



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 22nd December

## End of Term Letter

It has been another busy term and I am sure all the children are looking forward to the two-week break. The children have demonstrated excellent behaviour and resilience throughout this term; we are all really pleased that so many of them will be enjoying the merit treat this week. On 8<sup>th</sup> December, the children took part in Overgate Hospice's Reindeer Run. A massive thank you to all the parents who have contributed - we raised £953.

We have had some fantastic events taking place in school this term and it has been lovely to see so many of our parents in school supporting their children by coming to events such as the festive coffee morning last Friday which was really well attended. This week, the children have also enjoyed class Christmas parties and the staff pantomime as their merit treat, which is always a popular event in school. Reception classes had a super time on their annual theatre trip to see Rapunzel at the Square Chapel.

You will also be aware that there have been some changes across the Trust. We now have Heptonstall and Shirley Manor Academy as part of our Trust. The children have already been involved in joint activities with children from the other schools and we look forward to many more future events.

**School closes at 1.10pm on Friday 22nd December and we will reopen on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.** The children will all receive holiday homework and we would really appreciate your support in ensuring they continue to engage in learning during the break. Please also encourage children in Year 2 upwards to practise their times tables by playing TTRockstars.

A big well done to all the children who have maintained 99 or 100% attendance this term. This is a fantastic achievement and they will all be receiving a reward for this from Mrs Farhat, our attendance officer. As a result of parents' hard work and commitment towards ensuring children attend every day, we have managed to get our attendance above the national average at 95%.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Bates who is leaving us this term; we wish her well as she takes up her new post at Highbury Special school. Her replacement is Mrs Craven. Miss Wright will also be joining our Nursery team.

**Please do not message the class teachers on Seesaw as I would like them to be able to switch off completely over the Christmas break.**

I would like to finish with thanking you all for your continued support. Please take care of yourselves, stay safe and enjoy the break with your family.

I look forward to seeing the children return in the New Year.

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## Reindeer Run

Following the Reindeer Run on Friday 8th December, the sponsor money was counted and we raised an amazing £953.25 in support of Overgate Hospice.

A representative from Overgate Hospice came into school and a group of children (sporting their reindeer antlers) presented her with a giant cheque for the amount raised.

Thank you, as always, for all your generosity and support!

## Nut-Free School

We have noticed that some children have been bringing these in as part of their packed lunch.

Trancetto Cacao bars contain nuts so it is important that they are not sent into school.

Please find a nut-free alternative to send in with your child.



## Reception Trip to Square Chapel Theatre

Last week, our Reception class had an unforgettable outing to Square Chapel Theatre to witness the magical tale of Rapunzel in a lively pantomime performance!

The children were completely engrossed in the captivating story. Their giggles and gasps echoed through the theatre as our little ones cheered for their favourite characters, fully immersed in the wonder of this classic fairytale brought to life.

It was a delightful and unforgettable experience for our Reception class, sparking their imagination and fostering a love for live theatre. A huge thank you to Square Chapel for providing such a magical opportunity!



## Friday 23rd February

Please be aware that on **Friday 23rd February**, there will be no afternoon clubs and school will be closing at 1:10pm - this is due to staff training.

We will continue to remind you up until this date so you have time to make alternative arrangements if your child would normally attend a club on a Friday.



## Festive Coffee Morning

Thank you to everybody who attended our Festive Coffee morning last week.

It was lovely to have so many of our families join us for this event where they decorated biscuits, completed wordsearches as well as made bookmarks and paperchains.

Look out for more events like this in the future!



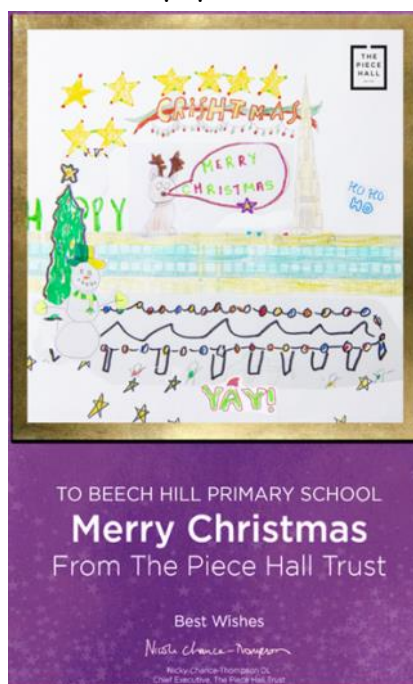
## Merry Christmas from The Piece Hall

Two weeks ago, a selection of children went to the Piece Hall to design a Christmas card.

Here you can see the finished result which incorporates elements of the children's work.

We received a lovely message from the Piece Hall:

"Thank you for joining us for the workshop, it was really special to host your talented pupils."



## Dinner Menu w/c Monday 8th January

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steaks 1, 3, 4, 5, 10 Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Keema Curry 3 Rice	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 or Shredded Chicken 5	Homemade Chicken Pie 5, 10, 12 or Roast Chicken Dinner	Pizza 5, 10
	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Vegetable Pasta Bake 5, 10	Vegan Pizza Rolls 5, 8	Vegan Strips 1, 4, 5	Homemade Kidney Bean Curry 3 Rice
Vegetables	Criss-Cuts 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Wedges Broccoli Peas	Herbies 5 Sweetcorn Mixed Veg	Potato Puffs Peas Carrots	Chips Beans Broccoli
Served daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Choc-Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Cheesecake 4, 5, 10	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Angel Delight 10	Cornflake Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

# National Online Safety - Weekly Information

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company - but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

### CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

### NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year - like holly or pinecones, say.

### CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

### WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

### TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary - you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

### WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

### WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

### BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

### ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

### SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

### GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

### GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering - perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

### Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities - empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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