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Headteacher

Dear Families & the Heritage House School community,

Our learners have experienced a magical festive time this year.

The planning for Christmas began on a sunny day in June with theatre companies booked and gifts ordered designs created for the pop up shops across the school.

Invites were sent out to families to join in the creative and festive fun

Our school theme for decorations has been Nordic, Natural and White, with decorations in the dining halls, café, classrooms and corridors.

In this last week of the term, the learners have continued to shop for gifts for their families and friends in our beautiful curated gift shop. On Tuesday and Wednesday a scrumptious Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all, followed by the Rotary Club transporting Santa in his sleigh.

Seeing a line of learners and staff in Santa hats, waving flags and singing was a most memorable experience.

In this newsletter we share a flavour of all the events the whole school community have experienced. I am sure you will enjoy the many photographs and information in this special edition.

I wish to thank all the staff in our school community for their enthusiasm and dedication.

Thanks also to all our families for your support to make this a special memory for learners.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jacqueline

### **Dates for diaries**

Return to school – January 6th 2025

After school clubs begin from 13th January





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### Santa on his sleigh

Ho !Ho ! Ho ! – a sea of festive colour greeted Santa on Wednesday afternoon.

Luckily, the whole school were waiting on the pavement so this special festive visitor could be welcomed to Chesham

Road works at the North Pole could not delay Santa and he was welcomed with learners waving flags, ( that’s YP) singing ( thanks Rick-Allia and Andrea S ) cheering ( thanks Bramble & Dragonfly) and the whole school community.

Residents from The Leys waved from their windows to add to the festive cheer.

Santa will never forget his visit to HHS

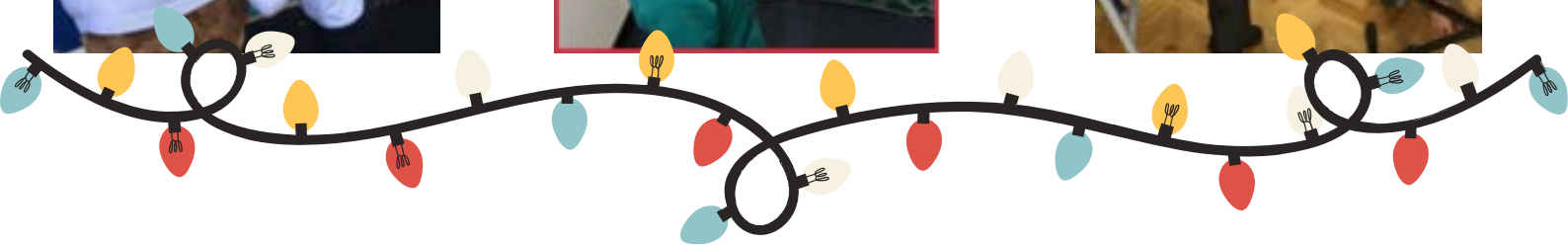
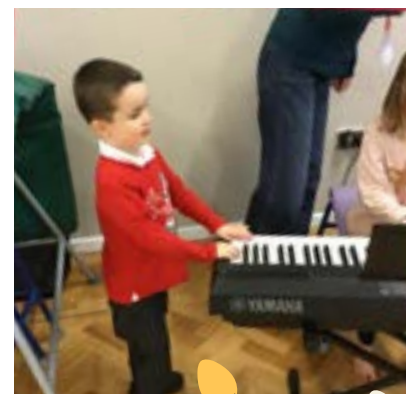
Thanks to Chesham Rotary Club - you brought our school community so much festive cheer.





Grasshopper class has been engaging in lots of fun Christmas activities from meeting Florrie Bear during the Reindeer dash to the Meet the Parents Christmas craft session where learners enjoyed Christmas crafts with their parents. In Horticulture sessions the learners have been using natural materials to create different art work. Learners even visited the pop up shop where they chose gifts and helped to wrap them up.

Merry Christmas from Amela & the team





Winter sensory story,  
Panto and Carol's with  
Carol



Christmas Jumper Day

Merry Christmas  
Carolyn & the team





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Bumblebee enjoyed the Santa Dash and meeting Florrie the Bear and Santa. There was lots of dancing in the playground.

We used our senses to explore the snow when it fell.

We had great fun joining in with Christmas songs during music therapy with Kath.

We have enjoyed using natural object such as leaves in Natural Thinkers and created some beautiful Christmas trees.

We had great fun in 'Attention Autism' using squirty cream and making snowballs then splatting them flat!

Happy Christmas from us all in Bumblebees.





Ladybird class have been enjoying the build up of celebrations during this Christmas season. They had lots of fun during the Santa dash and welcomed Florrie Bear with open arms. The learners developed their musical skills when they played instruments during the Christmas carols service.

They also explored their craft making skills which they shared with their parents when they visited. They decorated baubles and gingerbread men to bring home.





Wow what a busy few weeks Clover class have had enjoying all the Christmas celebrations here in school!

Some highlights have included meeting Santa at the Reindeer Dash, participating in the Christmas table cricket cup and having our families come in to do Christmas crafts with us. We still have lots to look forward to before we break up.

Wishing everyone a lovely festive break.

Merry Christmas from Karen & the team





Foxglove class have been busy with lots of Christmas crafts; such as making salt dough decorations, Christmas wreaths, making Christmas tree decorations, and making Christmas cards for family, friends and the residents care home.

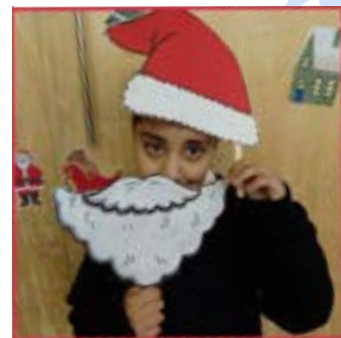
Learners also enjoyed the Christmas carol singing session, especially singing making requests of Christmas songs to sing, and dancing along. Also, Foxglove class loved using the props in the class photobooth!

Thanks to all parents who joined us at our family Christmas event, creating foliage candle centre pieces to take home.

Foxglove, along with the rest of the school, enjoyed Head2Head Sensory theatre - what a memorable experience.

Also, Foxglove class has lots of fun at the Reindeer dash and meeting Florrie the Bear! And going to the Pop-Up shop to buy gifts for family and friends.

Merry Christmas from Sky & the team







Buttercup Class have had a wonderful time in the build up to Christmas taking parts in lots of activities. We loved the Panto at Brushwood school and also the one that visited HH. We had lots of fun when our families came to visit and we made beautiful centre pieces for the table. The swimming gala was great fun and we will be bringing home our wonderful crafts!

Merry Christmas from Lisa & the team

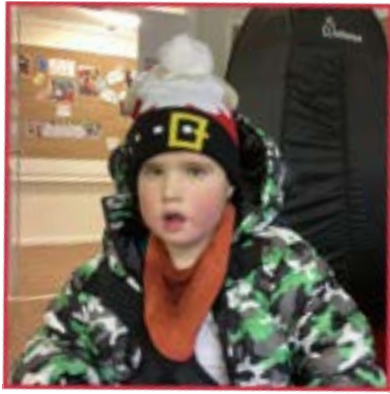




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Carolyn & the team



Christmas Jumper Day





### MAPLE

We have been having lots of fun enjoying all the activities on offer this Christmas at Heritage House.

Our learners raced around for the Reindeer Dash, shopped in the pop-up Christmas Shop, competed in the Table Cricket Cup and watched a super and immersive Panto !

Merry Christmas from Rachel and the team





The highlights of the last few weeks for Chestnut Class have been making the reindeer hats and completing the Reindeer Dash, along with Christmas jumper day and stories by our cosy 'fire'.

Merry Christmas from Alistair and the team





We have had lots of exciting Christmas activities in YP1. We made reindeer hats for our 'Reindeer Dash' and decorated our class. We had parents visiting us for Christmas crafting, Christmas carol with Carol, Rumpelstiltskin panto in school and some of us visited Elgiva to watch 'Aladdin'. YP1 enjoyed visiting pop-up shop to buy gifts for our family and friends.

We made Christmas cards for the Care Home residents, had Christmas lunch, read Christmas books, Santa visit and a colourful Christmas parade.





YP2 have had a busy few weeks; making festive items in construction to be sold at the pop up shop.

We have made Christmas cards for the care home, visited the Pantomime in Chesham at the Elgiva (Oh yes we did!), shared craft activities with friends and families, helped run the pop up shop and participated in a carol concert.



YP3 have been using all their senses to explore a Heritage House Nordic Christmas. From the sweet smells (and delicious tastes!) of food technology with Jennie, the melodic sounds of carols with Carol, to festive lights and exploring ice, pine cones, snow and penguins (to name but a few!), as well as lots of fun art activities.

Sarka has kept us all fit whilst having fun with Christmas skittles, table cricket and a reindeer dash.

Christmas dinner, a Santa parade (and a visit from the man himself) has made our last week very special.

YP3 would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Merry Christmas from Katherine & the team





YP4 class have been having the most wonderful time on the lead up to Christmas. They have enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day, creating crafts with parents, a trip to the Elgiva to watch the pantomime, making Christmas biscuits, making Christmas cards to give to the residents in the care home and enjoyed a fabulous Christmas lunch.







## First Aid Workshop

Learners in YP2 and YP4 have recently completed First Aid training led by Richard Edwards from MediPulse Training.

The workshop was held in the school flat with learners gaining a certificate of attendance. The range of information from first aid incidents, CPR, burns and dealing with incidents of bleeding means our learners have an awareness of their own and others health needs. Congratulations to all.

## Jacqueline





## Water! Water! Everywhere!

Our learners in Bramble and Dragonfly classes had a fantastic time swimming in our hydrotherapy pool with their parents.

Anna, our swimming coach planned such a fun session that all involved voted to return in the Spring term !



Thanks to a parent, we have been informed about a SEND swimming club in Leighton Buzzard!  
OTTERS meet each Saturday morning during term time.

For more information, please contact  
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