



# Harestanes Primary Newsletter

## NOVEMBER 2023



Dear Parent / Carer,

This has been a very quick term indeed and now we find ourselves hurtling towards Christmas! I have attached '**December at a Glance 2023**' which I hope you find helpful.

It was great to meet and speak with so many of you at our **recent Parent's Night** which I hope you found very useful. We strive to work in partnership with our parents to ensure that our children are **supported in their learning**.



**COUNT ME IN** We have also been very fortunate to welcome the team from '**Count Me In**' to school to work with parents and children in supporting both the development of and confidence in **maths**. We are currently hosting a '**Christmas Cooking Club**' which is focussed on using maths in a **real life context**. Much fun is being had by all. Keep a lookout for more opportunities to develop skills with the time in 2024!

Mrs McGregor has been leading our quest to become a **Reading School at Silver Level** and so we have had many after school events **and library sessions for children at lunchtimes** to help foster **a lifelong love** of reading! We recently found out that our bid for a grant to enhance our library had been awarded and so we have **£500 to spend!** Our pupil Reading Leaders have lots of ideas. Here is part of the lovely feedback on our application....



***"Your application really stood out for its focus on inclusive reading materials, and the amazing proactive effort you have already put into refresh and update your library stock! We really hope this funding supports you to build further on your fantastic work, and fill up some of those empty shelves with some new stock that meets the creative range of interests and authors your Reading Leadership Group highlighted."***

It is always great when we can share great learning with others! This month **P7** led their '**Sharing the Learning**' **Assembly** with a great presentation on Fireworks and Guy Fawkes followed by a great display of learning from **P6** who took us back to WW2 explaining about rationing and evacuation. **Our Health Committee** also led an Assembly where we were all shocked by the number of spoonfuls of sugar in a packet of Haribo!



November has been an exciting time in the ELR and children have been taking part in lots of different activities including Reading Week, Beat Buddies, Y Dance and even some Tae Kwon Do during the 'Day with a Difference'. Children have also been preparing for the school Christmas Fayre, making arts and crafts to sell.

## HEAD LICE ALERT

I have been contacted by several parents to inform me that their child **has head lice**. We do not take any action in school regarding this but instead ask that parents check their **child's head regularly**. If you require any further information, **please contact your local pharmacy**

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Sponsored Zumbathon! We **raised just over £1200**. The children had a great time and it was great exercise too!



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As a school we rely on the funding raised by our **fantastic PTA**. We use this money at Christmas, to buy ingredients for cooking in our Cooking Kitchen and for subsidising trips to give just a few examples. **The funding also allows us to purchase items to enhance the learning experience of all our children.**

Sadly, the number of parents able to support and help with fundraising is dwindling. **Can you help?** Our annual **Christmas Fayre is coming up on 7<sup>th</sup> December**. If you can get involved in any way to help please contact our school office.



Finally, please find dates attached for our December programme in school. If anything changes, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible.

*Best Regards,*

*Ms. Jackie Gillespie  
Head Teacher*