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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents

Only two more weeks left of school! Where has the term gone?! The Christmas tree is up in the lunch hall and the children are really enjoying adoring it with their own decorations. There is definitely a fabulous festive feel to the school. Now how's that for alliteration?



IN THE CLASSROOMS



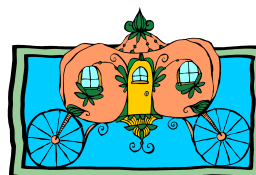
Year One have been focussing on instructions and recounting information in their Literacy, ensuring that they order points correctly and use 'bossy' verbs. They have used this to help make their fabulous Christmas cakes and stunning woven Christmas cards which will be brought home to you. They have also been learning about time and telling the time using an analogue clock.

Reception classes have been learning about addition - adding one more to numbers. They have been developing their footballing skills in PE, including dribbling and stopping the ball, rolling the ball out and diving to save it on the ground (yes, you did read that correctly and yes they were amazing!). The children have been talking and learning about winter and Guided Reading continues in small groups.

And of course all the classes have been rehearsing for our Nativity musical every day. Speaking of which, if anyone has a toy cuddly lamb that you wouldn't mind lending us as a prop for the performance, please could you let us know. We are also on the hunt for a purple robe for our Priest. Thank you for the offers of help to sew some simple tunics. We shall have the material ready for Monday.

PANTOMIME

It will be our trip to the Pantomime next Friday 12th December - 'Oh yes it is'. We are all really looking forward to watching Cinderella. Please could you ensure the children are all here at school by 9am with their coats and a snack in a disposable bag. We shall be leaving on the coach (not this one) at 9.30 and returning in time for a slightly later lunch.



'STARLIGHT'

You will have received tickets for our Nativity performance in bookbags this afternoon and see timetable below. Please note we ask that no cameras are used during the performance - there will be opportunities for photos at the end. The school will film the dress rehearsal and copies will be available to parents at cost price (around £1 each); please let us know if you would like one of these to give us an idea of how many to make. If you would like additional tickets for grandparents on Monday 15th please let us know so we may allocate them. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If your child does not normally have a hot lunch on a Thursday and would like to join in with a traditional Christmas lunch on Thursday 18th December, *please let us know before Thursday 11th December* when we must send in our order numbers. For information the special menu is:

*Turkey or Quorn Roast with Roast Potato, Carrots, Cauliflower Cheese, Brussel Sprouts,
Pigs in blankets or veggy sausage and Gravy followed by Chocolate Yule log*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

I'm really looking forward to our first Christmas Fayre this Sunday. Thank you so much to the PTFDA for all their hard work in preparation for it. See you there!

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Multi-skills club will continue in January and we will be sending full details on after-school clubs next week.

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 led by Mrs Edwards and taking about half an hour. Spaces are available at 10.15am on Wednesday 10th December and at 9.15 or 10.30am 6th and 13th January. Please phone the office to book a date and time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 7 th Dec	12-2pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre - see above
Fri 12 th Dec	morning	Whole school visit to Hexagon Pantomime
Mon 15 th Dec	9.45am	Nativity Musical - Dress Rehearsal
Tues 16 th Dec	9.45am	Nativity Musical - performance for Mrs Rizvi's class parents
Wed 17 th Dec	9.45am 2.30pm	Nativity Musical - performance for Mr Crispin's class parents Nativity Musical - performance for Mrs Edwards' class parents
Thurs 18 th Dec		School Christmas Lunch and afternoon parties
Fri 19 th Dec	1.30pm	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 6th Jan 2015	8.45am	First day of new term

Community notices

Friends of Caversham Court Gardens

The choir of St Peter's church and the Salvation Army Band will lead the singing at an evening of traditional Christmas carols in Caversham Court on **Monday 15th December**, at 7.30pm. Gardens open from 6.15 pm with seasonal goodies on sale in the Tea Kiosk in aid of local charities. The church bells will ring out from 7.15pm. Wrap up warm, take a torch (to read the carol sheets!) and join in the festive season.

(St Peter's church if the weather is wet.) Contact: friends@fccg.org.uk

Caversham Christmas Shopping Festival

Late night shopping until 9pm on **Friday 12th December**. Many shops have special offers, see www.choosecaversham.co.uk/late_night_shopping_2014.php.

Caversham Traders Association's online Christmas Competition with prizes donated by Caversham traders closes at 12 noon

Wednesday 10th December - see www.choosecaversham.co.uk/competition/competition201412_prizes.php - only a few questions AND they

SPOTLIGHT

This week our spotlight falls on Rafael Aslam who spent time with Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends; Brooke Dimmock and Sienna Brock for **dance**; Ruby Miller for her six visits to the **library**; Eva McCarthy (and Oscar) for **swimming**; Freya Carter for making her **Rainbow Guide Promise**; and Nathan Salisbury who has been working very hard on his **violin** lessons. Well done everyone.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Darcey Jones and George Akwa-Likhachov (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Indigo King Gomez and Nathan Salisbury (Mr Crispin's Class); Rishona Sen and Rose Wood (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.

Mrs Edwards
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