

Hartington C of E Primary School News – December 2015

THANK YOU! To all who attended the nativity play followed by Pea and Pie Supper on Thursday 10th December – **over £1000** was raised for school resources! Find out more on page 2....

Hartington watch stands the test of time



A Leicestershire woman visited Hartington to show pupils and staff a wrist watch that was given to her mother-in-law for good school attendance more than a century ago.

Pauline Fitchett, 72, was enjoying a week's holiday in Derbyshire with her friend when she contacted the school.

The watch was given to Pauline's mother-in-law, Susanna Flower more than 100 years ago and is inscribed with "Susie Flower, 10 years regular attendance, Hartington School."

Pauline also showed an Ashbourne News article about Susanna and her siblings, John and Nellie's significant school record.



Pauline said: "We had a lovely time and were made to feel very welcome when we visited the school in September to meet and chat to the children and teachers. We had a tour of the school and took photographs; spoke to the pupils whilst they were busy working and then headed to the Village Hall for a look around. I think it is fitting that the school is set to celebrate its 150th anniversary next year so I thought the watch and newspaper article would be very well received."

To read more about Pauline's visit and see photographs, see:

www.hartington.derbyshire.sch.uk

Pupils read story of Hartington Great War soldier

Pupils have been looking at extracts from a Hartington soldier's World War One diaries and letters as part of their curriculum.

Fred Birch was awarded the Military Medal for bravery during the First World War.



Fred's granddaughter-in-law, Lesley Birch, collated his memoirs and the letters he sent home during the war into the book. It was launched at the village's Remembrance Service in November.

Children used the journal to write their own thoughts on what life would have been like during the Great War

To order a copy of Fred's memoirs call Lesley on 01298 845 32.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Fri 18 Dec	Christmas Community Lunch with carols School closes for Christmas
Mon 4 Jan	School reopens after Christmas period
Fri 8 Jan	Matlock Area Schools Trust (MAST) assembly
Thu 21 Jan	Governor meeting from 7pm
Fri 29 Jan	First Community Lunch of the New Year
Fri 5 Feb	School closes for Half Term
Mon 15 Feb	Inset day – school reopens Tue 16 Feb



Above: Some of the children and staff dressed up for Children In Need day

Anti-Bullying Week and Children In Need

Pupils learnt more about bullying and the impact that it may have on people's lives during Anti-Bullying Week in November.

Ellie added: "I thought it was a good idea to talk about bullying so that bullies would realise what they were doing was wrong. Also the people that are getting bullied would have the courage to talk to an adult or trusted friend who could sort it out."

A week earlier, the children commemorated Children In Need on Friday 13 November by dressing as their favourite sports stars including footballers, dancers and horse riders. They each paid £1 to be donated to the cause.

It's a small world... In Hartington

Children worked to create displays to coincide with the village's Christmas tree exhibition this year.

They painted pictures of children wearing traditional outfits from countries including Spain, Iceland, Russia, North Korea, Germany, Ukraine and Scotland, alongside portraits of themselves

The children spent time researching different areas of the world and the beliefs and customs of people who lived there. They were inspired to paint their own pictures illustrating items like saris in India; fur and animal skins in the Polar Regions and skirts and jewellery in Africa.

Head Teacher, Tracy Blackwell said: "This activity has been a real eye-opener for children and they have learnt so much about the different cultures and the traditions of Christmas all over the world."



£1,700 Christmas boost for school

We would like to thank local residents for coming together and raising over £1,700 for school provisions during special Christmas events.

Pupils showcased their nativity play 'Straw and Order' on Thursday 10 December before the congregation, parents, carers and residents enjoyed a Pea and Pie Supper, organised by the PTFA.

Members of the PTFA would like to thank everyone who donated prizes to the raffle and tombolas and supported the evening.

A grandparent of one of the pupils said: "I can't believe for such a small school how busy the event was – this school really is the heart of the community."

More than £1,243 was raised, in addition to £480 raised at the annual Christmas market on Wednesday 4 November.



Our brand new website is coming along nicely and we invite you all to head online and have a look. Here you will find up-to-date news, calendar events, information and details about the school including Special Educational Needs and Disability Provision and our uniform policy. If there is anything you think should be added to the site to make it more informative, we'd be glad to hear from you! Visit www.hartington.derbyshire.sch.uk

Everyone at Hartington C of E Primary School - including pupils, staff, governors and members of the PTFA - would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2016!