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## We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Friends of HPS

Christmas Fair – Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Christmas Fair. We raised just over £1050.

### NEWS

School Dinners - Nina, our school cook, did an amazing job and cooked Christmas dinner for over 260 children last week! Can we please remind parents that unless your child receives free school meals, dinners cost £2.30 each day and should be paid for in advance. We are currently owed £324.95 by parents.

Menu Change- On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December the menu choice will be fish and chips, quorn burger or jacket potato and not roast as per the menu.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - A reminder that children can bring in a donation of 50p on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform.

Year 9 drama assessments- On Monday and Tuesday last week, Year 5 went to THS to watch the Year 9 drama assessments. The THS students had worked in a group to create a short piece based on a myth as part of their assessments. The students did really well performing in front of a live audience for the first time. It was lovely to see some of our ex pupils doing well. Year 5 were a great audience and asked some good questions of the students and now understand what drama is. Both Year 9 and Year 5 were a credit to the federation.

School Uniform- Thank you to all the children who are always wearing the correct school uniform. You look very smart. We would like to remind you that hooded tops and trainers with any colour are not part of our school uniform. We look forward to seeing **all children** in the correct uniform after the Christmas holidays.

### Learner of the week



- FSDB LLoyd
- FSG Alfie
- 1BA Amelia
- 2D Betsy
- 2P Felicity
- 3H Aemilia
- 3S Esme
- 4C Darcy
- 4E Ruby
- 5F Finley
- 5S Lennox
- 6P Jake
- 6W Leo

### Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Mayzie
- FSG Zack
- 1BA Poppy
- 1P Alexis
- 2D William
- 2P Joshua
- 3H Taiyla
- 3S Desmond
- 4C Oliver W
- 4E Ruby
- 5F Maddie
- 5S Grace
- 6P Charlie C
- 6W Freddie

### Best Attendance

5S – 99%



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## Diary Dates



19<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Jumper  
Day

## Term Dates



Last Day of Autumn Term  
Wednesday 19th December

First Day of Spring Term  
Monday 7th January 2019

Spring Half Term  
Monday 18th February-  
Friday 22nd February

Last Day of Spring Term  
Friday 5th April

First Day of Summer Term  
Tuesday 23rd April

May Bank Holiday  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Pastoral Support Team -Our second Timid to Tiger course has just come to an end and the team would like to say 'Thank You' to those parents that took part. Here are some of the comments and feedback we have received:-

"Do it!" "Best thing I've ever done. Learnt some valuable techniques to help my children and me to parent better. I've made some awesome new friends as well as a support network for life."

'This course has helped me to support my children and know what they are feeling and how to help them. I've seen my children before my eyes, grow in confidence, which is the proudest moment a mum can have!'

'Great support and knowledge to help recognise anxiety and how best to deal with it appropriately and positively. Very supportive and non-judgemental.'

'Before coming to Timid to Tiger I was very nervous and unsure whether it would be much help. I had no need to worry, the course was so informative and the leaders very welcoming. If you get chance to take part, don't hesitate. I'm very grateful for being able to take part.'

We are planning to run another course in the Spring term. Further details will follow in the New Year.

British Showjumping - Congratulations to Phoebe Green for winning gold, silver and bronze awards at the British Devon Showjumping points awards at Westpoint equine fair, her hard work and dedication to her sport has shown in all her success this year, well done Phoebe.



## Accelerated Reader Achievement

6P-highest average quiz percentages



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Singing- Well done to the children in Year 1, 2 and 3 who took part in the carol service last week. You did a fantastic job performing in front of all those parents.

Another well done to Year 4, 5 and 6 who performed songs to their parents this afternoon. You have worked hard getting ready for the performance and were very confident this afternoon.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended these events. Children from singing club and year 5 and 6 have been performing to the public at various venues across the town. Well done to all of you as you have brought Christmas cheer to many people.

DCC SEN inspection- As you are aware DCC had a SEN Ofsted inspection last week. They were not inspecting individual schools but were focussing on the 0-25 team and as part of the inspection they visited a small number of primary, secondary and specialist settings. I hope that those parents of children with SEN had an opportunity to feedback to the team last week. The report will be shared later in the spring term.

Northcott Theatre Workshop- Lisa Hudson, Creative Learning director of the Exeter Northcott Theatre, led two drama workshops with children who are going to see the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk next week. She helped children to explore the themes of panto, including suspending belief, noticing that of stage the 'baddies' and good characters enter and exit from different sides of the stage, discussing characters and creating their own 'It's behind you' scenes. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their hour with Lisa and produced some impressive freeze frames and drama scenes. Thank you to Lisa and well done to all children.

