

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

20th December 2024

A Message From Staff

The festive season has truly begun this week in school with lots of celebration. We started off the week with our wonderful carol concert. It was a pleasure to see all of our children perform and take part in our concert, from playing their brass instrument, acting out the Nativity or singing a traditional Christmas song or carol. We were so proud of each and every one of them!

Last week Otter class also sang for our friends at Marham House care home. A really special time for all involved.

Thursday was a busy day with our tasty Christmas lunch, celebratory crackers and a multitude of snazzy Christmas jumpers. The kindness and excitement around sharing crackers and eating a special lunch together just showed the amazing caring atmosphere in our school. To top it off, Santa visited all of the classes, delivering presents to all.

The squeals of excitement at the sound of sleigh bells approaching and the sight of red and white walking down the corridors made us all smile.

Thank you to the PTA for all the hours of hard work put in to organising and setting up their Christmas Fair and for your support in fundraising for the children in school. So far this year the PTA has kindly donated towards coach costs for our Year 6 residential. With transport costs increasing hugely over the last few years, this is a real barrier for many of our trips as our school budget is simply not able to cover the costs. We continue to be hugely grateful to our PTA and generous community donors!

Lastly, a highlight for me was taking our Reading Stars winners to choose their prize book at Waterstones. The pleasure of choosing a book was just magic!

Mrs Weir



Wishing you all a relaxing and peaceful Christmas break!

We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 7th January.

Headteacher Awards

I am pleased to announce the following pupils have received a Headteacher Award.



Harper B

Ali-Jenson W

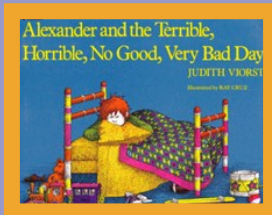
Amelia L

Ruby B

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Jacob F

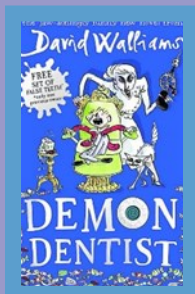
Looking for a good read?



Alexander and the Terrible,
Horrible, No Good, Very
Bad Day
Judith Viorst



The Tale of Despereaux
Kate DiCamillo



Demon Dentist
David Walliams

Dates for your diary

7th January 2025 –
Children return to
school

Stars of the Week

Mrs Bugg and Mrs Potter for
coordinating our Christmas lunch
sittings!



Attendance

This week 93.3% of our children attended school. It has been lovely to see you all. Do let us know if we can help in any way.

Please note that we are unable to authorise term time holidays according to government guidelines and penalty fines may apply. **NEW RULES APPLY.**

SEND News from Mrs Wakeman

This week I would like to sign post you to a useful website concerning anxiety around the change of routines at Christmas.-
How To Help Your Child With Anxiety Around Christmas |
YoungMinds

It offers some useful advice to help your child with suggestions of:
Checking in regularly to see how they are.

Planning ahead

Ideas for meeting extended family

Getting out of the house



How to Contact Us

If you need help with advice on how to get online, resources to help your child learn at home or any other support we are here to help. Please speak to a member of staff or phone the school office on 01284 766278.

Class teachers can be contacted via class emails e.g. otter@howardprimary.org for Otter class.

Howard is fabulous!

Keep up to date with news about our learning in school, events and activities as they happen, and some useful links for activities to complete at home, by following us on our social media page:



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