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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men (Luke 2:14)

It has been a bit longer than usual for the next HH to be sent out because we have not had a very usual few weeks with Christmas preparations and the heavy snow and ice. We are very sorry that we had to close, thank you for all your support and patience, the most important thing was that everyone was kept safe and we are sure you all had lots of fun in the snow!

We started the Christmas celebrations a couple of weeks ago with the TOPs Christmas Fair. What a wonderful event including a huge array of stalls and activities, actual reindeers and a secret Santa's grotto. The whole thing was outstandingly organised and run and so well supported by you all. Huge thank you to all involved who gave their time to support and to the amazing TOPs committee for organising another great event. Thanks also to TOPs for providing the raffle for the Nativity performance as well.

On Tuesday last week the whole school went to the pantomime at the Lighthouse Theatre. The children all enjoyed the performance of Snow White but the real drama happened when they got back though with the freezing conditions and parking getting the buses stuck. Thank you all for your patience and team work through this to make sure we got everyone off the buses safely and everyone away from school (eventually!) without an incident.

Our rescheduled Christmas Lunch went ahead on Thursday. We had two sittings (rather than the usual four) and all the staff who were having Christmas dinner with the children helped to serve the food. It was quite a mammoth task but good fun was had by all and it was a lovely Christmas meal from our brilliant kitchen staff from Love Food.

On a less Christmassy note our KS2 footballers played a match here on Friday against Meadowside School. It was a great game and our team played really well. Unfortunately they didn't win but that didn't matter as they were fantastic anyway and great ambassadors for our school.

On Monday we were very pleased to be able to finally host our KS2 Carol Concert which had been cancelled due to the snow. It was a real shame we couldn't do this at our churches but we are pleased that the children got the chance to perform it for their families. The children were all amazing and sang and spoke beautifully. Next year we will hopefully be back in church.... weather permitting! Reception also had a busy afternoon with their Christmas Craft Afternoon with parents. Lots and lots of you came to join your children in a range of craft activities for the afternoon. Much fun was had, many things were made as well as lots of mess!

What better way to end the term than with Reception's Nativity 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. The children were all brilliant, it's hard to believe they only started school in September. It was a fantastic show and they all sang, spoke, acted danced and played so well. Well done children and well done to all the staff involved in class and behind the scenes in putting together such a special show. A special thank you to Mrs Hollwey who came in last week and painted the superb backdrop for the stage.

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Westall and Miss Polson who are moving on to pastures new in January. We would like to thank them both for their time at our school and wish them the best of luck in their new roles. In January we will be welcoming Mrs Mockford in Year 1 and Mrs Manssen in Year 4. Both are very experienced and highly accomplished teachers and will be excellent additions to our team. We are also very pleased to be welcoming back our very own Miss Hardie who will be in two days a week covering teachers PPA time in Reception and Year 1.

At the end of the first full term of this year it is great to reflect on our successes and the way our school continues to grow and evolve in every way. We do have an absolutely fabulous team at Hayfield Cross and I am immensely proud of all of them. They are dedicated and hard-working and above all genuinely care about the children and the school - exciting times lay ahead for us as we continue to grow. There is a saying that 'It takes a whole community to educate a child' and our strength at Hayfield Cross lies in you all, children, parents, families, governors and staff. Thank you all for being on this journey with us and making our school something very special. Have a wonderful Christmas and may 2018 bring you all much happiness and joy.

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