



# HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

20th December 2023

NEWSPLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

We are sending all our best wishes for the Christmas break. The children have worked incredibly hard through this long term and are looking forward to a special time with their families. As always a sincere thank you for all the support you give to the school. Because of that support combined with the staff's commitment and quality the children are attending well, enjoying school and making progress. I know this will continue into the new year.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 9th January.

Paul Clayton

## Attendance

Congratulations to the 53 children in Infants and the 97 children in Juniors who have attended school **every day** this term, from 6th September until today.

100%

## Rocksteady Concerts

Our Rocksteady bands entertained their classmates, teachers, parents and carers last week with their take on various popular songs.

If your child would like to join a Rocksteady band and take part in a performance each term, please visit their website [rocksteadymusicschool](http://rocksteadymusicschool) to register your interest.



## Christmas Panto

Children from Years 2-6 have enjoyed an online panto this week, funded by the PTA. James in Simmonds said, "I liked the bit where they were canoeing and a speedboat zoomed by and they fell in!" Jessica from Pendleton loved the puppet show, "The king wanted a gluten free cake and we had to shout out to remind Alexis to take it out of the oven. And then the burglar got a pie in the face!"



## Rugby League

Rain did not stop play yesterday for our tag rugby team. They played Orleans Primary School in their latest Richmond Borough League match. They played a good game winning 8-2. This result places them at the top of the league with more games to



play in the new year.



Hazael said, "It was a fun game to play. The other team were very kind at the end of the match, congratulating us and saying we deserved to win. I feel proud because we worked hard to play well as a team."



### Willow Christmas Craft Afternoon

Children in Maple and Applegate enjoyed a craft afternoon yesterday with parents and carers joining them. In Maple the children made salt dough decorations and enjoyed some Christmas treats. In Applegate, the children created polar bear cupcakes and then sang for their visitors.

Hayden particularly enjoyed the singing and Harvey said, *"I really enjoyed my polar bear cupcake and singing the 12 days of Christmas in front of parents"*. Jaydon was a fan of the cupcakes but was happy to share, *"I'm going to give my second one to my baby sister."*



Polar Bear Cupcakes



Salt dough decorations

### Christmas Lunch

Children across the two schools enjoyed their Christmas lunch yesterday. Yusuf from Sycamore was particularly enthusiastic, *"This is sooo good!"* he said. Ollie thought the food *"looked good"* and James described the meal as *"delicious and festive!"*



### Bookmarks

The children in Year 1 also had a lovely time on Monday morning making snowmen bookmarks with their parents and carers in class. Hargun from Juniper said *"I liked the sparkly stickers on the snowman."*



### Vacancy

The Junior School have a vacancy for a cleaner. The hours to be worked are from 3.30-5.30pm Monday to Friday term-time with some additional hours during the holidays. Please click on this [eteach](#) link for further information and to apply. Alternatively, paper application packs can be collected from the Junior School office. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please pass on the link.



Wednesday **20th December** - Last Day of Term.

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Tuesday **9th January** - Children return to school for the start of the spring term

Thursday **11th January, 9.30am** - Willow Open Morning, **1.30pm** - Reception Open Afternoon

Friday **12th January, 9.30am** - Nursery Open Morning - [books for all open events at the Infant Office](#)

Monday **15th January** - Deadline for applying for Reception and Year 3 for September 2024

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