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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy 1st December and Transition Day, as today we officially joined BPET. We are now part of a Trust and already feel really welcome and supported, both by the central team and by the other Primary schools in it. Much has gone on behind the scenes to prepare us for the conversion and I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Kheti-Heer, Ms Alam, all the Admin team and Governors (now known as Local Advisers), for all their hard work.

There have been a number of changes to the structure of the Admin Team, with Ms Alam returning to Birmingham for personal reasons. Mrs Kheti-Heer has now taken on the new role of Office Manager and we have also welcomed Mrs Slavka Stonham as our new Admin Assistant. There will be more information to follow about some other changes we've made to some of our systems and procedures that may be relevant to you.

Reception

We have now started Level 3 phonics and have been blending words such as jam, will and van. We've also been practicing all the tricky words we've learnt so far, such as to, I, no, go and the. We have been looking at shapes that we can see inside larger shapes and completed a walking tour to see shapes in the environment.

In our Spanish session we have been recapping colour and making different shades of brown gingerbread and in PSED, we've been discussing how people live in different homes.

Year 1

We are enjoying Emily Gravett's lovely book, 'Meerkat Mail' and have been continuing with our postcard writing this week using many exciting words and punctuation. In Maths we've been looking at 3D shapes, naming and sorting them into different categories and in Science we have been sorting objects based on their properties.



Year 2

We completed our leaflets this week and are really proud of them. We can't wait to send them off to Richard, at Warwick Castle! In Maths we began looking at adding 2-digit numbers and in Science, we have continued to investigate the properties of everyday materials as part of our focus on the Paper Bag Princess. We performed our Nativity to the whole school this morning and had so much fun! We can't wait to perform it to you all!

Year 3

We really enjoyed our Ancient Egyptian Day last week, particularly baking our own flatbread. What did you think of it? This week, we've continued to make our Death Masks. They are looking really good.

We have also been planning and writing a piece of work explaining what parents need to do to get their child ready in the morning. We also completed a reading assessment. In Maths, we've been counting in tenths as

decimals and have been finding tenths of different numbers and amounts and in Science, we have been recalling the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates and designing our own new vertebrate species.

Year 4

We have enjoyed exploring persuasive writing this week and looking at the audience and purpose of this text type. We've learnt how to use fronted adverbials, rhetorical questions and the power of 3 in our writing. In Science we have been learning about food chains and how different animals are important to each other's survival and in Art, we have been studying the work of the South American artist Frida Kahlo and creating our own work in her artistic style, see some of our work below. We are really looking forward to showing you what we've been doing in Gymnastics next Wednesday afternoon.

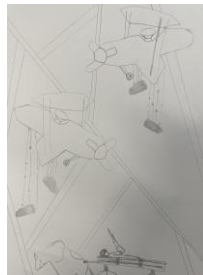
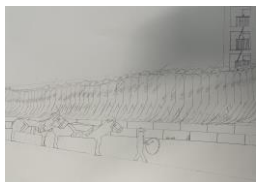


Year 5

In Music, we have continued our work on composition and been using musical notation to represent our pieces. We have also explored how a ternary pattern can be used in music and shared some of our pieces with the class. In our English lessons we have been exploring the story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and after immersing ourselves in the legend, we started to write our own versions. In our topic work, we have been looking at the importance of the Bayeux Tapestry in the study of Saxon Britain and learning how it depicts the events of the Battle of Hastings.

Year 6

We really enjoyed taking part in the Football Festival at the Hill on Wednesday. Many thanks to Performance Sports for organising and running it and to The Hill for hosting us. We'd also like to thank Mr Griffiths, Ms Rogers, Mr Kamara and Mrs Howell for walking us there and back and supporting us throughout. In our topic work, we have been learning about the Christmas Truce - the unofficial ceasefire along the Western Front of the First World War at Christmas 1914. We have also continued our Art History focus on the WW1 artists John and Paul Nash and CRW Nevinson and have started to create a graphic piece of art in the latter's style.



Extreme Reading photos

Have you sent yours in yet? We can't wait to see them!

Cross Country at MECE

The times for the year group races tomorrow are as follows: -

yr 1 10.00am, yr 2 10.10am, yr 3 10.30am, yr 4 10.45am, yr 5 11.00am, yr 6 11.10am

Lunchtime vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a playground assistant and a lunch hall assistant to join our friendly lunchtime team. Please feel free to mention these vacancies to anyone you know who enjoys working with children and is looking for part time work. Anyone interested should contact the school office for more information or to arrange a trial.

<https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/lunchtime-playground-assistant>

<https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/canteen-assistant>

Christmas Jumper day - Friday 8th December

We will be inviting the children to come into school in their Christmas jumpers on Friday 8th December to celebrate Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day. This will be the same day as the Christmas dinner. If you would like to donate, please do so using this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/the-heights-christmas-jumper-day-1701365193033>

Lost Property

Thank you so much to Bex, Sara and all the parent helpers for sorting the lost property box yesterday and giving parents a chance to reclaim lost items at the end of the day.

Spring Term Clubs

Please find below a link to a Google drive which contains information and flyers for **some** of our Spring Term Clubs. The remaining clubs will follow with next week's Highlights.

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1dFKbqavIoVDR-ur6D_tKRnFhb3FyONVs

All club providers are managing their own bookings so if you have any questions, please email them using the email address provided in the flyers.

Please note that Cookery Club with Mrs Edwards is fully booked for the Spring Term.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Ellie, Emily and the team for all their efforts with organising the Scholastic Book Fair. Also, to Stuart for managing to find a temporary home in the school for the rather large Scholastics bookcases!

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Dates for the Diary

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| X Country at MECE | 2 nd December |
| Prospective Reception 2024 Parent Open Morning | 5 th December |
| Year 2 Christmas performance | 5 th December 2:20pm |
| Year 2 Christmas performance | 6 th December 9:10am |
| Year 4 Gymnastics performance | 6 th December |
| Year 5 Bayeux Tapestry workshop | 7 th & 8 th December |
| Year 3&4 Christmas performance | 7 th December 2:15pm |
| Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch | 8 th December |

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| Reception Christmas performance | 8 th December 9:15am |
| Year 3&4 Christmas performance | 11 th December 9:15pm |
| Year 5&6 Christmas performance | 12 th December 2:15pm |
| Year 5&6 Christmas performance | 13 th December 9:15pm |
| KS2 Panto at the Hexagon - <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> | 14 th December |
| Year 1 Christmas performance | 14 th December 9:15am |
| Christmas Holidays | 20 th December -1:30pm finish |

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.



Mrs Edwards