

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday December 5th



Welcome

Welcome to Newsletter number 14 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk Some parents have told me recently that they've missed some earlier newsletters because they go straight to junk. Now I don't mind clutter but junk – really!

Google Classrooms

Please make sure you can log on to view our many and varied Christmas presentations.

KS2A Class of the Week

This week it's Class 3M for the fantastic set of leaflets Mr Maddocks shared with me on Thursday evening all about The Faraway Market. I saw enticing descriptions, rhetorical questions, beautiful illustrations and wonderfully persuasive phrasing. Well done Class 3M.

KS2B Class of the Week

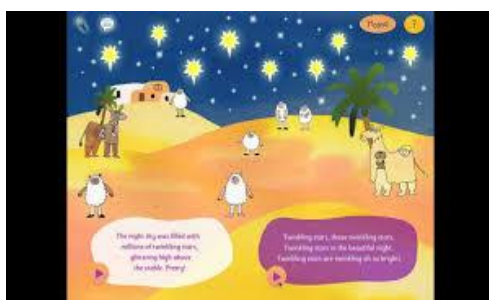
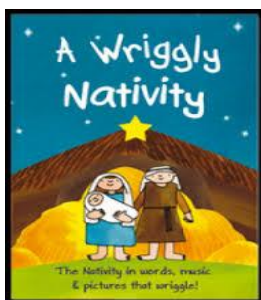
This week it's Class 5M who have been showing a real talent for basketball. Mr Edwards tells me he's seen perfect passing, dynamic dribbling, super shooting and even a jump shot or two. Next week we hope to see some lay-ups.

Christmas Cards at Holland Moor



Those day boxes are ready – so cards are welcome at any time but our children should place the cards in the boxes on arrival in school. An adult will distribute them a couple of days later.

KS1 Christmas Presentations of the Wriggly Nativity.



Please remember we'll be broadcasting our Key Stage 1 Christmas presentations live on Google Classroom on the following dates. Once we have broadcast them live we will leave a video of the performance in Google Classrooms until the end of term.

CLASS	DATE	TIME
1R	7 TH December	10.30
1C	8 th December	10.30
1-2B	9 th December	10.30
2M	10 th December	10.30
2B	11 th December	10.30

The Holland Moor Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle

The first draw for our Christmas raffle was held Thursday 3rd December. The 3 winners were

Isabelle from Class 4C	Dave the esteemed taxi driver	Helen Blundell
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The second draw for our Christmas raffle was held Friday 4th December. The 3 winners were

Mia N from Class 5B	Billie W from Class 3D	Daniel B from Class 5M
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GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE RAFFLE - £1400 raised so far – Absolutely brilliantly-fantastic.

We will continue to make a draw each day until and including Friday December 18th – the last day of term. So far the prizes look like this. A video showing the draws appears on Facebook each day.

Number	Hamper	Extra Prize	Extra, extra prize
Draw 1	Hamper 1	Cuddly Toy	Whisky and tumblers
Draw 2	Hamper 2	Watch	Body Shop hamper
Draw 3	Hamper 3	A SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE RACK	Cosmetics hamper
Draw 4	Hamper 4	£25 SMYTHS TOKEN	White elephant hamper
Draw 5	Hamper 5	Watch	Wooley Santa
Draw 6	Hamper 6	A SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE RACK	Wooley Santa
Draw 7	Hamper 7	Hair Styling Vouchers	
Draw 8	Hamper 8	£25 SMYTHS TOKEN	
Draw 9	Hamper 9	A SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE RACK	
Draw 10	Hamper 10	a nakd hamper	
Draw 11	Hamper 11	Wine glasses	

Draw 12	Hamper 12	A SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE RACK	L'oreal hamper
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Activity of the week / Moments of the week

The front of school has been like a sorting office this week with so many parcels arriving. Many of the items have been additional costumes for our various Christmas presentations. My favourite so far was a large turkey costume that was eventually claimed by one of our Year Six classes – after all Turkeys Just Wanna Have Fun! Watch this space.

A target for 2021

I need more KS2 (junior) children to be able to tie their own boot or shoe laces. I have so many to tie on the playground each day that it's not worth putting my gloves on. My delicate hands are often freezing and chapped.

National Tests/National Assessments 2020/2021 – YES or NO

Reception Class Baseline Assessment	Completed
Y2 Phonics Test	Completed
Y1 Phonics Test	Summer Term 2021
Y2 Reading Test	Cancelled
Y2 Maths Test	Cancelled
Y2 Grammar Test	Cancelled
Y4 Multiplication Test	Cancelled
Y5 Grammar Test	Cancelled
Y6 Maths Test	May 2021
Y6 Reading Test	May 2021

Colouring competition

Our December colouring competition will maintain our Christmas theme. Entry sheets can be collected from Mr Beale, the school office or by asking a class teacher



Christmas Quiz

My KS2 Wednesday assembly this week has an optional quiz attached to it. As I tell the Christmas Story with suitable accompany illustrations I shall slip some questions into the telling. Class members

can just listen and watch the performance or they can complete the answer sheet. As always there will be a suitable prize – maybe even two.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday December 11th

It's on Friday December 11th



The Gruffalo – we are streaming a live theatre show to KS1

Next Friday (Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day) we've booked tickets to watch a live streamed performance of the Gruffalo by the theatre company Tall Stories. KS1 classes will have the performance streamed directly into their bubble and they will get the opportunity to make comments that appear on the screen. There's no charge but children may bring in a little theatre-style bag of sweets/snacks. No nuts though! We'll supply the popcorn.

KS2 Christmas Poetry Presentations

Will be uploaded on Tuesday December 15th

Christmas Dinner at Holland Moor

Wednesday December 16th Menu to follow! (this year including Christmas sausages).

Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Presentations

Will be uploaded on Thursday December 17th

Wishing everyone a great rest of the weekend. Mike Beale 05/12/2020