



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Christmas is coming but learning never stops...

We held our Christmas workshop in **F1** for grown ups to come and help us make lots of lovely Christmas decorations today. We had a lovely time and would like to say thank you to all the parents who came to help us, it was great!

In **F2** over the last week we have been learning about the story of the first Christmas and learning about the journey Mary and Joseph went on before Jesus was born. This has linked in well to our Nativity and we have really enjoyed singing the songs that tell the same story.

In **Y1** we have been doing some Geography and learning about which country we live in. We also found out where Santa lives...do you know? After that we went on to write letters to Santa. It is very exciting and we hope he comes to visit us!

Last week in **Y2** we were writing amazing descriptive sentences about Paddington Bear using lots of exciting adjectives. The children also conducted a science experiment and they created a rainbow in a test tube!

Over the last few weeks **Y3** have been learning about life in the Himalayas. We had Mr Smith come and talk to us about the time he spent living there. We learnt lots of facts about the different mountains, types of houses and shops they have there. We found it very strange how people had to sit on top of buses because they were so busy and how people keep cows under their houses (which we thought must be very smelly). We have done some fantastic writing about this so feel free to ask us for some interesting facts about the Himalayas.

In **Y4** we've been writing limericks about dragons, which was very hard at first but now we've cracked the rhythm, rhyme and syllables and produced some hilarious examples, which

parents will be able to read in our poetry book (copies available next week).

Here's one example from Ethan in Y4NW:

There once was a dragon named Dave

Who really liked to sun bathe

He broke his sunbed

And turned rosy red

Then he went to the bathroom to shave

In **Y5** we have been combining our Literacy skills and ICT skills to create charity appeals posters. The appeal is about a mudslide in Mocoa, Columbia on 31st March this year. The facts the children were presenting were that 45,000 people were affected overall, 329 of these tragically lost their lives, 2 bridges collapsed, 3 aqueducts and sewage systems were compromised; and that was just the beginning. Once the posters are complete we will post them on our blog for you to look at.

In **Y6** we have been creating our 'lap books' for our Fabulous Finish. We have also looked at how to find quantities of amounts in maths and ways of manipulating our use of percentages to do this. Be on the lookout for invitations to the fabulous finish!

Nativity

We would like to say a big well done to the children in Y1 for their amazing performance in this year's Nativity. They were so well supported by the singing from children in F2 and Nursery. To put on performances like this takes a lot of effort and time from the staff, so thank you to you all too! It is so amazing seeing our youngest children on stage and very emotional, the perfect start to Christmas!

Cross Country

What a cold and icy morning at cross country on Saturday. The team looked very professional in their new tracksuit tops. The race started with a long uphill but we were very lucky to finish with a fast downhill. Everyone in the team made up a lot of places in the final sprint, which resulted in seven of our runners getting their personal

bests. Well done to everyone who competed on Saturday. The next race is Saturday 27th January 2018 at Concord Park.

WCM Calendars

Again this year we will be selling our very own WCM calendars. The children have been busy designing and every year group has had an input. Call in to the office to order your copy. They cost £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00.

Letters to Santa and Reindeer Food

We have had a message from Santa saying that he is ready and waiting for letters to be sent to him...grown ups why not call and see someone in the office for more information!

Reindeer food has also been delivered to keep Rudolph and his pals going on Christmas Eve! It is available to buy from the Office at £1 a bag. Santa has also asked us to sell magic keys for him this year. Some of the chimneys are a little tight for his tummy so a magic key just makes dropping those presents off a little easier. These are also on sale in the office for £1.00.

Post Box

The post box for Christmas Cards is in the main reception, it will be emptied daily by our Year 6 postal service. Please make sure you address your cards with the child's **full name and class**...we struggle to deliver cards that say just first names!

Christmas Lunch

Don't forget **Wednesday 20th December**, is Christmas lunch day. If your child would like a Christmas lunch please call in to the office to order one for them. This will help our wonderful Café team prepare enough food for everyone. Don't forget if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a free lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day

Due to popular demand we are having a Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 22nd December**. If you wish to make a donation to Hallam FM Mission Christmas, there will be buckets in reception. Please note you can either come in a Christmas jumper or normal school uniform.

Hallam FM – Mission Christmas

Don't forget you can drop off your new, unwrapped Christmas to reception if you want to support the



Hallam FM Mission Christmas Appeal. We are aiming to collect 50 gifts to share with children across the area; so far we have 38 gifts.

Celebrations and Parties

You will have received a letter from your child's class informing you of any celebration event or parties they are having in the next few weeks at school. The class parties will be spread over the last week at school. On party day children in Phase 1 will be able to come to school in their party clothes and children in Phase 2 & 3 (Y2-Y6) will come in uniform and bring a change of clothes for party time. If you have any questions call in and ask your child's teacher.

Milk Orders

Orders need to be placed by **Monday 18th December** for your child if they require milk in the spring term. The cost of milk for the term will be £9.72. If your child has free dinners they can also claim free milk but this needs to be ordered. Please call in to the office and place your order.

Triple P Parenting Programme

Are you struggling with bedtime routines or managing your child's behaviour? Triple P has been developed for parents of children aged 0 – 12 and is based on Triple P's proven parenting strategies, it gives you ways to deal with the kinds of behaviour problems and issues that can make family life stressful. Sessions start on **25th January 2018 (9.30-11.45) at the Meadows Children's Centre**. Please contact North Mast on **0114 2331189** for further information or to book a place.

Christmas Holidays

We break up for Christmas on **Friday 22nd December** and return to school on **Monday 8th January**.

Christmas Jokes

Q. What do you call an old snowman?
A. Water!

Q. What do you sing to a snowman on his birthday?
A. Freeze a jolly good fellow!



Attendance

Here are last weeks top 3 classes:
First: Y1MM – 97.7 %
Second: YHM – 97.4%
Third: Y2LG– 96.6%

Thank you for your support.

