



Seasonal Cheer

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After the disappointments of cancelling the Nativity and Carol Service the THS community needed some festive fun - so, up stepped the FOTH Team.

Expertly marshalled by Mel Burgess and Cathy Sutton, an army of mums and dads delivered a bijou event that provided a most welcome shot in the arm (no pun intended).

The 'Big Man' made a guest appearance suitably snug in his grotto; whilst an eclectic mix of activities got us all in the mood for Christmas. The snowboard simulator was a big hit, the Science Lab became a game zone and the lucky dip was always lucky; as seemingly was the tombola! Over 200 jars of sweets were hooped and stacks of plants, cookies, sausage rolls, gluhwein, books, toys and THS merchandise flew out of the door as if on a sleigh. Thank you to everyone for their generosity as always.

Above all it felt safe. With the majority of activities taking place outdoors to the soundtrack of Mr P's perennial festive music (Christie's Christmas Classics).

Boys and adults had a great time and our thanks go out to the team that made it happen and put a smile on our collective faces!

PS – the raffle draw has been extended until Monday to allow tickets to be bought online – watch this space







PUBLISHED ARTISTS!

Many congratulations to Monty Oates, Hamish Hall and William Spears – since their designs were chosen to be on the Tower House Christmas cards this year.

Printed on recycled paper (obviously) – they will be sent to some very prestigious doorsteps over the next week, including all of the senior schools our boys go on to!

I know many parents stocked up at the Christmas Fair – but we still have a few packets available. There are six in a pack, two of each design, and they are priced at £5 a packet - just email chair@foth.org.uk to place your order.

Card designs by Hamish Hall (above right), Monty Oates (below left) and William Spears (below right)





OLDE ENGLISH!

Year 6 have been learning about how language changed during the Norman period in history and how many of the words we speak today have a French influence. They also learnt how English as a language has evolved over time, for example the first English king to speak English wasn't until 333 years after the Norman Invasion! To study the language the boys have been having conversations in Olde English and seeing how difficult it is!



Some Old English words you may want to use yourself are:

Crapulous- the feeling of being ill after eating or drinking too much (apt for Christmas!)

Fudgel- giving the impression you are working, when really you are doing nothing

Groke- to stare intently at someone who is eating in the hope they give you food (watch any dog for a demonstration)

Snollygoster- a fantastic sounding word that means someone who is intelligent but has no principles



Christmas Raffle

Just a gentle reminder that raffle tickets are still available (raffle to be drawn and winners announced on the 6th December).

There are some fantastic prizes on offer, including 2 pairs of front row seats to THS performances throughout the school year, a hamper, Wine@Heart gift box, advent calendar of beauty products and a delicious Christmas cake made by a THS parent.

Visit FOTH.org.uk to buy your raffle tickets now. All proceeds to benefit our boys and the school. Your support is so very much appreciated! Thank you.

SPRING TERM CLUBS AND MINIBUS

Details of how to apply for spring term clubs and the minibus will be in the term's final newsletter next week.

Many thanks,



UPCOMING EVENTS

No clubs this week (including homework clubs) except Drama clubs for Years 2-8 which will run as normal

Mon 6th	-	House match football: Years 6/7/8 A and B tournament Password for entry to the grounds is 'bauble'	2:30pm
Tue 7th	-	House match football: Years 4/5 tournament Password for entry to the grounds is 'bauble'	2:45pm
Wed 8th	-	Junior school filming Christmas songs for home video Please can all boys wear Christmas jumpers to school	8:40am
Thur 9th	-	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Boys should wear blazers over their jumpers Please bring in £2 in aid of junior and senior school charities	
	-	Junior school Christmas panto	9:00am
	-	Lunch time - Christmas lunch	
Fri 10th	-	Final assemblies	morning
	-	End of term collection arrangements and times:	
		Reception and Year 1 - Junior School door	11:45am
		Years 2 and 3 - Junior School door	12:00pm
		Years 4 and 5 - Junior School door	12:15pm
		Years 6, 7 and 8 - Senior School door	12:15pm

Congratulations to this week's house point winners who are ...**Kew!**

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster

