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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers

## IN THE CLASSROOMS

All year-groups have started learning the songs for our Christmas production in December! We are feeling very festive already!

**Year One** have been thinking about Winter and carrying out experiments with items frozen into ice-blocks. They have used our outdoor area combined with their imaginations to create a winter-walk experience, and created some amazing adjectives when considering what they would

experience with each of their senses.

Maths has been all about subtraction this week, with a bit on 'odds and evens', too. They have also completed part one of their "Baked-Bean tin" assignment, which will be carried out in three stages over three weeks... more on that in next week's Highlights.



**Reception** have continued to develop and apply their knowledge and understanding of repeated patterns using a wide range of resources and equipment. They have been discussing and writing about how they have changed since they were babies. They have set up and played in their car washing role-play outside and are really enjoying the temporary art trolley which is also outside.

## WATCH US AT WORK AND PLAY

We would like to invite you to come and see what the children typically do at school, particularly in the afternoons. Please do join us in the classrooms and outside at any time on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 2.30 for both Reception classes or from 2.45pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December for Year 1. We are really excited about you learning more about the children's experiences in school.



### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM ST ANNE'S CHURCH**

*Please do not park on the school field side of the Our Lady and St Anne's car park or next to the island on **Monday 24 November.***

*The gardeners need access to trim the hedges. Please only park on the church side.*

## ADVENT

REInspired, a local charitable educational team, are coming into school next week to lead an afternoon session on 'The Christmas Story'. It will be a very practical and age appropriate way of introducing the children to the concept of Advent, developing their understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

## WELCOME

Daniel Nizar has joined Year 1 this week. We offer Daniel and his family a very warm welcome to our school community.

## OFSTED ADVISOR VISIT

We will be having a visit from an Ofsted Advisor on Tuesday next week. This will not be a full inspection but an advisory meeting to ensure we are all on track for our full inspection next year.

## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete and return the questionnaires. It's really helpful for us to have your views about the school and your children's experiences with us. I will collate the information and feed back to you all what actions we may take as a result.

## LUNCHTIME STAFF

We are recruiting additional lunchtime assistants to help in the dining room and on the playground. Please see the advert on the outside noticeboard for more details.

## SEPTEMBER 2015 ADMISSIONS

If you know of anyone choosing schools for Reception Class in September 2015 you might like to let them know that we are taking appointments for visits to the school. These are on Tuesday mornings, either 9.15 or 10.30, will take about half an hour and are led by Mrs Edwards. Spaces are available at 9.15 on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January, and at 10.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January. Please phone the office to book a date and time.

## PTFA NEWS

### PTFA Christmas Fayre Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December between 12-2pm.

It's coming ..... Please see Jeni Carter if you can spare an hour to man a stall. Thank you to the Packers for their kind donation of a Christmas Tree. We would like all the children to play a part in decorating it by asking them to bring in one decoration each (not glass please). Please give these to your class teacher ready for 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30-3.30pm	Watch us at Work - Reception classes
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	2.30-3.30pm	Watch us at Work - Year 1
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	12-2pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre - see above
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	morning	Whole school visit to Hexagon Pantomime
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45am	Nativity Musical - Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45am	Nativity Musical - performance for Mrs Rizvi's class parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45am 2.30pm	Nativity Musical - performance for Mr Crispin's class parents Nativity Musical - performance for Mrs Edwards' class parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		School Christmas Lunch and afternoon parties
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	8.45am	First day of new term

## SPOTLIGHT

This week our spotlight falls on Scarlett Hepwood for **swimming** 20m front crawl, Betty Nowicki-Wallace who will be attending her first full-length (grown up) **ballet** production in London this weekend, and Mr Crispin who has generously made 10 **donations** at the blood donation bank. Well done everyone.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Isla Tiplady and YingGe Hong (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Ben Davies and Mantra Vivek (Mr Crispin's Class); Lucy Ray and Daniel Nizar (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.



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