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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With only two weeks left of term, we are all incredibly busy completing assessments and practicing for Sports Festivals and our Christmas Productions. We thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. The craft activities, stalls, photo booth and face painting were loads of fun and Father Christmas was amazing. Thank you to the Year 4 parents who helped organise such a fun event, and all the other parents who helped and supported in different ways. Thanks also to the Junior and Senior Choirs who performed together for the first time. It was lovely to hear them singing carols outside... and to Mrs Fallon, Mrs Bentley and Mr Bethel for their time and support leading the Choirs.



## Reception

In Reception last week we concentrated on jobs people do. We talked about different jobs our parents and relatives do and wrote descriptions of jobs we'd like to do when we grow up and about occupations of different family members. In Maths we've been exploring capacity and using vocabulary such as full, empty and overflowing. We're really enjoying learning our songs for our Nativity production and wait to perform to everyone in the last week of term.

## Year 1

As well as completing assessments, we've continued to build our Tudor Houses and sew our Christmas Stockings. We've been developing our core and flexibility with Yoga and Pilates and created our own Christmas decorations to decorate our classrooms.

## Year 2

We started the week by writing a letter to Queen Elizabeth about our recent trip to Windsor Castle. We've completed different assessments in Reading, Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling, Mental Maths and Reasoning. We've enjoyed following our designs to use a needle and thread to decorate our Material Squares and can't wait to perform our Christmas production in a week or so.

## Year 3

We've made so much progress with our Egyptian Death Masks this week - don't they look amazing?! We have enjoyed making them SO much! We've also completed our Spelling and Grammar assessments and focussed on tenths of numbers in Maths to make links with decimal numbers. We've continued to learn about the skeletons and muscles in our bodies and rehearse for our Christmas Carol Concert.



## Year 4

Boy, we were busy last week! We started to learn the story of the Snowman and will be writing our own stories and sharing them with Key Stage 1 this week. We focused on division and completed assessments on both this and multiplication. In DT we designed a tortilla recipe and are looking forward to making some this week. We've been practicing for our Carol Concert and can't wait to perform it to everyone on Tuesday evening at St Andrew's Church.

## Year 5

We've had some amazing Maths lessons this week, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Mrs Edwards came in and observed one of our lessons and was blown away by the work we were doing. In DT we've enjoyed designing shields and sails and Viking Longships and we loved our visit to Reading Museum where we learned about the copy of the Bayeux tapestry. We did some drama, re-enacting the causes of the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and tried on clothes and armour that people in medieval time would have worn.



## Year 5 History Competition

Over the past few weeks, Year 5 have been working on individual entries to a History and DT Competition. They all worked incredibly hard on these projects and took great pride in completing the work independently. The Runners up were Tom, Bea and Jermaine. The Winner was Phoebe!



## Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the final competition of the Chiltern Edge Winter Cross Country Series on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. It was a wet and dreary day and the children showed amazing enthusiasm, grit and determination. I was so proud of them all: Zak (Y5), Jonah, Ben and Lily (Y4), Jack, Abigail and Theo (Y3), Harry (Y2) and Eva, Oscar, Joe and Luca (Y1).

## Pantomime

We are looking forward to taking the whole school to the Hexagon to watch Aladdin this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Key Stage 1 will be travelling by bus but Key Stage 2 will be walking to the Hexagon and back. Please ensure all children who are walking are wrapped up in a warm coat along with hats and gloves.

## Christmas Jumper Day

We are joining the rest of the country to celebrate Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If your child has a Christmas Jumper, they will be able to wear it this coming Friday over their uniform.

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

**3FH** - Jessica, Elsa, Kacper, Ralph, Luke and Zuhair

**3SW** - Joe, Misa, Oliver, Finn and Laila

**4CT** - Rhys, Daisy, Shams and Reem

**4RR** - Zachary, Betty, Darcey and Indi

**5JG** - Aoibh, Jermaine, Luisa and Freya and to Bea, Phoebe, Jermaine and Tom for their History DT Project.

## Spotlight

### Swimming

Zia - Achieving Level 2

Isaac - Achieving Level 3

Finn - Achieving Level 4

Jonah, Daniel and Alex - Achieving Level 5

Sara, Lily and Amelia - Achieving Level 6

Jack and Sofia - Achieving Level 7

### Gymnastics

Piper for being Star of the Week twice!

Phoebe - Achieving Bronze

Amelia, Tula and Ruby - Achieving Level 1

Lily and Jack - Achieving Level 2

Frances - Achieving Level 3

Annabel - Achieving Level 8

### Reading Schools Partnership - Football Festival

Well done to Zak, Finlay, Jack, Joe, Jayden, Eva, Anna, Jermaine and Tom for real sportsmanship and effort displayed.

### I-Fly

Jonah for defying gravity!

### Tristars

Scarlett for winning the Training Award for putting in great effort in training every week.

### Blue Peter

Lucy for earning her Sport Badge for having a go at a new sport this year.

### The Monument

Lucy again for climbing the 311 steps of the Monument in London.

### Cubs

Bea for winning 'Commended' and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Handicraft Competition.

**Well done everyone!**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KS1 & KS2 Choir Performance	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am (School Hall)
KS2 Carol Concert at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm (Confirmed)
Whole School Trip to the Panto	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day!	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Musical Theatre Club - Performance for Parents	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (during club time) (Years 1 & 2) Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (during club time) (Years 3-5)
FS Dress Rehearsal to KS2	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am (School Hall)
FS Dress Rehearsal to KS1 & Grandparents	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am (School Hall)
FS Production to Parents	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am (School Hall)
KS1 Production at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December, school finishes at 1.30pm
Start of Term 3	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019



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