

# Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January

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Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – R/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming – R/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – R/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4

#### Welcome!

We are delighted to have been joined this term by Beau, Finn, Liberty, Harry and Alice. It is fantastic to have you and your families as part of the Hopelands Community. We wish you all the best for your time here.

#### In this week:

- Christingle
- Swimming
- Primary Maths Challenge
- Primary Engineering Challenge

#### Lost Items (all labelled):

Joseph Dunn – tracksuit top



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### Christingle

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christingle service. It was a lovely way to finish the term and begin the Christmas holidays. We are delighted to say that an amazing £260.74 was raised for The Children's Society, your support and generosity is hugely appreciated, thank you.



## **Swimming**

Swimming starts next Tuesday for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Pupils who wish to travel to Dursley Pool on the school coach must be here by 8.15am. As the school building will be locked please could we ask that all belongings that do not need to be taken to the pool (i.e. everything that isn't swimming related) is left on the veranda of the outdoor classroom (the little building that's behind the Sophie Hall). Those children who are being driven straight to the pool should be there by 8.50am. All children will return to school on the coach.

If a pupil arrives at school too late to catch the coach parents must either, make personal provisions to take their child(ren) to the pool or must take them home and return to school at 11am.





## **Primary Maths Challenge**

The Primary Mathematics Challenge is a fun and exciting mathematical Challenge aimed at pupils in Years 5 and 6. Taking part encourages enthusiasm, boosts confidence in mathematics and shows the different way questions can be asked. It has been designed to make pupils think outside the box and questions can be solved by logical reasoning.

The Challenge took place during November and the results we have received have been truly fantastic. Eight children received certificates for excellent work and 4 children have qualified for the next round. Well done to everyone who took part and good luck to the 4 going through to the next stage.



#### **Primary Engineering Challenge**

Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Engineering Challenge last year. As this was a great success we would like the whole school to take part this year, from Reception through to Year 6.

We were incredibly fortunate last time to have the valuable support of Mr Jones (Amy & Eoghan's Dad) and Mrs Middlemiss (Beatrix's mum) who came in to talk about engineering. The children found this both interesting and insightful. We would like to be able to do this again to the whole school and so if there are any parents or family members who are involved in engineering and would like to come and talk to the children about the role they do, and the different aspects they enjoy, can you please let Mrs Boix or the office know. Thank you for your support with this.

