



**All of the staff and governors at Highweek would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3rd January.**

#### A MESSAGE FROM MS REDWOOD

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an action- packed Christmassy last week at Highweek!

#### **Nativities**

Congratulations and thank you to all involved in the Key Stage One and EYFS nativities this year. We loved hearing and watching the Christmas story through their performances of Balmy Bethlehem and Whoops a Daisy Angel. What a talented lot they are!

#### **Christmas sing-a-longs**

A big thank you to all that came to support and sing-a-long this week. We hope that you enjoyed our musical events and performances this term. **£233.68** was raised for the school from your kind donations on the door.

#### **Christmas Fayre**

We hope you all enjoyed our Christmas Fayre. A big thank you to everyone from the PTFA who helped prior to and at the event and for your generous donations towards the raffle, tombolas and secret santa room **£1300.00** was raised for the school.

The PTFA will meet in the new year to discuss how to use the funds raised.

#### **Rudolph Run**

Thank you all for your support with this event. An amazing **£1,225.40** was made for Rowcroft Hospice- a truly worthy cause.

#### **Christmas Jumper day**

A total of **£56.68** was raised for Save the Children, in addition to your chocolate donations.

#### **Children in Need**

We raised a total of **£140.00**.

### **Other News:**

We are really pleased with the progress of our children who are accessing phonics. Thank you to everyone who has been asked to bring your child in early to attend extra sessions. These will continue in the new year and you will be notified if your child is required to attend. Thank you Miss Charlie Ridge for organising this.

### **Exe class:**

Today we say goodbye to Miss Preece who will be starting her maternity leave, we wish her well and look forward to seeing her new arrival early next year.

We welcome Mr Watson who will be teaching in Exe class.

**Homework club-** this will continue next term. Please notify the office if your child will be attending. Remember all children are expected to engage in homelearning set by the school whether this is at home or during the club.

### **Safeguarding:**

If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of a child in the school holidays, please see the contact information below. In addition, I can be contacted via email at any time.

### **Teacher Qualifications:**

Miss Lilley and Mrs Matthews have been working towards achieving their National Professional Qualifications for the last 18 months: Mrs Matthews has achieved NPQH (National Professional Qualification in Headship) and Miss Lilley has achieved NPQSL (National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership). Both have studied over 27 modules and completed their exam assessment back in September.

A big congratulations to them all their hard work!



## Worried about a child's safety?

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) by:

- completing an online request for support form
- calling us on 0345 155 1071
- emailing [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk) and giving as much information as you can

**If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on 999.**

Finally on behalf of all of us here at Highweek, I would like to wish you a,

**Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Ms C Redwood

A huge well done to our year 5 pupils who held a bake sale a few weeks ago. They raised an incredible **£85.20** for Young Lives Vs Cancer.

**YOUNG LIVES  
vs CANCER**



We have had a special whole school assembly this morning, please take a look at our Facebook video post and have a look for yourselves.

All of the pupils loved it!



It has been a very busy Autumn term.  
Here are just a few of the highlights!



On Tuesday, the children enjoyed the wintery weather dressed as reindeers for our festive run. Many of the children managed to run for longer than 20 minutes in the cold and rain, showing great stamina! So far, we have already raised **£1,225.40** for Rowcroft Hospice. The money raised will go towards looking after both adults and children who are in need of specialist care, allowing many patients to enjoy Christmas at home this year.



## Well done to our Accelerated Readers

**100,000 words**

Sayed Alqarooni & Jessica Webster.

**250,000 words**

Ben Williams & Archie Exon.

**1 million words**

Sam Palmer.

Class	W/C 4th Dec
Taw	92.5%
Mole	91.4%
Mardle	86.4%
Bovey	87.2%
Tavy	91.8%
Plym	94.6%
Exe	<b>97.9%</b>
Dart	96.4%
Tamar	96.1%
Torrige	97.2%
Teign	91.4%

## School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

Exe class had 97.9% attendance for the period of 4th - 8th December 2023.

Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is 96.2%.

It is essential for children to attend as much school as possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.