



Hemdean House Headteacher's Letter

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Thank you to all of the parents and children who came to school on Saturday and helped clear and organise the Forest Area. It was a tremendous effort which is greatly appreciated. The photographs speak for themselves showing the work and fun that went into Saturday.

The choir sang a song they had performed at the Hexagon for all the children in assembly on Friday and everyone, staff and children, thoroughly enjoyed it.

The photographs show everyone having a great time at Pizza Express and the children during one of their songs.

Children in Need day on Friday 18th was a great success raising £138.13 for charities. Many thanks for all your contributions.

Lots of spotty dotty fun was had around school.

The PTA are underway with arrangements for this year's Christmas Fair which will be held on **Monday 12th December**. More details will be sent out soon.

The PTA has worked hard to provide funds for use by the school. This term to date they have paid for the landscaping near the reception office, lunch trollies for use in the hall at lunchtimes, high visibility jackets for the children to wear on trips outside of school, outdoor games for playtime, new goal posts, new parent's notice board and the litter and recycling bins that are around school.

Many thanks to the PTA for their hard work and to you as parents for supporting them.

All teaching staff attended an after-school training session on 'assessment and planning' on Monday. The training was delivered by Paul Meehan from Reading Borough Council. This training is a valuable part of the ongoing professional development of staff.



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Bauble decorating competition.

Friday 2nd December Baubles to be placed on a Christmas tree in the hall and lights switched on during the Friday assembly. Parents are welcome to join us at this assembly.

Monday 5th December Grey's Court Trip
years 1, 2 and 3

Wednesday 7th December non uniform
Christmas jumper day.

Thursday 8th December Early Years
Christmas play

Monday 12th December PTA Christmas Fair
2.30 onwards

Wednesday 14th December whole school
pantomime trip

Thursday 15th December Carol Concert for
the whole school at St. Peter's Church 11.00.
Parents are very welcome to attend. Children
may be taken home from the church once
the service has ended.

Forest Clearing

A Fantastically productive day with Mrs Helen Illingworth and her volunteers clearing up the 'Forest School', before Winter creeps upon us! - Rebecca Jayne Catherine Davidson



The camp log circle looks really good! Can't wait for the kids to use it.



Thank you for firing up the enthusiasm in outdoor learning in us all - Manjot Roy



Choir Concert

The older children from choir visited the Hexagon on Monday 14th to take part in the Maestros Music Festival.



The children went to Pizza Express in between rehearsal and performance to fuel themselves for a hard sing in the evening!

Rosie Parker

Children in Need

What a crazy morning. 'Children in Need' Reception style!



Marie Dickason

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