very generous offer to donate a 'cake of your choice' to the lucky winner. An incredible total of £98 was collected today.

## Sport Day—Monday 14 December

Well done to everyone who took part in our streamlined sports day this week. It was wonderful to hear so much excitement and laughter and see the team spirit across all year groups. The staff loved how the children all worked together and supported one another in every activity and although there was no shortage of healthy competition, the atmosphere was one of friendship and fun.

The school joined together this morning to celebrate individual and groups achievements.

Congratulations to our:

Crew winners of the award for Outstanding Sportsmanship: Chloe, Joe, Theo and Lily B.

Most improved skippers of the term: Ivy B, Ben, Cameronli, Kai, Billy S, William and Joe.

And the big question of whether Life Boat Crew could hold onto the Sports Day trophy for a second year running was answered. Despite a closely contested day, none of the other Crews came close to Life Boat's score of 10091, securing bragging rights for Mrs Mayhew for another year! Congratulations to every member of Life Boat Crew for your 2020 win.

Mrs Tovell  
PE Co-ordinator