

THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers



We have just got back from the pantomime - oh no we haven't - oh yes we have! Sorry, couldn't resist. It was great fun and well done to Amelia, Jermaine and Anna who were invited on stage to sing with Mr Tumble. Thank you to all the staff, governors and helpers who came with us and helped make it a successful day.

Thank you so much to everyone, particularly the PTFA, led by Liz and Liz, for an amazing Fayre last Saturday. It was lovely afternoon and the Christmas tree crafts I bought that the parents made are the envy of my friends. Thank you to Father Christmas and the fabulous girls from Queen Anne's who helped Santa and sang beautifully in the hall. We raised just under £4000 - what an incredible achievement.

Reception

It has been a week of snow, glitter and sparkle. We have made Christmas cards, paper chains and painted Santas and owls. We have also been busy practising for our Nativity performances next week. Boy are you in for a treat!

Apparently Mrs Elf sneaked into Mrs Edwards's office using her key and sent some elfmails from her computer. Our hidden elf and safety cameras caught her in the act..... as you can see from the photos below.



Year 1

In Year 1 we have also been preparing for Christmas! We have been producing lots of Christmas craft, doing Christmas shopping and Christmas wrapping, writing Christmas lists and letters, and continuing to work on our top-secret Christmas baked-bean tin project. We have also managed to fit in many, many rehearsals and we are very excited to be performing for you all next week.

Year 2

This week we have continued to practise our doubling and halving Maths skills. REInspired came to visit and we had some really good discussions about what Christmas means to different people. We have been reading *The Chocolate Touch* and used our story maps to recreate and write the story in our own words. We are really looking forward to next week when we have our Christmas production, Christmas lunch and Christmas party - whooopee!

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Next Friday 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to *George Green* (TA) on the birth of her son Roman and to John Henry and Anna O'Regan (Dominic's parents) on the arrival of his little sister last week. Lots of Heights love to them all.

PTFA NEWS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANKS

Thanks to all who supported our Christmas Fayre last Saturday, it was a fabulous and very successful day, and we all enjoyed a very festive time! None of which would have been possible without all of your amazing contributions, be it crafting, baking, booze collecting, raffle ticket folding, Santa impersonating (think Dave missed his vocation!) or a multitude of other time intensive tasks! Thank you all, we are so lucky to have such an involved and supportive school community.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE TOTAL

We are thrilled to announce that the Fayre generated an AMAZING £3,935.65 total profit for the school. This is a fantastic total, up £1,367.35 on last year's fayre and includes the Microsoft Charity matching value of £1,210. Huge thanks to Sue Hepwood for all of her hard work managing the raffle for another year running.

PTFA NEWSLETTER

Keep your eyes peeled next week as the first PTFA newsletter of this school year will accompany the Heights Highlights. It will update you on all the PTFA activity since term started in September, the monies raised and spent and what our plans for 2016 include. As ever we value your feedback, if you have any suggestions or ideas, please email ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk

Thank you!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo orders will be coming home in bookbags today. Please let the office know as soon as you can if you have not received your order or if it is incorrect.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Thursday the children and staff will enjoy a Christmas lunch together, before playing some party games in the afternoon. We then have our **FINAL ASSEMBLY** of the term and the year on Friday 18th at 9.30am. We hope that many of you will be able to join us: tea and coffee will be available in the school hall between drop off and assembly time.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT TERM

We hope to be able to provide Tag Rugby, Football and Drama in addition to continuing Create'n'Make and Multi-Skills next term. More details will come home next week.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DATES

If you have not yet requested tickets for your child's nativity performance please email the office as soon as possible.

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

No Celebration Assembly this week so we have held over our Spotlights. If your child has achieved something they are proud of outside of school (sports, dance, art, music ...) do let us know in good time so we can mention them in Highlights and celebrate in our assembly.

Karen Edwards
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