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Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that it feels like things are closing in on us all again just before the end of term BUT I want to remind everyone and celebrate all the things we have been able to do in school this past week. The children's enthusiasm for learning is wonderful and they are making some great progress!

Thank you all SO much for your efforts and support leading up to and during the Christmas Fayre. It was a really lovely afternoon and celebration and very special to be able to gather as a school community after so long. There was so much to do and buy - and I personally came away with some gorgeous things. Particular thanks must go to Karen Roach, Nic Jones, Hilary Lovie, Kathy Brown, all the stall holders and helpers and of course Father Christmas himself! Father Christmas, you're a legend for taking time out of your incredibly busy schedule and being there for our children once again. You are all amazing!



Reception

As well as continuing with our Phase 2 Phonics, we've been checking out the following tricky words - 'the', 'go', 'no', 'I'. We've been exploring sharing objects equally with our friends in Maths and practising the songs for our Christmas Performance next week, which we can't wait to do with you all. We had our final week of the carousel for this term, learning our festive songs with Makaton, learning Spanish, practising dances and visiting the woods on our woodland adventure. What a week!

Year 1

Beech class were delighted to welcome Mrs Barker back to school following her recovery from Covid. We've really enjoyed practicing our writing skills in English this week. We've been looking at and creating our own wintery scenes and using these images to write a descriptive passage about them. In Maths, we've been investigating what makes numbers odd and even as well as consolidating our knowledge of place value. We've been adding the final touches to our Tudor/Stuart houses, adding the straw roofs, painted beams and windows and in Science we've been taking a close look at the weather each day and recording our findings in our weather diaries.

Year 2

Phew! We've been pretty busy this week, completing assessments in Maths, Reading, Spelling and Grammar and Science. The assessments are helping us see all the progress we've made since the beginning of term and what steps we need to take next. We've also been practicing for our Christmas performance next Tuesday and making Christmas cards.

Year 3

We had the most amazing start to the week, with our Ancient Egypt Day on Monday. We really enjoyed dressing up, designing our own flatbread with chosen ingredients that we like, creating pyramid art and our own 3D Canopic Jars. We were pleased to publish our explanation text following our edits and improvements and to explore what happens when we multiply and divide a number by 10.



Year 4

This week, we've been busy researching the effects of deforestation to help inform the persuasive letters we're planning to write and send to Matt Rodda. In Maths, we've been looking at multiplication and division, using our knowledge to divide and multiply by 10 and 100 and in Science we've completed an investigation using eggs and different liquids to demonstrate tooth decay. In Topic, we've continued to look at saving the environment and the effect humans have on their surroundings.

Year 5

Wow! We absolutely LOVED making, testing and evaluating our edible treats in groups on Tuesday. I hope you enjoyed sampling what we made when we brought them home to you. Mrs Edwards came in to the Activity Studio when we were busy mixing ingredients and said she was really impressed with how well we were working together collaboratively (we think she was angling to have some of our finished products!). In Maths, we've been working out the area of a range of regular and irregular shapes and in Science we've been considering what rust is and learning about the oxidation process as an irreversible change.



Year 6

This week, we've been creating our final draft of our narrative stories inspired by the short animation film 'The Piano'. Jack read part of his to Mrs Edwards and a group of prospective parents she was showing round the school and they were all impressed with the sensitivity and empathy that shone through in his writing. In Maths, we've been learning to read scales and in Topic we've been exploring The Christmas Truce, including which countries were involved and how they were affected by it. Art has been really interesting, as we've been looking at the graphic style and messages of World War 1 propaganda posters and creating our own versions. This and next week we are presenting our WW1 research homework to the class - here is Tula talking about food rationing, complete with examples of food, amazing information and homemade



cheese and potato dumplings and eggless pancakes - enough for everyone!. In Dance we have been learning some Scottish Country and Highland dancing, specifically the Gay Gordons and the Highland Fling. We're really looking forward to celebrating our Christmas performances and singalongs with you over the last 2 weeks of term. The staging is up and looks impressive. Thank you to the PTFA for buying another set of staging - it makes a huge difference.

Christmas Jumper Day

Just a reminder that Friday 10th is Christmas Jumper Day and children are welcome to come into school in a Christmas Jumper if they would like to. We are raising funds for Save the Children so if you would like to donate to the charity please click here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theheightschristmasjumperday>



Baby Jesus Request!

Our local vicar, Nigel Jones from St Andrew's Church is looking for a newborn baby who could star as Baby Jesus in their Christmas Eve Nativity this year! If you can help, please email Nigel at vicar@standrewscaversham.org.

Twitter

The school has a Twitter Feed - please follow **@AtHeadteacher** for updates!

Dates for the Diary

Year 2 Christmas Songs & Nativity Readings	Tuesday 7 th December 9.15am
Year 5 Bayeux Tapestry Workshop with Reading Museum	Wednesday 8 th December
Reception Christmas Songs & Nativity Readings	Thursday 9 th December 9.00am
Year 1 Christmas Songs & Nativity Readings	Thursday 9 th December 10.30am
Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch	Friday 10 th December
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Christingle	Monday 13 th December 9.15am
	Wednesday 15 th December 2.15pm
Panto - Key Stage 2 visit to the Hexagon	Tuesday 14 th December
Year 5 & 6 Community Singalong	Thursday 16 th December 2.00pm
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Singalong for Parents	Friday 17 th December 9.15am

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards