



Houghton Kepier Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Christmas holiday is fast approaching and I would like to update you on events over this term and give you some information about end of term arrangements.

On the last day of term (Friday 18 December) there will be a shortened lessons and lunch break. The end of term assembly will take place as usual on the final afternoon, when we will be giving out prizes for learners who have worked hard throughout the term. School will close at the end of this assembly, probably at around 2.15pm. **Please note that school will re-open on Monday 4th January.**

The Governing Body have written to the Local Authority to appeal against the decision to refuse the sixth form proposals. This now goes to an independent adjudicator who will review the proposals and make a final decision.

Our school choir and band have been busy in recent weeks; performing a Christmas concert for friends and family and visiting two local residential homes to perform Christmas songs and carols; thank you Mr Hall and Miss Hickey for your hard work in organising these events.

During this week each year group held a Christmas concert in school and the band and choir helped make these occasions very festive and enjoyable. This year we held an event to celebrate the heroes of our community; learners prepared Christmas gift bags and nominated almost 50 people for their contribution in the local area. The event was a great success; thank you to Mrs Osborne and all the staff and learners who took part.

As a school we occasionally photograph learners carrying out a range of activities during the course of the school year. This helps us to promote and celebrate the good work that goes on at Houghton Kepier Sports College. Photographs could be used within the school, published as part of a promotional brochure ie the prospectus or published in the local press. If you do not wish to have your child photographed please write to your child's Year Leader expressing your wishes.

Just a reminder that school will close for spring half term on Friday 12 February and will re-open Monday 22 February. There will be an inset day on Thursday 1 April; learners will not be in school on this day.

I hope that you and your family enjoy a peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing all our learners back on Monday 4 January 2010 at 8.30am.

Yours sincerely

Sue Hyland
Headteacher