

Choir at the Market:

Our brand new Choir were given the opportunity to send representatives from Y5/6 to sing at the Liverpool Christmas Market alongside St George's Hall. This was another special and landmark moment for Northway. We travelled by mini-bus which allowed the children and ukulele players to warm up, before taking our position to sing.

We gather quite an audience and one performance was Tweeted by Liverpool City Council.

Thank you Mrs Hogan and Miss Galvin for training the choir and being so enthusiastic to take the children to perform.



Winter HAF activities: The Winter HAF programme starts on the 23rd December and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays.

Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the winter break including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, trampolining, football, music, dance, Christmas parties, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, trips out, yoga, circus skills and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme is please click on this link - <http://www.merseyplay.com/find-your-nearest-haf-holiday-activities-food-provider/> or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the **Winter HAF link**.

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager

Winter Fuel vouchers: Here is the link to the PayPoint website for a store locator that can be used to enter a postcode: <https://consumer.paypoint.com/>

Where shops who are designated sites refuse to cash vouchers, families can select other options or can visit larger retailers in the area – supermarkets for example. PayPoint have notified their retailers and they should have enough cash in their floats to accommodate demand.

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Notes from the Headteacher's Study



A real Bonanza...

It was so **wonderful being together** on the playground yesterday. Holding the event outdoors (with full natural ventilation!) allowed the Northway Christmas Spirit to be at full level. The children were amazing – even more so remembering they haven't performed since before the pandemic.

I want to thank you as parents and friends of Northway for making the atmosphere yesterday. It was a true showcase where the children not only sparkled, but shone too!

Ant and Dec, our new four legged friends were so well behaved! It was very clear they both enjoyed the constant attention, which was a definite good thing! They were very popular! Mr Newton, Ant and Dec were a great find and an amazing addition to our Christmas Bonanza. I'm already planning in my mind 'who' to invite for next year!

Next week is Mrs Atkin's final week with us. It was so sad having to announce this news but at the same time, we want to wish her every blessing with her future. Mrs Atkin will always have a strong link with Northway, so it is only a quiet goodbye!

Mr Hargreaves
HEADTEACHER

Nativity: Our Nativities are all now recorded and going through the final the editing phase. It was wonderful to see the children work together to act and sing. I am sure you will love watching your download together. Get your mug of hot chocolate ready and the sofa sorted to watch your superstar in their latest release! **An announcement will be made when they are available.**

Final dates for this week:

Monday 20 th December	Christmas Maths and Writing Mornings Children's Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper Day Class Christmas Parties
Wednesday 22 nd December	School Christmas Around The Tree (~10am) 1.30pm School Closes for Christmas

Christmas Dinner:

Children have the opportunity to partake in **Jobin's Christmas Dinner** on Monday 20th December. If you would like to book lunch, please use Parent App. Payment (for Y3-Y6 who are not Free School Meals) can be made using Parent Pay. On Parent App, parents can opt for Halal, Meat or Vegetarian.

PTFA Raffle / Discos:

The prizes seemed to go on forever! This was due to the generosity of members of the community in donating. It was lovely to see a mix of 'things' and experiences. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the Raffle and also for planning the KS2 Discos, which we are all looking forward to this afternoon.

Owen McVeigh: <https://www.owenmcveighfoundation.co.uk/>

The Owen McVeigh Foundation is such a special organisation. It was created following a personal family tragedy to bring hope and happiness to others. Their motto is: **creating magical memories**. Year 6 decided to select the Owen McVeigh charity to use as part of their lessons and asked to raise money to support the charity. Last Friday was such a fantastic day, where children took part in lots of activities, which resulted in a whole school flash-mob' dance...all initiated by Year 6!

The amazing news after all Year 6's hard work...**they raised £600!** Wow! **Thank you!**

Mr and Mrs McVeigh came into Northway last Tuesday to collect the donations and spoke with the children. **A-Ma-Zing!**

Key dates: Spring Term

Thursday 20 th January 2022	Happy New Year!
Thursday 27 th January 2022	Class 4 McCartney Class Assembly
Thursday 3 rd February 2022	Coffee and Chat Café (9am-9.40am)
w/b 14 th February 2022	Class 2 Churchill Class Assembly
Thursday 17 th February 2022	Parents' Evening (School Cloud or Face to Face)
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Coffee and Chat Café (9am-9.40am)
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Class 1 Sharman Class Assembly
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Class 4 Lennon Class Assembly
w/b 28 th March	Coffee and Chat Café (9am-9.40am)
w/b 4 th April	Assessment Week
Thursday 7 th April 2022	Experience Easter
	Class 1 Morris Class Assembly

Face coverings:

As we approach the Christmas break, the guidance from Public Health Liverpool to wear face coverings when visiting school is all the more important. This will help you as a family to mitigate against the risk of Covid for Christmas. We appreciate your support in the coming days and weeks.



What to bring to school:

Children come prepared for school each day in full uniform, their iPad and maybe a lunchbox. Sometimes children try to bring in 'extra' things that may not be helpful for their day. Could parents please check that items coming in to school...are meant to be brought in and not something that is being sneaked in! Thank you.

Last day:

A quick reminder that School closes at **1.30pm** on Wednesday 22nd December. Cloakrooms will be emptied and PE Kits sent home to be washed ready for the Spring Term. School will then be cleaned thoroughly.