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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a cold, but beautiful week - in many ways. The sunrises as I've seen cycling into school have been breath taking as have the herd of young deer that keep crossing the road in front of me. Ah - the wonders of nature!

This week we have been focussing on Advent and what it means to Christians all over the world. We lit the first candle of our wreath on Monday and are looking forward to lighting candle 2 in our assembly this afternoon. Classes have their own 'Advent Acts of Kindness' calendars and we're going to try and 'live out' a different one every day.



Welcome

Welcome to Mrs Reynolds who has joined us as a new Teaching Assistant in Miss Parker-Fraser's class.

Reception

In Reception this week we have been learning about the different houses we live in. We've designed and made some fabulous junk model houses and drawn pictures of what we can see from our bedroom windows. We've been exploring once more and one less than a given number and have started to practise our nursery rhyme Nativity on the stage.

Year 1

After reading The Christmas Story, we've started to make our own books about it and are writing and illustrating them ourselves. We've been working really hard on practising telling the time to o'clock, half-past and quarter-past and have been using money to make addition calculations. We learnt the 'Schoolkids' Rap' by John Foster this week and all of us in Miss Hiles' class performed it in assembly this afternoon.

Year 2

We have written the most amazing versions of the 'Dragon Painter' story and can't wait to share them with you. We've also been measuring ourselves and comparing heights as well as finding the difference between different lengths.



Year 3

We've worked so hard in Maths this week and can find fractions of numbers and work out simple decimals. We've thoroughly enjoyed Michael Morpurgo's story about a Robin, 'Coming Home' and have used it to write some mini sagas.

Cross Country

Our next Cross Country competition is the morning of Saturday 10th December at Chiltern Edge School. We're looking to build on our school team results and hope lots of the children can make it.

Thank You's

A big thank you to Jamie White and Marcus Curtin who spent time this morning building our new 'Reading Den'. The children have already been using the new outdoor play area this afternoon and we are so grateful to all of the parents and PTFA for raising and donating the funds that have enabled us to buy all this wonderful equipment.



Snow White at The Hexagon

Just a reminder that the whole school will be going to see 'Snow White' at the Hexagon on Friday 16th December. All children will either have a packed lunch from Crumbs or can opt to bring their own. If your child does bring their own packed lunch please remember to cancel your ParentPay booking no later than midnight on Thursday 8th December. If you haven't yet returned your Off-Sites Consent Form to enable your child to attend, please do so as soon as possible.

School Christmas Dinner

The school Christmas Dinner this year will be on Monday 12th December. We will send a ParentMail next week with further details.

Attendance

Congratulations to all the pupils in Mrs Rizvi's Class on achieving 100% attendance this week - well done!! Hector will be enjoying next week in RSR!

Spotlight

Reception - Grace for getting her purple Martial Arts belt, Harry for conquering the Tree Top Junior Tribe at Go Ape.

Year 1 - Audrey for learning to swim 15 metres, Annabel for learning to swim 20 metres.

Year 2 - Eddy for achieving Stage 6 in swimming.

Year 3 - Rafael for learning to swim 15 metres.

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Annam and Forest (RSR) and Mia and Zayn (RAO)

Year 1 - Elliot and Myka (1CPF) and Darcey and Joshua (1VH)

Year 2 - George and Sienna (2AM) and Fletcher and Abigail (2HK)

Year 3 - Kasim and Rishona (3SW)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10 th December	3pm - Christmas Fayre at school
Friday 9 th December	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal @ 9.45am
Monday 12 th December	Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am
	School Christmas Dinner
	Y1 Nativity Play @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert @ 2.30pm
	Y1 Nativity @ 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am
	Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert @ 5.30pm
Thursday 15 th December	Reception Nativity @ 9.30am
Friday 16 th December	Whole school trip to see Snow White at the Hexagon
Wednesday 21 st December	Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Edwards'.

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

You are *amazing* & so *wonderfully generous*!

- 1) Thank you all so much for your donations for the **bottle and chocolate tombola**, it's a bumper crop of goodies & very much appreciated. Please contact Catherine Kiely if you'd like to donate: cekiely@gmail.com
- 2) Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the **Christmas Fayre**. There are still a few slots to fill so please contact **Richard Hepwood** if you can help: Rhepwood@hotmail.com
- 3) We need a **big push** for the last week of advanced **raffle ticket sales**.

The raffle is one of the *school's biggest fundraisers* as the *money raised* through sales is *doubled* by Microsoft.

A large number of ticket stubs have not yet been returned. We would be *sincerely grateful* for your help in getting the tickets sold & stubs returned to school by **December 7th**.

- 4) HELP - we still need *Christmas lights* and gazebos *for the Fayre*. Please contact Richard as above if you can lend us some.

Finally our school would not be the wonderful place it is without you.
THANK YOU!

The PTFA Team