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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous and busy week we have had! We've crammed in 8 performances to Grandparents and Parents, had whole school Christmas Lunch, The Christmas Fayre, a Year 3 Tag Festival, and whole school trip to see Snow White. Phew!

We have just arrived back in school from the pantomime - oh no we haven't - oh yes we have! Sorry, couldn't resist (yes - I know I say something similar every year). It was great fun (even Hector had a great time!) and Ishan and Ava were invited onto stage with Mr Tumble. Thank you to all the staff, governors and helpers who came with us and helped make it a successful day.



## Christmas Fayre

Also thank you so much to everyone, particularly the PTFA, led by Catherine and Bav, for an amazing Fayre last Saturday. It was a lovely afternoon and Santa's Grotto was truly magical. Thank you to Father Christmas for taking time to visit us!



## Reception

Our theme this week has centred on Christmas! We loved performing to our Parents and Grandparents. We have learned how Christmas is celebrated by Christians and had our first experience of a big school trip to the Panto. In Literacy we have worked on Christmas literacy challenges and had assessments. In Maths we played a maths game with a Christmas theme which helped us practice counting, recognise numbers and move along a number track. We have made Christmas cards and decorations and also completed Christmas activities on the computer and whiteboard.

### Year 1

This week we have finished our Christmas story books, and have been problem solving in Maths. We have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also had assessments this week in Phonics and Maths. Our Tudor houses are looking amazing! We did an amazing performance to the rest of the school, Grandparents and Parents this week and also watched the other year groups perform. We are all feeling really Christmassy now!



### Year 2

In between our amazing performances this week, in Maths we have focussed on dividing using sharing strategies and have used our measuring skills to weigh out ingredients to make icing for our biscuits. We have also enjoyed creative crafts, making Christmas calendars, baubles and cards. In RE we researched how Christmas is celebrated around the world and then completed our own research on a specific area of Christmas in another country.



### Year 3

This week we have finished our stories based on 'Coming Home' and have been focussing on all things '3D' in maths. We have used magnetic shapes to build 3D forms and have been describing, sorting and exploring different shapes. We have put the finishing touches to our Egyptian burial masks and have made Egyptian style flat breads of various flavours. Look at our masks!

### Cross Country

Well done to all the children who participated in the Cross Country event at Chiltern Edge school last Saturday morning. Well done to Jack, Rishi, Lily J and Elyon (Y1), Jonah, Matilda, YingGe and Lily M (Y2) and Finlay, Zak, Olivia and Roshni (Y3) for taking part. Congratulations to Lily J (Y1) who came 6<sup>th</sup> and Zak (Y3) for coming 10<sup>th</sup>. Brilliant effort all round!

### Tag Rugby Festival

Well done to Year 3 for competing in the Inter-School Tag Festival this week run by Chris Ellison and his fabulous team. They had a great morning and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



### Attendance

Congratulations to all the pupils in Mrs Sanigar and Mrs Well's Class on achieving 97.89% attendance this week - well done!! Hector will be enjoying next week in 3SW!

### Christingle

St John's Church are holding their Christingle Service this Sunday at 4pm - all families are welcome.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Term (School finishes at 1.30pm)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Term 3

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Headteacher

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## PTFA NEWS

### **Reception Tea Towels & Shopping Bags**

After selling out, additional tea towels have been ordered and shopping bags will be delivered any day now. Please contact Aalia Bhatti & Carli Jordan to order / find out more:

[carlibethjordan@gmail.com](mailto:carlibethjordan@gmail.com)

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### **Christmas Crafts Stall**

There were a few beautiful items left on our craft stall at the Christmas Fayre. As soon as the reception Tea towels and bags are delivered we will have a stall in the playground at pick-up for anyone interested in purchasing some. We will update on Facebook and ParentMail re days.

### **Christmas Fayre**

The Christmas Fayre was wonderful. Special thanks go to Sue and Richard Hepwood for all of their hard work and enthusiasm. Thanks also to Mrs Edwards and her team for their hard work and support; all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success; and to all the families who came to the event.

### **Cakes!**

Don't forget to collect your containers! Any concerns? Contact: [ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk)

### **Raffle Prizes**

If you still need to collect raffle prizes, contact:  
[shepwood@hotmail.com](mailto:shepwood@hotmail.com)

### **Christmas Fayre Expenses**

Please can all of the Fayre volunteers who have incurred expenses complete an expense form ASAP.

The Heights Primary PTFA wish you all a very Merry Christmas and their sincere thanks for all your support.