

Newsletter 15 December 2017

Messages from the Head of Academy

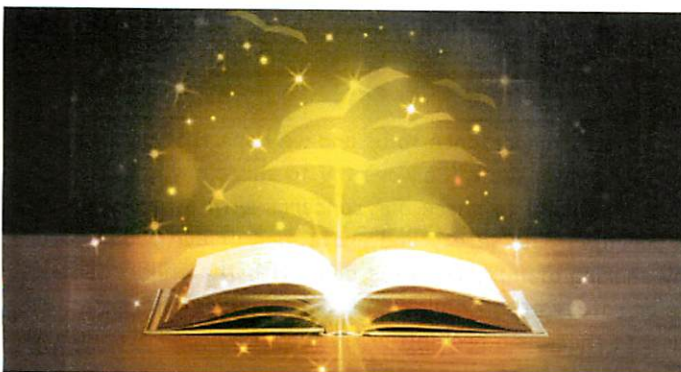
Thank-you to all parents that attended their child's carol service or Christmas concert this week. They all looked great in their costumes and jumpers and did an amazing job! Well done!

On Friday 22nd December we will be enjoying a Christmas treat and movie morning. Your child is welcome to attend in non-uniform with their Christmas jumpers as they looked very festive this week! If they would like to bring a cushion/pillow with them that would be great too. Please note that some movies shown may have a PG rating. If you would prefer your child view a U rated film, please let your child's teacher know.

Next week will be announcing the winner of the £50 Toys R Us voucher from the attendance raffle - please keep sending your child to school to have more chances to win the draw!

Golden Book Award Winners

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	Lucas
Year 1	Riley
Year 2	Riley
Year 3	Lily-Anne
Year 4	Peter
Year 5	Jayden
Year 6	Leah



Weekly Attendance

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	80%
Butterflies	95%
Owls	91.6%
Badgers	91.5%
Foxes	94.3%
Raffle winner	Sky Ashman

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 19 December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 20 December	Pantomime at CAST
Thursday 21 December	KS2 Christmas parties
Friday 22nd December	Christmas movie morning & non-uniform day
SCHOOL CLOSSES	Fri 22nd Dec at 1pm
SCHOOL RE-OPENS	Tue 9th Jan at 8:40am

Year 3/4

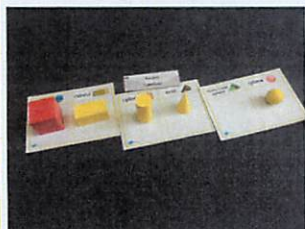
In Badger class this week, we have been preparing for Christmas. We had Christmas dinner on Wednesday and then walked to the church and sang carols beautifully, which made us feel very festive! It was also Christmas jumper day, with fantastic jumpers on display in our class and throughout the school.

In English, we have been independently writing diary entries based on The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, with changes made to characters and settings. In maths, we have looked at calculating change. In topic, we have continued our research on the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages, ready to present our findings in different ways.

EYFS

This week we have been learning our new songs for our Nativity performance, making sure we know all the words. We are singing at the top of our voices as we walk the daily mile. Hopefully we will perform to the best of our ability on the actual performance day.

We have started our new phonics learning group and the children are quickly learning their sounds, putting them together and blending them to say words. We are encouraging the children to do this to help them to hear the sounds so they are then able to write them. We have been using the advent calendar to help us add 1 more as we go through the days in December and to help us take 1 away as we count how many sleeps it is until Christmas. We had a successful Maths Monthly on Tuesday, where we talked about 3D shapes and related them to everyday objects, a cube could be a dice, a cuboid could be a breakfast cereal box and a cylinder could be a tin of beans. Thank you to the parents for supporting us in helping our children learn.



Year 2

This week in year 2 we have been working really hard on our Christmas performance to ensure that we know of all of the songs and when we need to say our lines within the play. We have been working on loud, clear speaking and are getting much better at this. We have continued to read our class book - The Tunnel and have done some interesting work around this including hot seating which we really enjoyed. We have played a few different games to help increase our reading fluency, with partners. Parents, please remember to encourage your child to read at home daily as the speed and fluency of their reading is a crucial skill in year 2 and home reading is one of the most successful support tools for this. Remember to sign planners if you read at home to get those reward points racking up!

A massive well done to all of the children in key stage 1 on their 'Midwife crisis' performance. The children worked incredibly hard to put on the show for their families and we hope that you enjoyed watching us! The children did us very proud with their clear speaking and singing of the songs. They all looked fantastic and performed very well in their roles. Well done all of you!

Year 1

This week in Butterfly class has been a very exciting one! We all did an amazing job in our Christmas performance. The whole school are extremely proud of each child for their fantastic contributions. We have really enjoyed being artistic in Butterfly Class and have produced some wonderful artwork. We have written our letters to Santa and have our fingers crossed that we are on the nice list. Also we have been enjoying our class book Dogger and discussing the text in great detail. All of the children have worked very hard so far this year and we are very proud of them.

Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 have had a busy week! In maths we have been looking at prime, squared and cubed numbers, which has required a great deal of problem solving skills and resilience! In writing we have been looking at balanced arguments and the children have been debating issues in class. We really enjoyed our visit to sing in the KS2 Carol concert at Woodland's Church. A big thank you to parents who were able to come along to support the children. Next week is a busy week! We will be looking at order of operations in maths and completing our debate writing piece. We also have our KS2 party to look forward to!

Safeguarding

At Highfields Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Child Protection Officer is Mrs Wright. The academy has a duty to inform parents there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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