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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it's officially Winter and boy are the temperatures dropping! As you can imagine, we are really busy as we enter into our last few weeks of term. We're looking at and assessing all the progress the children have made throughout this term and preparing for Christmas performances and celebrations. It really is a magical time of year. I'm looking forward going to the Christmas Fayre tomorrow and thank all those of you who have been organising and supporting it in different ways. I know how much hard work goes into organising such a big event and it's hugely appreciated!

## Reception

We are so excited about being able to read more and more words now that we can blend the phonemes we've learnt and practised the tricky words that can't be blended. We've been recognising, counting and describing quantities with the number 6 this week in Maths and learning how to make playdough and salt dough. We've been learning colour names in Spanish with Mrs Toro, retelling the story of the Gingerbread Man and even making and baking our own Gingerbread Men! It's been a great week!

## Year 1

This week, we've been busy planning and writing our own letters to Mrs E. We're asking her permission to put up a yarn bombing installation somewhere in the school and really hope that she agrees to our idea. We've put a lot of effort into our research and have been scouting for the best locations for them in school. In Maths we've been exploring subtraction and making sure we understand all the key vocabulary including, take away, minus, subtract and equal and we've started to practice the Christmas songs we'll be singing in our performance for you.

## Year 2

We didn't get a chance to design and make our shields last week, as we took a bit longer to publish our leaflets. So, we've been busy making all sorts of fabulous creations out of the junk modelling you kindly sent in and trying to use the scientific language we have been learning about to describe the properties of the materials we've been using. We loved the Pantomime last Friday and are really looking forward to our Castles Day next Tuesday and our Christmas performance to you the week after.



### Year 3

We thoroughly enjoyed our Ancient Egypt Day last week, which has inspired us with our designs of our Death Masks. In English we planned and then wrote a piece of work, explaining how humans can stay healthy and in Maths, we completed an arithmetic and reasoning assessment.

### Year 4

In our topic lessons this week, we've continued to learn about how to create Zentangle art. We've been using the patterns we looked at last week and recreating them inside the outlines of different rainforest animals. In Science we've been looking at food chains and webs and in Maths, we've moved on to a new unit of multiplication and division, learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 100.



### Year 5

This week we learned more about The Battle of Hastings and its historical significance in the history of Britain by participating in an online workshop led by Reading Museum. It was really interesting. We've been working on subtracting fractions in Maths and learning about the process of rusting (oxidisation) and applying our knowledge of reversible and irreversible changes. We're really looking forward to performing our Gymnastics skills and 'routines' to our parents next Tuesday and to watching the Pantomime at the Hexagon next Wednesday.



### Year 6

As part of our study of WW1, we have been learning about the Christmas Truce, including which countries were involved, what events took place and how those involved were affected by it. We've continued to look at the WW1 artists, John and Paul Nash and are looking forward to creating our own paintings in the brothers' style. In Computing we've continued to develop our knowledge of online safety, with particular reference to social media and we've also been completing a number of different assessments in Maths and English throughout the week.



## **X Country at MECE**

I am looking forward to seeing and supporting all the children who will be participating in the last of the winter series cross-country events at MECE tomorrow morning. I will bring the cross-country vests as per usual.

## **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, we have our Christmas Jumper Day as well as our Christmas Lunch. We would like to invite the children to come into school in a Christmas themed jumper. Children can wear their school uniform if they would prefer not to wear a Christmas jumper.

We are raising money for Save the Children; please donate using this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/The-Heights-Primary-Christmas-Jumper>

## **PTFA School Discos**

Many thanks to the parents who organised the discos last week. The children really enjoyed themselves.

## **PTFA Christmas Fayre - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1 - 4pm**

We have some exciting entertainment for you at the 2022 Christmas Fayre! Between 2pm and 3pm there will be some performances from Rabble Theatre, Street Dance and Musical Theatre. If that wasn't enough, we then have the raffle draw, so stick around to see if you have won one of our amazing prizes!

There have been some clever crafters working hard to produce some beautiful crafts for your festive build up and we also have the Christmas plant stall, games, tombola's, mulled wine, cakes, BBQ and....rumour has it the main man will be there! So wrap up and wander down to school for a festive afternoon.

Remember to bring cash if you can. Please limit large notes where possible. Walk or scoot as the car park will be very busy.

There may be a visit from a special certain someone, so keep your eyes peeled for a Christmas Grotto... Maybe think about your Christmas wish list just in case!

## **Reading Family Aid Toys and Teens Appeal 2022**

Thank you to everyone that has donated for the Reading Family Aid Toys and Teens Appeal!



## **Revised Term Dates 2022-2023**

Please see attached the updated Term Dates for 2022 - 2023, to reflect the additional bank holiday in May.

## **Year 6 - Berkshire Maestros**

Please see the attached flyer from Berkshire Maestros for all pupils in Year 6.

## **Twitter**

Please follow [@AtHeadteacher](https://twitter.com/AtHeadteacher) for updates!

## Dates for the Diary

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| Cross Country at Chiltern Edge                           | Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December               |
| Christmas Fayre  | Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 1 - 4pm       |
| SEND Coffee Morning                                      | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9 - 10am       |
| Year 5 Maple Gymnastics Performance                      | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 1.45 - 2.15pm  |
| Year 5 Chestnut Gymnastics Performance                   | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30 - 3pm     |
| Years 3 - 6 PANTO at the Hexagon Jack and The Beanstalk  | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9am - 2.30pm |
| Year 4 Birch Gymnastics Performance                      | Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 1.45 - 2.15pm |
| Year 4 Rowan Gymnastics Performance                      | Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30 - 3pm    |
| Christmas Jumper Day                                     | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                 |
| Children's Christmas Lunch                               | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                 |
| PTFA Bags2School Collection                              | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                 |
| <b>Christmas Performances:</b>                           |   |
| Years 3 & 4 (for the families of children in Year 3)     | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm         |
| Years 1 & 2 (for the families of children in Year 1)     | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am        |
| Years 3 & 4 (for the families of children in Year 4)     | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am      |
| Years 1 & 2 (for the families of children in Year 2)     | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm      |
| Years 5 & 6 (for the families of the children in Year 5) | Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am       |
| Reception  | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am         |
| Years 5 & 6 (for the families of children in Year 6)     | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm         |
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| <b>End of Term</b>                                       | <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm</b>  |

Wishing you all a lovely half term.



Mrs Edwards