



Forty Farms

Classes Three and Four had a brilliant time at the Rheged Centre in Penrith on Monday. The classes visited Amy Bateman's Forty Farms exhibition. Through exploring a range of amazing photographs the pupils learnt about the important role farming plays across Cumbria and the challenges faced by farmers.

As a Christmas treat in the afternoon the pupils watched Elf in Rheged's cinema!





Climbing Club

It has been amazing seeing the progress our Class Four pupils are making at climbing club. The pupils are gaining in confidence week after week. This week the pupils all correctly fastened up their own harnesses, used auto belays for the first time and climbed the 12 metre wall in the main hall!

We will be offering the extra-curricular club to Class Four pupils again after February half term.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention from members of our local community that some of our parents are using private driveways to turn round at drop off and pick up times. I understand that parking around school is incredibly difficult but please ensure that you are respecting the residents of the village.

Running Club

It is brilliant to start the school day running with so many of our pupils at running club, some mornings nearly 20 pupils join me on the playground! To accommodate this number of pupils, **running club will now start at 8.35am**. We will run on the playground for 15 minutes then go into school.

Christmas Books

Christmas has definitely arrived at Old Hutton this week! All the classrooms are looking extremely festive and the pupils are busy preparing for the nativity performance and Alice in Wonderland. To add to the festivities, the PTA have very kindly purchased each class a range of new quality Christmas themed books.



Play Rehearsals

On Wednesday 7th December and Thursday 8th December the pupils in Class Three and Four will be rehearsing for Alice in Wonderland at New Hutton Village Hall. Pupils in Class Three and Four will need to be dropped off at New Hutton Village Hall at 9am and collected from the hall at 3.10pm. Please refer to yesterday's email for further details.

Thanks for your continued support

Nick

Key Dates

Event	Date
Alice in Wonderland – Class Three/Four Production at 6pm	Thursday 8 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 th December
Nativity Performance – Class One/Two at 2pm	Tuesday 13 th December
Carol Service at 1pm in church	Tuesday 20 th December
End of the Autumn Term 2pm (No ASC or extra-curricular clubs)	Tuesday 20 th December
Start of the Spring Term	Wednesday 4 th January 2023

PTA notes Friday 2nd December

Upcoming Christmas Events + Fund-Raisers

Raffle Tickets:

A great way to support the school via the PTA is to keep selling raffle tickets. Bring cash and completed stubbs to school. A PTA member will be collecting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at drop off. We have extra tickets if your sales are going well collect more from us! We will also sell tickets at the Play evening pre the draw.

Santa Sacks:

You can still order personalised Santa Sacks through the merchandise provider, up to 2nd December. Here's the link to the santa sack shop.

https://sforders.co.uk/1afZlAwfx

Raffle and Refreshments at Alice in Wonderland Musical, 8th December, 6pm:

Can anyone help provide cakes for the refreshments at the school play on Thursday 8th December? The play is Alice in Wonderland so we would love to theme our refreshments to tie in! Can you donate any of the following:

- Fondant fancies
- Jammy dodgers
- Fairy cakes
- Party rings
- Macaroons
- Scones with jam and cream
- Anything you think would fit really!

If you are able to help, please bring all items to school on the morning of Thursday 8th.

Children's Christmas party 19th December:

In a new party format this year the PTA have booked a children's entertainer for the afternoon of 19th December. - We will need 2 parent helpers for the afternoon from 1pm to 3.20

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Transport for 'Sleeping Beauty' 6th December

The PTA is providing the cost of £625.00 for the transport for this trip.

Roles to apply for in PTA: Secretary and Treasurer

Long serving members of the PTA Alice Benson (secretary) and Cat Brown (Treasurer) are stepping down from office though staying in the PTA committee. If you are interested in helping by taking or sharing one of these roles please come and discuss with us if you are interested. We have some great plans and ideas this year. We are keen to use new ideas as well as tried and tested offerings.

Parent helpers: JUST ONE THING

Parent helpers: Please see if you can choose 'JUST ONE THING' from the schedule above to help us at. Parent helper numbers are in addition to core PTA members who will be leading events.

Contact the PTA: oldhuttonpta@gmail.com

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School Application deadlines

Nursery applications for 2023

April 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 13 January 2023 September 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2023 January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

Reception applications for 2023

September 2023 closing date for applications - 15 January 2023

School Year dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

Wednesday 7th September – Tuesday 20th December Half Term Holiday: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Spring Term 2023

Staff training day Tuesday 3rd January Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March **Half Term Holiday:** Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April – Wednesday 19th July Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May **Half Term Holiday:** Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June