

# Heathfield Infants Newsletter

#### **Best Attendance**

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

#### What We Have Been Doing



*Nursery* invitations have now been sent out for our singing performance and we hope you can join us for the event. We have also sent out a Christmas card name list, the post box will be open outside Nursery from Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December to deliver your cards. Please put 'am' or 'pm' alongside the name on the envelopes, as this makes it easier when it comes to sorting them out.

This week we have been working on numbers all around us and counting, as well as practising our Christmas songs, of course!

In *Reception* we started a new book about friendships. The children in the book like exploring boxes, so the Reception children have been using their imaginations as to what they would turn their own box into. We have had suggestions such as boats, cars, buses, rockets, shops and houses. In maths we have been learning number bonds to 5. The children have been exploring all of the ways that they can add 2 numbers together to make 5. See if your child can remember any of them.





This week in English Year 1 started a new text 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes. The book is a collection of poems based around the four seasons. We have started to read lots of Autumn and Winter themed poems and the children have written their own poem around the theme of water. They collected lots of effective vocabulary whilst touching and feeling ice, water with bubbles in, and used musical instruments to make the sounds of rain.

In maths we have started our work on shapes and so far have named 2D shapes and looked at their properties. This weekend why not go on a shape hunt around your home and see what different 2D shapes you can spot.

The Year 1 children are really excited to share their Christmas production with you. They have been working very hard learning their lines and singing songs. Thank you for your continued help with the show.

Year 2 have been learning about multiplication and creating arrays and using these to complete missing number sentences. In computing we worked on design skills using a design programme called 'Busy Things'. The children have created something very special which we hope to share with you all soon. In history Year 2 became architects and rebuilt London after it had been destroyed in 1666. They had to think very carefully about what they were going to build the houses out of, as well as the space they needed to leave between

the houses. In English we started our newest book 'The Darkest Dark' written by Chris Hadfield, a famous Canadian astronaut, which taught us to dream big and to work hard in order to reach our dreams. We designed our own rockets then explained how they worked.



Next week we would like to conclude our Great Fire of London topic by creating our own London in 1666. Please send in any spare cereal boxes and shoe boxes to help us to do that. Thank you.

#### PTA Mince Pies & Cake Sale – Wednesday, 11th December



After school on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, the PTA will be selling mince pies and cakes in the playgrounds. We would be most grateful if you would be able to donate any home-made or shop bought cakes for them to sell. Please bring in any donations on the morning and hand in to either of the school offices. Thank you for your continued support.

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



Don't forget 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.

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



Don't forget all Nursery and Infant children will get a chance to meet Santa and receive a small gift on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

If you do not wish your child to take part in this event, please write a note to the class teacher by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **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!

#### **Christmas Trees**



A massive thank you to **Squires Garden Centre** for the donation of the Christmas Tree now beautifully decorated and displayed in the Infant School Hall. We would also like to thank our wonderful PTA for kindly donating the Christmas tree on display in the Infant School Reception area.



#### <u>Attendance</u>

Attendance and punctuality are a high priority at school. Walking into a classroom just a few minutes late is not only disruptive for the class, but upsetting for children. They find it particularly difficult to follow the lesson once it has started. Your support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time, every day gives them a greater chance of achieving better results throughout their school life.

#### We Need You!

Please continue to collect tokens for 'Books for Schools'. Tokens can be placed in the box in the Infant School Reception area.



#### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Reception Christmas Sing-a-Long & Open Morning - 9.15am Christmas/Festive Jumper Nursery Singing Performance (am and pm) Infant Pantomime Last day of term (School Finishes at 3.20pm) Inset Day (children do not attend school) Children return to school - 8.55am PTA Family Bingo (details to follow soon)



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