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Juniors

I hope you have a relaxed and happy Christmas break with your families. Throughout all the disruption and worry this term, you have given incredible support to the school and we thank you wholeheartedly for that. Your children have also been incredible. They have taken every change and closure in their stride, kept working, kept smiling and been a pleasure to teach. We are very lucky to have such a group and look forward to the day when we are out of this situation and back to seeing them all the time. I know you will also join me in thanking the staff for their commitment, energy and care during this period. They also need a chance to relax and recharge for next term which unfortunately could be similar to this one. Please take care and be back with us on the 5th January.

Paul Clayton

Christmas Festivities

The children have had a wonderful time this week with a delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday and Christmas parties on Wednesday. They even watched a virtual panto performance, Jack and the Beanstalk!



Jingle Bell Rock Singing Montage

While we have been unable to host our usual Christmas events this year, the children have been busy learning and singing new songs. A fantastic singing montage of *Jingle Bell Rock* has been created and is available to watch on the school website. Please click on the following link:

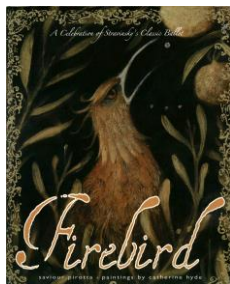


<https://sites.google.com/view/heathfield-partnership/junior-jingle-bell-rocks?authuser=0>

Year 4 Firebird Dance Workshop

Last Monday all the Year 4 classes had the opportunity to take part in a dance workshop based on the book *Firebird* by Saviour Pirotta.

Isabelle from Scylla Class gives this account:



We did a firebird dance and we did it with Lee from Boundless. In my opinion it was really fun and I really enjoyed it. During the dance we got to choose partners and with our partner we did a little duet and it was so much fun. My favourite part of the firebird workshop was when we were doing the cannon because it was really cool when the first person started and then everyone joined in.



Year 5 Tudor Dance Workshop

Year 5 also took part in a dance workshop last week, this time studying Tudor dance. Emily from Sunlit reports:



We went to the hall to practise Tudor dancing with Lee, the dance instructor. It was a fancy dance because first of all, the boys have to walk differently than the girls and the girls need to hold their skirts and then walk. Next we clap differently. The girls only clap their palms so they can show all of their golden rings, men clap their hands louder and they use the whole hand. We also need to twirl differently because girls have really tight corsets so they can't really twirl unlike the boys who spin around in circles with the other

men. That's when everybody makes a circle and there's another circle in the middle. Then Lee turned on the music and we did everything we had learned and we tried our best. After that we did our free for all creative dance with our partners. Then we said goodbye to Lee and thanked him for teaching us the Tudor dance.



SEN Update

Heathfield Schools' Partnership has a new SEN Administration Assistant, Janine Pedersen. If your child has a Special Educational Need or disability, you may receive phone calls or emails from her as well as from Mrs Fisher and Miss Levin.

50/50 Club

There have been two draws this month. Congratulations to the holders of these winning numbers:

	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
7 th December	42	47	13
17 th December (Christmas Bonus)	6	22	31

50/50 Club

The next draw takes place on 11th January 2021. One number for the rest of the year (nine draws) costs just £9. Contact the PTA via the school office if you are interested.

Spark! Book Awards

This year the infant and junior schools will be taking part in the *Spark! Book Awards*. Schools across the Richmond and Kingston boroughs will be reading and voting for the books they would like to win. We are looking forward to getting the shortlisted books in January!



In the meantime the longlist books have been revealed over the last twelve days through the *Spark! Book Awards* '12 Books of Christmas' virtual calendars. Each calendar covers a different age group (4-7, 7-9 and 9-11 years old). Visit their website using the link below to see the final list and get some inspiration: <https://sparkbookaward.co.uk/12-books-of-christmas>

Christmas Message from Dalemead

*Happy Christmas! We hope you have a brilliant time and a fantastic 2021!
Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas cards you sent us!
With love from the residents at Dalemead Care Home xxx*



Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th January 2021 – Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January – Children return to school