



# Wheatcroft Primary School



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## Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Art Competition

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that once again, we will be taking part in the annual Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Art competition. This year, in particular, we are encouraging children to think about the many things our armed forces do to support the nation, from defence to delivering food during the March lockdown and supporting the distribution of testing and medical materials during the pandemic. These pieces of art, which will be completed in school, will be delivered to serving personnel who are away from their families during the festive season to bring them some cheer.

Winning entries will receive a certificate and a 'Day of Adventure' at Northwood HQ; further information is available on the next page.

To allow us to enter your child's art into the competition, please complete the survey link below by 16<sup>th</sup> November latest.

<https://forms.gle/pGshsjmyGybbJoeh7>

Yours sincerely,

*The Key Stage 2 Team*



# Calling all Key Stage 2 pupils in Hertfordshire!

Hertfordshire Heroes is launching their annual Christmas Art Competition. This year, we invite students to share their artwork with armed forces personnel working away from their families at Christmas, while highlighting the many different roles of the military. Her Majesty's Armed Forces help us and our neighbours in many ways that we may not initially think about. From supporting towns and villages to recover from flooding to, in particular this year, staffing testing centres and helping with logistics of food parcel deliveries to those in need.

For the 2020 competition we want to pay special tribute to all the jobs that the military do by asking children to create artwork about them. **In the coming weeks we hope to be able to share real life stories from military personnel in Hertfordshire which will bring the competition to life.** Many armed forces personnel will be working away from their families at Christmas time in the UK and abroad and we know that seeing the children's artwork will help bring them some "Christmas Cheer".

## To enter the competition:

1. Children should draw a Christmas picture which incorporates how the military supports us all. Children will be able to learn more about this through the examples that will be provided in the coming weeks by Northwood HQ. Or you can view examples on the MOD website here.
2. As part of their artwork, children should include the phrase, **'Wishing our military heroes a Merry Christmas from (name of school)'**.
3. Teachers - please write (or ensure the student has legibly written) the name and age of the pupil, class and school on the back of the picture. Artwork must be returned to school to be sent on by the school to the appropriate address.

## Further Guidance

1. The competition is open to all Hertfordshire Key Stage 2 pupils.
2. The picture should follow the theme of this year's competition and should be no larger than A3. Please do not use glitter.
3. Unfortunately, pictures cannot be returned.
4. By entering the competition, you accept that the artwork will be published and otherwise used.
5. Please note that the judging and distribution of the artwork is dependent on the availability of staff at Northwood HQ and that the competition may be subject to change due to the nature of military operations.

## Winning entries

1. The 2020 competition will be judged by Northwood HQ - the UK's principal military headquarters – who then plan to distribute the art to armed forces personnel working away from home at Christmas.
2. Hertfordshire County Council will arrange with you for the winning child to receive a certificate in line with Government regulations for COVID-19 at the time. We hope to alert the winning school before the end of term on 18 December 2020.
3. Photos of the winning entries will be featured on [www.hertfordshireheroes.org](http://www.hertfordshireheroes.org).
4. We will seek permission to use photos of the winning artist on the web and in press releases.
5. The winning artist will win a "day of adventure" at Northwood HQ. This will be subject to Government guidance at the time. [Have a look at photos from a previous "day of adventure" here!](#)

Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant Board, promoted locally as Hertfordshire Heroes, works in partnership to deliver the Armed Forces Covenant locally. It brings together business, military organisations, charities, NHS and local authorities who work in partnership to ensure that no veteran faces a disadvantage when accessing public services, the Armed Forces community is honoured and celebrated for the sacrifices they have made, and the military and civilian communities are well integrated.

Northwood is a very important military base that makes decisions about joint and combined military operations involving the Navy, RAF and the Army worldwide and they have told us how much service personnel separated from their families at Christmas would appreciate receiving pictures from Hertfordshire children during the festive period. For any queries, please contact [Hertfordshire.Heroes@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Hertfordshire.Heroes@hertfordshire.gov.uk)  
This information is also located online at [www.hertfordshireheroes.org/christmasart](http://www.hertfordshireheroes.org/christmasart)