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## Heathfield Infants Newsletter



### Best Attendance

This week's Best Attendance was achieved by Koala Class KS1 and Sea Turtles Class in Reception.

### What We Have Been Doing



This week in Nursery we have been looking at Hanukkah and how it is celebrated and completed some Christmas activities. Next week we have our class party on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December with children wearing Christmas jumpers, and our singing performance on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. We know it is school mufti day, but we would be grateful if your child could wear school uniform on that day.

We wish you a great weekend. If you are planning any nice activities, please put them on Tapestry.

In Reception we continued to use our imagination making things out of boxes. We finished the story of 'On Sudden Hill'. It has really enabled the children to think about who their friends are, what makes a good friend and what they like about their friends. The children have decided that they are everyone's friend. In maths we have been learning about days of the week and have introduced mathematical vocabulary such as 'first, next, then, morning, afternoon, lunchtime, before, after and earlier'. We have also been challenging the children to see how many times they can complete an activity within a certain time for example count the number of jumps in a minute.



Year 1 continued their work on shapes and explored the properties of 3D shapes. We learnt how many faces, edges and vertices they had. Once we knew all the shapes, we then built our own shape monster, thinking carefully about the shapes we chose to represent the different parts of our monster. In English we started our new visual literacy called 'Lilly and the Snowman'. We made predictions about what could happen next in the story and completed a 'role on the wall' where we thought about how the Snowman might be feeling. Year 1 also had so much fun performing their show and would like to say thank you to everyone who came to watch our 'Magical Christmas Journey'.



Year 2 wrote some fantastic descriptions in English, using an image from 'The Darkest Dark' text. We thought carefully about what we could see, hear and feel, then planned some expanded noun phrases that we used in our writing. Finally, we wrote book reviews about 'The Darkest Dark', covering what we really enjoyed about the text and what we were not so keen on. In maths the children showed the teachers what they have learnt so far this term and answered different types of questions independently. The teachers were very impressed at the children's determination and resilience. In R.E the children learnt about the bible story 'Zacchaeus' and realised that God will always love us even when we make mistakes. In history the children compared past and present day firefighters and the equipment that they used. The children thought carefully about whether this would have changed the outcome of the 'Great Fire of London'. What a busy week!



Next week we will be celebrating the children's hard work with a class party on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please sign up on the food list if you haven't done so already. Thanks.

### Class Parties

The children are really looking forward to their class parties next week. Sign-up sheets for your child's class are available from the class teacher if you would like to make a food contribution to the party. Please note however, this is NOT a substitution for school lunch. The lunch service will be served as usual on this day.



### Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

Please be reminded the children can wear a festive jumper/top/T-shirt on this day. They must still wear their usual school skirt or trousers and school shoes.



### Santa's Grotto – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019



We are excitedly getting ready for our Grotto for the Infants next week where each child will receive a gift from the PTA.

### PTA Christmas Cheer Sale – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

The PTA would like to thank Asda and Tesco for their donations to our Christmas cheer sale. The PTA Elves have decided to have another pop up shop again next Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Junior end of the playground as it was such a success. We will be selling mince pies, reindeer food for the long night ahead, 'reindeer poo' and 'elf kisses'!! Come and find us.

### Party Clothes/Mufti Dress – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

On Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be able to come to school in party clothes/mufti dress. However, the Nursery children will need to wear their school uniform on this day as they have their sing-a-long.

### Christmas 50/50 – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

The PTA will also be doing a Christmas 50/50 draw on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to enter with a chance to win and to support your PTA, the cost will be £10. Please collect a form from the School Office.

### Christmas Cards

Our post box for Christmas cards is outside the Medical Room within school. If your child would like to send their friends a Christmas card, please ensure that the envelope is clearly marked with the **name and class** of the child you are sending it to, so we know exactly where to deliver it!



### Science Week

We are very excited to inform you that Science week will run from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020. There will be assemblies and workshop sessions for the children, which will provide an exciting and interactive opportunity for them to get involved in science. On Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, the children can come into school in costumes as a famous scientist or as themselves as a future scientist. Start planning your costumes now! Further details to follow.

### The Upper Room Harvest Appeal

Our Harvest Appeal is now over for 2019 and we are extremely grateful to all of you for your very generous donations. Our cupboards are now bursting at the seams with pasta, rice, tea, coffee, herbs, sugar and biscuits. One of our shipping containers is full to the brim with tins and cooking oil. The other is full of cleaning products and toilet paper. Hopefully they should keep us going for the next twelve months and will provide the basics for preparing over 23,000 meals to feed our homeless and vulnerable guests. We supplement this with fresh surplus food we receive from City Harvest and Felix Project to make substantial two-course meals.

Your donations mean that we can use our funds for delivering our UR4Jobs and UR4Driving projects which give people the tools or skills they need to secure work or training opportunities. Thank you!

If anyone is interested in volunteering or helping us with our various fundraising events, please email:

[fiona.cook@theupperroom.org.uk](mailto:fiona.cook@theupperroom.org.uk)

## REMINDER

### **RECEPTION 3 MONTH ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE!!**

Mums, Dads and Carers, we are a two into our exciting three month challenge in the reception classes.

The challenge is simple...

**Month 1- THIS PRIZE HAS NOW BEEN WON!!** Our trip to Hounslow urban farm was awarded to Harnaik Maden from Puffin class. We hope you enjoyed your day out!

**Month 2 – THIS PRIZE HAS NOW BEEN WON!!** Our trip to Snakes and Ladders was awarded to Aahana Hedge also from Puffin Class. We hope you enjoy your day out!

Month 3 is still available to win!!

Between 2<sup>nd</sup> December and 20<sup>th</sup> December if your child is in school every day, on time you will be entered into a raffle with a chance to win family trip to the cinema.

Essential medical appointments will not be counted towards the weekly figures.

All the names of people who are eligible to win the prize will be put into a hat at the end of every month and one of the children will draw a name out. Winners will be informed as soon as the draw is made.