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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh my goodness - what a couple of weeks we've had! Last week was full of sports events and started with all the pupils in our Netball Club walking to St Anne's and once again having the opportunity to play training matches with their Year 4 and 5/6 pupils. The children from both schools are getting a huge amount from these sessions which we're planning to continue in the New Year. Thank you so much to St Anne's for being such fabulous hosts. On Tuesday our Year 3's walked to Highdown to participate in an Inter-School Tag Rugby Festival on Tuesday and three of the four Heights teams got into the semi-finals! The next day saw the Year 4's following in their footsteps (quite literally), to play in a Football Festival. They too gained a great deal from playing with and against children from other local schools. Thank you so much to Chris Ellison and his team from Performance Sports for organising.

I was unable to get to the last of the Winter Series Cross Country Competitions at Chiltern Edge on Saturday but was delighted to learn that Kit and Joe did, along with George and Paloma. Kit's finishing times in all 3 races this Autumn resulted in him coming 3rd in the Year 3 Boys category overall. What a fantastic result Kit - well done!

This week we have been **even** busier! We had our whole school Christmas Dinner on Tuesday with Crumbs and our amazing lunchtime staff. It was a delicious meal and wonderful to have everyone eating together. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to ensure it ran smoothly and was such a success! We raced up to St Andrew's Church (still with full tummies) after school to celebrate the first of our two KS1 Christmas Nativity productions. The children blew us away with their enthusiastic and confident performances after less than two weeks of practice. Many thanks to Reverend Jones for always welcoming us so warmly into our Parish Church and thanks to you all for our incredibly generous donations which raised £636 for Alana House. We're looking forward to the Year 3 and 4 Christmas Singalong at St Andrew's next week and our Reception children's Nativity at school.

Yesterday we took the whole school to our 6th Pantomime at The Hexagon (Oh yes we did!). It was quite a feat, organising the event and experience - but SO worth it! Reception and Year 1 travelled by coach whilst the rest of the school didn't bat an eyelid about the rain and walked there and back. We were soaked, but it was lovely as we all chatted about so many different things en-route. The Panto - Cinderella, was great fun, particularly since we were sitting in the Arena which meant we were squirted with water and slime and Mr Cook was singled out for some special attention from Nanny Cuddles. Thank you to the PTFA for funding the cost of the two coaches for our youngest children.



Today, we've been celebrating Christmas Jumper Day and wow, what an array of jumpers we've seen! I nearly blinded Jerry and our dog when I tried to see if the flashing lights worked on my Rudolf Jumper - oops! Sorry both of you!

Your Year 5's and 6's have been singing carols to residents of our local care homes. It has been really well received and this cross-generational experience has benefitted both the children and residents.

Key Stage 1 Assembly

It was lovely to hear the children sing some of the songs from their production in our Assembly and light our 3rd Advent Candle. We will be holding two, consecutive assemblies next Friday, on the last day of term as follows: Reception and KS1 at 9.15am and KS2 at 10.00am. We do hope that many of you will be able to join us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Reception Nativity - Dress Rehearsal at school | Tuesday 17 th December 9.30am |
| Year 5 (5RR) Christmas Songs at St Luke's | Tuesday 17 th December (am) |
| Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Singalong (Years 3 & 4) at St Andrew's Church | Tuesday 17 th December 6-7pm & Wednesday 18 th December 6-7pm |
| Reception Nativity - For Key Stage 1 and Grandparents at school | Wednesday 18 th December 9.30am |
| Reception Nativity - For Parents at school | Thursday 19 th December 9.30am |
| Assemblies | Friday 20 th December 9.15am (Reception & KS1) & Friday 20 th December 10.00am (KS2) |
| Last Day of Term | Friday 20 th December - School Finishes at 1.30pm |
| First Day of Term | Monday 6 th January 2020 |



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