

# News from the Early Years- December 2022

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**REMEMBER...**Early Years visit to Little Angel  
Theatre- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

## Voluntary Contributions

This money is used to buy consumables in the early years and we rely heavily upon this donation. **Please bring your £5 contribution into school.**



This festive break...think of those who are living on the streets. Donate to **Crisis** and stand with someone facing homelessness



## THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE'S

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP  
EVERY MONDAY 9.30AM - 10.30AM  
AT HOLMLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP  
OR

SEND US AN EMAIL:  
[FAMILYCOACH@HACKNEY.GOV.UK](mailto:FAMILYCOACH@HACKNEY.GOV.UK)

## THE FAMILY COACHING SERVICE

Hackney Education's Family Coaching Service is setting up a hub at Holmleigh Primary School. This service is part of the SEND team, aiming to be a connection between family home life, school and the community and provide coaching and mentoring opportunities:

- To support families to identify and talk about difficulties they are currently facing and then find a way forward in their journey.
- To actively listen to families and identify possible workshop opportunities within communities.
- To provide a non-judgemental and confidential space for families.

If you are interested in accessing this support please send an email to

[FAMILYCOACH@HACKNEY.GOV.UK](mailto:FAMILYCOACH@HACKNEY.GOV.UK)

## Nursery Class

Wowza! what a busy half term we have had with meeting Max and Stacey from the Hackney safer travels team and exploring scooter safety alongside, creating a special book and...making stars on a hoop in preparation for the winter fair! We have explored the concept of heavy and light using weights and scales. There has been so much going on but all great. Here are some photographs which show the significant learning that has been happening.



What  
have we  
been  
learning



## Reception Class

Reception class have been extremely busy little cavers this month! We have been making our own torch hats to use in our wonderful cave alongside using torches and other useful things needed to explore the cave. We have had discussions about the types of things we might find in a cave and how it might feel to be in a real cave. We have also been learning through our focus stories '**The Cave**' and '**We're going on a Bear Hunt**'. We have decorated stars for the hall display and made decorations and calendars to sell at our Winter Fair!

In maths we have been learning to subitise up to 5 and we have also been playing games and working through scenarios of addition and subtraction.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the football sessions with coach Zee. They have been learning new skills and listening well to the instructions given by the coach!

## Important dates for the diary

Event	Date	Parent support at home
<b>ABCD</b> -Alone Behind Closed Doors	Wednesday 7th December Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Letter to follow. Please send in a £1 contribution so we can all help to raise our £100 target!
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Send your child into school in their favourite Christmas jumper! Pay £1 supports children and families
Christmas performance	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>There will be 2 shows on this day at 2pm and 4.30pm. You will need to buy a ticket to attend from THE SCHOOL OFFICE.</p> <p>In the early years we will be mice and hens. We are asking parent/carers to dress their child on the day with the following:</p> <p>Nursery Children-<b>Mice</b>- black or grey (no patterns or print)</p> <p>Reception children- <b>Hens</b>-black or brown (no patterns or print)</p> <p>All children will stay in school until after the 4.30 show. They will need to be collected at 5.45ish. Please send your child in with some healthy snacks which they will enjoy in between the shows whilst watching a film.</p> <p>Children have to be collected promptly on time. <b>If you are watching the 4.30pm show you must collect your child as soon as it finishes.</b></p>
Little Angel Theatre- Nursery and Reception class only <b>CANCELLED</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	<p>Please note this has been cancelled due to the strep A cases in the early years AND BEING IN A PUBLIC PLACE. The theatre has said the tickets are not refundable so we will have to reschedule for another date in the academic year. We will send a letter with a new date.</p> <p>Letter to follow</p>
Whole school disco and Christmas party		
Last day of term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Bring a toy to school
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January- no school INSET</b> <b>Children return Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>		

# Holiday activities and food programme

## **Schools holidays December 2022**

During the school holidays in December 2022, the London Borough of Hackney will be teaming up with a number of schools, sports activity providers and community services to offer a wide range of exciting activities and a daily healthy free meal as part of the government funded Holiday Activities and Food programme. There will be sports activities, arts and drama, mentoring, healthy eating and nutrition sessions, food provision and much more set out across various locations across the borough.

These activities should be inclusive for all eligible children and young people (aged 5-18), including those with special educational needs or disabilities. However, some activities may not be suitable for all children. Please discuss any needs with the provider before booking a place, so providers can ensure these are understood and supported or that reasonable adjustments are put in place.

**The scheme is free for those in receipt of free school meals**

To request a detailed schedule of events, please contact each location directly.

### Participating schools

Benthal School, N16 7AU [office@benthal.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:office@benthal.hackney.sch.uk)  
020 8985 9310

Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre, 20 Halcomb St, N1 5RF [admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk)  
020 7749 9850

Daubeney Primary School Daubeney Rd, E5 0EG [daubeney.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:daubeney.hackney.sch.uk)  
[admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk) 020 8985 4380

Harrington Hill School Mount Pleasant Lane, E5 9JG [harringtonhill.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:harringtonhill.hackney.sch.uk)  
[admin@harringtonhill.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@harringtonhill.hackney.sch.uk)  
020 8806 7275

Sir Thomas Abney Primary School Fairholt Rd, N16 5ED [sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk)  
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