



# Horsmonden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful **Christmas production** from the Infants this week. At the time of writing, there's still one performance to go which, if it's as good as the previous two, will be an excellent evening of entertainment from our younger children. The confidence they display is great; the effort they've put into learning their lines exemplary and the singing is really tuneful. Many thanks to all of you who have supported the production through helping make costumes and supporting your child in learning their lines and songs. Many thanks also to the infant staff for the time and effort over and above the school day to make it a very special Christmas production.

Next week it continues to be a whirlwind of Christmas activity, with parties, carol service, Christmas dinner and the sheer excitement of finishing term in the countdown to Christmas Day. **Junior parents:** if you haven't yet volunteered to provide transport for the Tuesday rehearsal in the church, please do so shortly after waving your insurance certificate around in the office.

Following last week's **Christmas Present Fayre**, I'm delighted to inform you that a fantastic £940 was raised at the event, of which £140 will go to Hospice in the Weald and £800 has been handed to FoHPS to provide new book storage for infants and new wall murals for all children which will be fixed to the outside walls by the children's entrance.

**Christmas Fun Footy** this Saturday will be the last one of the year. Please wear something festive like a hat or some tinsel to help create a suitably yuletide flavour. We'll be having fun!

The Horsmonden Players are performing **The Wizard of Oz Pantomime** in the village at the end of January. They would like to offer the children an opportunity to enter a **competition** to design the programme front cover. The children have the holidays to produce an entry as the closing date is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. First prize will be the production of the design on the front cover of the programme as well as 2 adult and 2 children's tickets to the matinee performance on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The runner up will receive 1 adult and one children's ticket for the same performance. We'll remind you at the start of next term, but don't miss out on the chance of a free night of local entertainment.

Many congratulations to Mr Brown on his **lottery win** this week, which gives me the opportunity to let him know how much we value his significant impact on the school community alongside his highly appreciated personal qualities and filmstar looks. Mr Brown informs us that it won't change his life significantly and that he's not yet fully decided how to spend his winnings.

And finally... some of you will have been taught by **Nora Veysey**, who was a long-serving teacher here some time ago. Many congratulations to Nora on her marriage yesterday at the youthful age of... well, that would be impolite of me to say, but we wish the newly-weds the very best as they head off for a cycling tour of the Peak District, where they will be abseiling before their hang-gliding course. Wonderful!

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes  
Headmaster

