

# Higham Lane North Academy NEWSLETTER



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## A time for joy!

This week our assembly began with a focus on what this time of year often means for families and that amongst all the joy can come pressure in different ways. We spoke about the importance of spreading joy at school which linked very well with our first-ever Christmas Fayre which took place on Wednesday! We are all so proud of the students who ran their stalls with beady entrepreneurialism! They generated ideas for the stalls and games themselves, and we are also grateful to our House Champions who supported them so well with their time and commitment too. We were delighted to see so many of you and your families support the event, and we hope you agree that this was a lovely way of all coming together as a school community. We will let you know how much money was raised and students will be asked over the coming weeks how we can put the funds to good use for them!



## Christmas Raffle!

If you would still like to buy a ticket for our amazing raffle, you can buy a ticket via your child, either £1 per ticket, or £5 for a strip of tickets. We have some beautiful hampers full of tasty treats and drinks, gourmet ice-cream tubs from Noel's of Warwickshire, a free boiler service, courtesy of BF Plumbing & Heating, and a £20 garden centre gift voucher for Gates Garden Centre.

## 12 Days of Christmas Attendance Challenge!

We understand that at this time of year we are all more susceptible to winter viruses. However, as we head into the final part of the term, we have begun an exciting challenge with rewards for students who achieve 100% attendance during the last 12 days of school! For every day of attendance, your child will be entered into a daily prize draw where there are prizes up for grabs! These range from goody bags, hot chocolates, an early lunch pass, 'sit with a friend in a lesson' pass and selection boxes to name a few! Students who achieve 100% attendance during the last 12 days of term will be rewarded with a treat on the very last day as well!

Thank you for supporting your child with their attendance - we all know that every day missed means 5 lessons' worth of learning that they need to catch up on. In turn, this can often lead them to feel even more anxious about their return to school. Please remember to send them in with tissues if they are feeling under the weather, and you can bring medication, such as paracetamol to the school office if you would like them to take this to manage pain relief. Please be reassured that any child who is ill is seen by either Miss Charles, Miss Rounce or myself and we make a decision about whether to ask you to collect from school if we feel that they are too unwell to remain in school.

## Christmas Carol Service – Tuesday 6.30pm at St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

We are delighted to be taking part in the Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday evening. Students from our Orchestra and Choir will be joining Higham Lane School to perform in the carol service as we celebrate what this time of year means. Families are welcome to join us in what will be a delightful and heartwarming event.



## Christmas Spectacular! Wednesday 17th December 6pm

We are very excited for our first-ever Performance Arts evening where students in music, dance and drama will be performing! We will also be showcasing students Art work in our first-ever HLNA Art gallery! Tickets will be available next week, £3 for adults and £2 for OAPs and children which includes festive refreshments! We hope you can make it as we celebrate your children's achievements in the Arts, and once again come together as a school community to celebrate this time of year!

### Our North Stars shine brightly! Please share your child's achievements with us!

We are delighted that so far, every child at HLNA has attended a co-curricular club and taken part in our North Star guarantee and we will be sharing more about each club over the coming weeks. However, we would also like to share what our North Stars do outside of school! If you are happy for your child's interest and achievements to be shared as part of our end-of-term assemblies, our newsletter and on social media, please send us a photo with key information regarding their achievements and we will share their success with our community! We can't wait to read these!

### Tips for using ParentPay and purchasing food:



- On the App, you can view a daily breakdown of what your child is purchasing. It may be helpful to discuss with your child the type of balanced lunch you would like them to choose.
- Students are welcome to bring their own water bottle, and we encourage them to do so. Therefore purchasing drinks from the canteen is not necessary at all. This will save you a good deal of money, particularly when we have water fountains that they can fill their bottle up with!
- To help keep costs down, you may wish to encourage your child to buy food at either break or lunch, rather than at both times. There is only 1 hour between break and lunch!
- Students are very welcome to bring their own food from home, whether a packed lunch or items in a warm flask. Many of our students choose to do this, as do our staff!
- If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, the meal deal is worth £2.65. If your child spends more than this (they shouldn't need to), this is not covered and you will need to top-up the account to pay for any further items beyond the £2.65.

## We are pleased to invite you to our next SLT coffee and chat which takes place at school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.45pm – 4.45pm. (Please arrive via main Reception).

We will be sharing details of the following:

- How to support your child to be successful in English – Ms Riley, Curriculum Leader for English
- Year 7 assessments: feedback in class and reporting to parents – Mrs Robinson

We fully understand that you may not be able to join us due to other commitments, and we will aim to schedule these meetings on different days and at different times over the course of the year. All resources from the session will be made available to you all via email. I will also provide a further voiceover presentation regarding assessments and the first set of Year 7 reports which will be issued in January so that you have a full understanding of what to expect.

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

## So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?

To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: [freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call 01926 359189



## Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm)



## Maintaining Regulation Over The Festive Season

Click for more information



## DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December – SLT Coffee and Chat 3.45pm Agenda to follow

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton 6.30pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December evening – Trip to The Nutcracker Ballet, Rugby

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Staff and pupils Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December PM – Christmas rewards: Pantomime at Bedworth Civic Hall/Christmas activities in school

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – HLNA's Christmas Spectacular 6.00pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Staff and Pupils Karaoke/HLNA's Got Talent!

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term. More details to follow.



### **NEW** referral route for our children and young people's social groups

Groups are safe spaces for 7-18 year olds to connect with others, talk about different topics, and take part in activities without the need to mask.



Scan the QR for more details and to refer.

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## On a personal note,

We are looking forward to the remaining two weeks of our very first term at HLNA where students will begin to receive feedback from completed assessments. Alongside this, we will continue to celebrate this time of year whilst remaining focused on our learning. Thank you as always for your continued support. Have a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes,

Kirstie Robinson.

Headteacher  
Higham Lane North Academy.