

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-December 15 2023



### Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 15 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website [www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk](http://www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk)

### A Message from Our Sponsor



Many years ago I was accused of being a little anti-Christmas in school. Now whilst I admit to being obsessed with progress and learning I think we have always celebrated this very special time of year in style. In addition to concerts, plays, dinners, parties, Santa dashes, Santa visits, raffles and a tombola, this coming week we'll be weaving the Christmas theme into many more lessons. For example Year 5 and 6 will be making Christmas cards in a range of styles (including pop up cards) designing a cover for a calendar, completing their exploding Christmas books and learning about Christmas traditions during reading lessons. As an added Christmas bonus their knowledge will be put to the test in a Christmas quiz on the final day of term.

### Lateness and Attendance

Last weekend I managed to write to every family if their child had missed more than fifteen minutes of learning due to lateness and every family if their child had attendance for the term of less than 93%. I'll continue to update families about these important features of school life to ensure each and every precious member of our school community is fully benefiting from the excellent learning opportunities we offer from 08.30am every morning.

### Winter Wonderland



There are just 28 places left. Book online today or contact the school office on 01695725062 on Monday. It is fine for families beyond the immediate Holland Moor community to book too.

### Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



It has been an absolute joy to be a guest at the year one and year two performances of Shepherd's Delight this week. The acting, actions, costumes, movement and particularly the singing were truly wonderful. Many thanks to the four enthusiastic audiences numbering well over 300 in total.

### **Our Evening of Christmas Songs and Poetry**



I was one proud headteacher on Thursday evening as our choir sang with precision and enthusiasm and our poets performed with energy and verve. They responded wonderfully well to my surprises. I so love working with them. Great audience too.

### **Christmas Raffle**



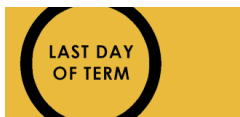
Tickets are still available from the school office. We will complete the draw on Thursday, email out the results and distribute the prizes as soon as is physically possible. Enormous thanks for the hundreds of donations sent to school as prizes. This week we've been able to add ten new hampers, two more dining out cards and two Bubbles World of Play gift vouchers.

### **School Clubs**



All school clubs have now finished for the term so there will be no clubs next week. Windmill after-school care club will continue as normal.

### **The Last Day of Term – Friday December 22.**



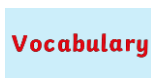
We will finish at the normal time – there will be curriculum/subject lessons all day.

### **Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning December 11**



Our words are adept, flaunt, confiscate and vary

### **Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning December 11**



Linked to our theme	manger
Linked to our phonics sound	brush

An object	stable
An action	appear
A feeling	Bethlehem

### Attendance and Punctuality.



Our attendance this week was 93.5 %.

### Dates



Monday December 18	Production/Presentation – RB at 09.30
Tuesday December 19	Production/Presentation – N2 at 09.30
Wednesday December 20	Christmas Dinner – a uniform day
Thursday December 21	Christmas Parties – non uniform/party clothes
Friday December 22	Last Day of Term – a uniform day

### Lunch Menu – December 18 to December 22

Monday December 18	Pepperoni Pizza with Curly Fries	Beef Chilli with Noodles
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Vanilla Sponge and Chocolate Sauce	Oat and Raisin Cookies
Tuesday December 19	Meat and Potato Pie with Red Cabbage and Beetroot	Chicken Korma Curry with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread.
	Quorn Korma Curry with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread.	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Jelly and Ice Cream	Decorated Doughnuts
Wednesday December 20	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
	Sliced Turkey	Nut Roast Cutlets
	Roast Potatoes	Vegetarian Sausages
	Carrot and Suede	Garden Peas

	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	A Selection of Christmas Desserts	A Selection of Christmas Desserts
Thursday December 21	All Day Breakfast	Chicken Supreme with Steamed Rice
	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Lemon Butter Biscuits	Chocolate Cake and Peppermint Sauce
Friday December 22	Chicken Burger with Oven Chips	Veggie Burger with Oven Chips
	Salmon Fish Cakes with Oven Chips	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Cornflake Tart and Custard	Oatie Cookies

Here's wishing you a great weekend.

MIKE BEALE