



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Deck the halls! The Christmas season arrives like a clear frosty morning this week. The hampers are being prepared by each class for raffle, the calendars are designed (thanks to Miss Bennie) there are rumours of baking and the grotto is being readied for the arrival of a certain Old Gentleman on Saturday morning. Plenty of festive provender, the odd sweet treat perhaps. Thank you to the PTFA!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA



We have been thinking like journalists in Year 6 and writing newspaper reports based on our current class reading book, *Skellig*. It is important to include the 5 Ws - the who, what, where, when and why of a news story.

We've also been discussing the difference between fact and opinion and how important it is to develop our critical and analytical skills when reading and listening.

- Mrs Sonn



As the children progress through the school, they find hints of answers which may elucidate some of the mysteries of life. Their focus in science this half-term - sound - has started to do that. Learning about sound waves, vibrations and how ears work may aid their understanding of how people communicate verbally, but what about those for whom hearing is a challenge? We studied communication through the lens of signing. Initially learning the BSL alphabet, the children enjoyed spelling out their names and, later, attempting to spell out sentences for each other.

- Mr Hunt



Christmas has arrived in the Reception classroom! The children have been busy creating a village for some very festive characters. They created the landscape and used their buildings to tell stories with the elves, snowmen, reindeer and even Father Christmas! We explored how to use story language and even sounded out some of the names we made up for our elves. Excellent storytelling, everyone.

- Miss Doughty



In Year 2 we have been working on our times tables and division. We are doing extremely well with this, so have started to include it with our work on money too. We worked out how many 10p coins or 2p coins we would need to pay for various objects. For example, if a ruler costs 30p, we would need three 10p coins or if a pencil costs 12p, we would need six 2p coins.

- Mrs Solomon



Dashing through the snow on a one horse open sleigh.

Could there perhaps be a reindeer or two

Coming round your way!

The junior Art Club children are hoping Rudolph will be visiting on Christmas Eve!

- Mrs Dakin & Mrs Webster



Reception pupils express their creativity in the Art room.







Christmas Elf Post

Our Christmas postal service has started, for pupils wishing to send cards to others in the school.

Pupils should make sure they write the **name and form** on envelopes to assist the Year Two elves with their express delivery service!

Our earnest elves provide a free same day delivery around the school.



Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December | 11am - 2pm



*Come and visit
Father Christmas
in his Grotto*

Includes a small age appropriate present.

Year Group Activities

Rec/Nur
Glitter transfers,
Reindeer food
and lollipop dip.

Year 1
Cake stall with
Mrs Dakine's
famous class cakes.

Year 2
Biscuit decorating,
fun for all the
family.

Year 3
Create your own
light up paper
house.

Year 4
Name the
Snowman or
Reindeer.

Christmas Fair Delights

Class Hamper Raffle

**Children's
Author**

**Non-Alcoholic Mulled Wine,
Teas & Coffee
Children's drinks & cakes**

PTFA Tombola

**Christmas
Wreaths**



Designer Jacket Raffle

**School Uniform
Swap Shop**

**Turkey and Cranberry Rolls,
Brie & Cranberry Rolls,
Sausage Rolls & Mince Pies**



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