

THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe that we only have two more weeks before the end of this Autumn Term. Wow! They are going to be busy ones too as we all enjoy the build-up to Christmas. We are really looking forward to our Christmas Fayre tomorrow between 12 and 2.30. Thank you so much to the PTFA and you all as parents for the work you have already done in preparation. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there.

We also cannot wait for our whole school trip to the pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at the Hexagon a week today. The coaches will be leaving at 9.15am so please can you ensure the children arrive at school by 8.45am to give us time for registration and checking everyone has everything they need.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been looking at the different houses we live in. We have been drawing fantasy houses, what we can see when we look out of the window and writing about the houses we live in. In Maths we have been learning to recognise tricky numbers so that we can fulfil our roles as postmen. We have been continuing to practice for our nativity productions and enjoyed the visit from the REInspired volunteers when we learned about the Christmas story and made King's crowns and candle holders.

Year 1

This week Year One have been busy with our Top Secret Project - thank you to all those parents who remembered to send in baked bean tins! We have been learning about and writing the Christmas story in English, and in Maths we have been investigating money and coin value. Next week we have a Father Christmas wrapping workshop so if you could send in some small boxes and Christmas wrapping paper we would be grateful. We have also spent lots of time practising for our Christmas Performance!

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have spent a lot of time rehearsing our KS1 Christmas Nativity. We are really enjoying singing the songs and are working hard to remember our lines.

In Literacy, we have finished reading *The Chocolate Touch* story and we found the ending very exciting! We have mapped the story out and have been retelling it in our own words. Next we will use our story maps to write our own versions. We have been working on using question marks every time we write questions. We have been learning alternative pronunciations for letters.

In Guided Maths, we have been practising multiplication using "lots of" counters, cubes and pegs. We moved on to drawing arrays to help us calculate multiplication questions. Some children in the class also "shared" resources when dividing large numbers.

In Maths, we have been busy finding halves and quarters. We have learnt to halve numbers up to half of 30. We have been colouring a half and a quarter of shapes and we have moved on to finding half of objects. We even recognise that $\frac{2}{4}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{2}$.

In Creative Curriculum, we have been junk modelling and painting our Wonka's Chocolate Factory designs. We are really looking forward to taking them home with us today.



PARENT CLASS REPS

Thank you to the Class Reps for their time at the meeting with me this week and for Richard Hepwood's impressive minutes. We nearly didn't let him leave the school office! We talked about the different information passed on to parents and hope you find Highlights, photos and weekly class overviews on the website really useful.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

On the last day of term (Friday 18th) we are going to join the nation for a 'Wear a Xmas Jumper Day' in aid of Save the Children. We want to encourage the staff and children, and parents too if you like, to come into school wearing a Xmas jumper. For the children this can be worn over their uniform.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that school photo order forms must be returned to the school by this Monday. After this date orders can only be completed online or posted back directly to the address on the form. Orders placed online by Monday will also receive a 10% discount, so get those orders in quick!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

A reminder of our dates for the end of term. If you have not yet requested tickets for your child's nativity performance please email the office as soon as possible.

Friday 11 th December	From 9am	Whole school visit to Hexagon Pantomime
Monday 14 th December	1.45pm	KS1 - Dress Rehearsal for Reception children and KS1 Grandparents
Tuesday 15 th December	9.45am 2.15pm	Reception - Dress Rehearsal for Grandparents KS1 - Performance 1 for Parents
Wednesday 16 th December	9.45am 6pm	Reception - Performance for Parents KS1 - Performance 2 for Parents
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch and class parties in the afternoon	
Friday 18 th December	9.30am 1.30pm	Final Celebration Assembly School closes for Christmas / New Year break
Monday 4 th January	8.45am	School opens for Spring Term

SPOTLIGHT

Our Spotlight this week falls on Jenna, Dylan, Olivia, Roshni, Rishi, Imogen, Darcey, Mantra, Emily, Sam and Jonah for **swimming**; Amelia, Anna, Kacper for **gymnastics**. Well done everyone!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Our pupils of the week for this week are: Reyaansh, Oscar, Chloe and Xavier (Reception); Ameya, Alex, Jenna and Aryan (Year 1); Rose and Zak (Year 2). Congratulations to them all.



Karen Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - THIS SATURDAY!

We are very excited about our Christmas Fayre this Saturday! If you would like to get involved we still could do with some volunteers to help set up, anytime from 3.30 till 11.00 on Friday evening and 8.30 on Saturday morning. We also need some extra help on the stalls, so if you could spare 30 mins on the day please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the school office. Also outside the office is the grotto sign-up sheet, don't forget which slot you have booked!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTINESS!

Just a heads up that you may want to bring your chequebook to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday! The Christmas crafters have created some fantastic festive decorations; you won't be able to resist! Plus the Heights tea towels (Reception Only) at £3.50 and bags (all years) at £4.50 will be on sale – covered in gorgeous self portraits and sketches by your little ones! These will also be available after the Fayre - please put cheque or cash in an envelope with your name and order quantities.

CHRISTMAS MUGS

Please note, mugs ordered through the Christmas card order system will be available for collection at the Fayre tomorrow or from the office from Monday afternoon.



