



*Trust*  
*Forgiveness*



*Hope*  
*Justice*



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



## OUTSTANDING

### We are an OUTSTANDING Church of England Primary School

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we received a visit from an Inspector from the Diocese of Manchester Church Schools' who came to inspect our distinctiveness as a Church of England school, under the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS).

I am thrilled to tell you the outcome was a grading of Outstanding and the report is now available on our website for you to read. When reading the report, you will see the important role both your child and you as parents play in contributing to the judgement of 'Outstanding'.

Everyone in the school has worked very hard over the last 3 years to make HKSJ distinctively a CE school but at the same time celebrating all faiths and religions and ensuring the children learn about core Christian values that are values for life regardless of faith or religion. We firmly believe these are the values our children need for life in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Britain.

A big thank you to those parents who spoke to the inspector. She was impressed by everything you said, how positively you spoke about the school and the difference the HKSJ family has made to your child's education.

*Mrs Rhodes, the Inspector, reflected that...*

*'Distinctively Christian values have been re-established and embedded as the foundation for all aspects of life at Hurst Knoll St James' school. Christian values of trust, hope, forgiveness and justice are the principles on which teaching and learning, behaviour and relationships are based.'*

*'Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development is given high priority across the curriculum. It is emphasised in religious education (RE) and collective worship but opportunities for development are also identified across the whole curriculum. Pupils engage in a wide variety of exciting and inspirational activities both in the classroom and beyond.'*

[http://www.hurstknollschoo.org.uk/files/files/SIAMS\\_report\\_Hurst\\_Knoll\\_St\\_James\\_Nov\\_2016.pdf](http://www.hurstknollschoo.org.uk/files/files/SIAMS_report_Hurst_Knoll_St_James_Nov_2016.pdf)



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### 'Family Time'



Sharing and Caring in the HKSJ Family

### Family Time

Our class family time continues this week. All parents and family members are welcome to come and see the learning your child is involved in. The timetable is as follows:

Year 6	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Writing
Nursery	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Maths
Year 2	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	2.15pm	Topic

Christmas craft with Mrs Browe, takes place for KS2 parents on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm.

SEND family time, led by Mrs Smith, has already been a success this half term with gardening and baking. Events still to take place are as follows:

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	2.30pm	Board Games
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	Playdough

### Breakfast Club

Another reminder that breakfast club now opens from 7.30am. The cost for your child to attend from 7.30am is £2, or £1 from 8am. Mrs Browe will be entertaining the children with games, colouring, dvd's etc. until the breakfast is served from 8am and is included in the price.



### Parent Governor Vacancy

We still have a Parent Governor vacancy. If any parents out there are interested in joining or would like to find out more information then please let me or the school office know of your interest.

### School Events this Term

We have a number of events and experiences for the children to participate in this term:

- **For Family Time events, see the separate section on the newsletter**
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Parliament Education Service KS2 assembly and workshops
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30 (Parents/family welcome)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Reception Nativity 9.30 (Parents/family welcome)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Carols 2.30 (Parents/family welcome)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Nursery Carols/Nativity Story 11.30 (Parents/family welcome)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Service led by Year 4 St James Church 2.00 (Parents/family welcome)
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party Day
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December End of term

### And Finally.....

We appreciate that it can be inconvenient on occasions when your child is on a school trip and the coach arrives back at school later than planned due to traffic issues that are out of our control. However, the teachers have a job to ensure your child is safe and this involves getting them off the coach and back into the school building to ensure everyone is accounted for. Can you please respect this protocol and understand the reason for our decision.

Thank you for your support,  
Paul Anderson  
Headteacher