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Christmas!



We had a special visitor in the forest this week who brought presents for every class. More pictures on the website—on each class page.

There are lots of videos on the website. The Carol service is on the front page of the website.

Class 1 nativity is on the Class 1 page. **Class 2** Christmas Poems and songs is on their page.

Class 3 moving monsters is on their page too.



As a staff, we sincerely wish you all a very happy Christmas, and we hope you can spend time together as families. Thank you so much for all your generous gifts—they are very much appreciated.

Mr Parton—a sort of Goodbye!!!!

Mr Parton has been Deputy Head at High Ercall for nearly 16 years. Today was his last day in this role. He has been a passionate, supportive, caring and professional member of our fabulous team. He will be very much missed in school—but we are very lucky that it's not really goodbye. In January he will continue to look after sport in school for us - running clubs and taking groups out to competitions. He will also continue to support us with class cover and maths challenge after school club for our Year 6 children.

We do want him to take some time for himself (and his beloved Harley!) and he has all our thanks for all that he has done and will continue to do at our brilliant school. **Thank you Mr. P**



COVID-19—Information Update

In further uncertain times, we have no further information in school with regards to January than you do as parents. As a school we are planned for a normal return—and we are very much hopeful that this will happen. It is possible we will be back in bubbles like last year—but again I will await further information from the DFE which will probably come out after Christmas.

If your child has a positive PCR test between today and Monday 20th December, please email me on: h2051@taw.org.uk. Be aware that a positive Lateral Flow test does not confirm covid, and like this week, we have had to wait for a confirmed PCR which takes longer via a postal test.

If you are isolating, or your child has COVID and is unable to return on Wednesday 5th January, please email a2051@taw.org.uk, or leave a message on the answer machine which we will pick up on Tuesday 4th January.

Please look out for any possible emails from me on either Monday 3rd January or Tuesday 4th January—in case I need to notify you of any changes to normal school arrangements. If you have no email—all will be as normal on Wednesday 5th January. Fingers crossed.

Reading Challenge!

We have set a reading challenge for over the holidays—just some simple different places to read and a request to send in photographs via email.

The quest sheet is attached with this newsletter

The email to send photographs to is: Highercallphotos@taw.org.uk

Challenge examples: **Read next to the Christmas tree;** **Read on a day out;** **Read to your teddy / elf;** **Read wearing your PJs;** **Read to a pet**



DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 4th January	Staff PD day in school
Wednesday 5th January	Return from Christmas—all children
Tuesday 11th January	KS2 Archery competition
Friday 14th January	Rock Stars Day—come dressed as a rock star. Times tables Rock star challenge day!
Tuesday 18th January	KS2 Basketball competition
Thursday 10th February	Class 1 Theatre trip—Dear Zoo
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term
Monday 28th February	Return from half term
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th April	Start of Easter holiday—children
Friday 8th April	Staff only—PD day
Monday 25th April	Return from the Easter holidays—staff and children



Achievement Stars!



Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Reflective, Resourceful

These are our half term achievement stars! Each class teacher has chosen children who have demonstrated our 5Rs. Its always such a tough choice.



Class 1: Teddy, Lola, Harry, George, Evie



Class 2: Ryan, Hayden, Rhys, Erica, Theo



Class 3: Millie, Erin, Matilda, Bill, Pavan



Class 4: Milly, Ffion, Dougie, Emily



Class 5: Joseph, Joel, Jack, Izzy, Imogen

Reading Champions

The following children have been awarded reading champions this half term—super reading at home and school! Well done guys—enjoy your book prize over the holidays.



Class 1—Elizabeth

Class 2—Polly

Class 3—Dillon

Class 4—Maddie

Class 5—Sophia