



What a week! We have moved our Fire Practice three times this week as we couldn't interrupt something. However, on Friday we were successful and practiced emptying the main building at speed. Well done everyone! We were then treated to Art Mock exams, family contact evenings and the performance of the Nativity with Wise Men, cockerels, sheep, and all. Thank you, Miss Du Toit, Mrs Dreyer and Mr Tutton.

Thank you Year 8 for serving mince pies at the Nativity and I am glad that we finally found the containers for the mulled wine! We interviewed several prospective staff this week and are seeing more next week. Thursday was PSHE Drop Down Day where we took Sound Baths, discussed the power of meditation and centering, did Yoga, took part in debate, discussed appropriate use of language and tackled a few PSHE topics. We were treated to a magician kindly provided by one of our student's parents as it was his birthday. Jugglers and acrobats joined in, and we all enjoyed individual cupcakes and drinks. Thank you to this lovely family as all the students had a wonderful time.

The Juniors had Movie Night on Thursday and Friday and watched the Magician's Elephant. This loosely fitted in with our Elephant theme for Harmony and followed on seamlessly from the event at the Village Hall.

Tonight the older students have been invited to a 'scary night' to watch 'Krampus'.

On Tuesday staff and students have been invited to watch our pantomime in the Village Hall – oh yes, we will! The seniors will attend a festive workshop and there will be Christmas lunch on Wednesday followed by a short Christmas concert. School will finish at approximately 3.30pm on Wednesday. There should be no need to re arrange taxis; if you are coming to the Christmas Concert and we hope you do, you might want to take your child home with you. If this is the case I would be grateful if you could let the relevant taxi company know.

Miss Victoria Smit  
Principal  
Hurst Lodge School

## Reminders

Monday 11 December  
Y11 and 6th Form Movie  
Night

Wednesday 13 December  
Christmas Jumper  
Day  
Christmas Lunch

Christmas Carol  
Concert 2.30 - 3.30

Last Day of Term  
Normal pick-up time







## Born in a Barn

All the Junior classes took part in a fabulous production of 'Born in a Barn' this week. It is a modern version of the Nativity Story and was a snappy and humorous production, whilst remaining true to the original story. The children performed beautifully! A big thank you to all the staff for all their hard work and for all the parents for attending!

## First Aid Rucksack



We were delighted to receive a free First Aid Rucksack from Field Training Services who are supporting local education and schools. The rucksack was sponsored by [Tina@glassbytina.design](mailto:Tina@glassbytina.design) who runs bespoke glass design classes for schools and individuals. If any parents need to book first aid training and it is booked with [debbie@fieldtrainingservices.co.uk](mailto:debbie@fieldtrainingservices.co.uk) The school will benefit through donations of gifts from Field Training Services. Just mention us when you book.

## Cranberry Meringue Pie



In Cookery the students made delicious cranberry curd meringue pies. If you would like the recipe, please email Mrs Holloway and she will be happy to send it to you.  
[kholloway@hurstlodeschool.co.uk](mailto:kholloway@hurstlodeschool.co.uk)





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Drop Down Day



Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment and cakes in the Village Hall





Jaylen in Y12 made this wonderful wooden Christmas Tree under the supervision of Paul.



In English, Year 7 created presentations on The Green Man. The monster in our class novel, *A Monster Calls*, is an ancient creature based on the mythological figure of the Green Man, who is associated with the natural seasonal cycle of spring regrowth. This links well with our Harmony topic on Sacred Beliefs.







# Menu

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## **Monday 11th December**

Jacket potatoes, Salads and Sandwiches  
(VG) Lentil Dahl

## **Tuesday 12th December**

Chicken Katsu Curry  
or  
Vegan Katsu Curry

## **Wednesday 13th December**

Christmas Lunch



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### *Salad Bar*

Lettuce | Cucumber | Tomatoes | Potato Salad | Coleslaw | Beetroot  
| Tuna Pasta | Sweetcorn | 2 Composite Salads

### *Protein*

Sliced Gammon | Boiled Eggs | Mackerel | Tuna

### *Extras*

Yoghurts | Jellies | Fruit | Cheese & Crackers | Plain Pasta |  
Jacket Potatoes (with cheese & beans) | Selection of Sandwich  
fillings are available (including Jam, Cheese, Ham)