

Newsletter 13 – Friday 20th December 2024

What a wonderful week!

What a truly fabulous Christmas week we have had at Holly Hill this week! Even though we've continued to struggle with staff sickness and absence, we've managed to pull it off and ensure that everything has gone ahead as planned.

A summary – 3 Christingle services, 6 shows, 600 parent visitors, 300 Christmas jumpers, 300 pairs of pyjamas, 300 hot chocolates, 300 visits to Santa, 300 selection boxes, one inflatable grotto, 5 discos, 13 pass the parcels, 200 Christmas dinners and 1 whole school panto visit with 7 coaches! Phew!!!

A huge thank you to everyone involved who makes this happen.

- The sickest but best teaching team of all time who work tirelessly all year round but always dig deep to provide a fabulous Christmas week for the children.
- Paula and her team who served a delicious Christmas dinner yesterday.
- Parents for keeping up with 'what's happening when' at the busiest time of the year and supporting us unwaveringly.
- Our fabulous Friends of Holly Hill who help us to get organised and provide the finances for the week to happen – it would be impossible without them! They subsidised the panto, paid for and bought the selection boxes, paid for and organised the inflatable grotto, paid for the Christmas parties (disco and food) and ran all of the tea bars and raffles – they are truly wonderful!
- Mrs. Watson and Ms. Ellis who organised the whole school panto ensuring that it ran smoothly and that staff were too scared to even consider getting on the wrong bus!! Visiting Derby arena was an absolute highlight this year
- Our gorgeous children! Who always embrace Christmas week and throw themselves into wholeheartedly – we've had the best week ever.

Your child's end of term assessment sheet should have come home today if they are in KS1 or KS2. Due to Mrs. Ward being so unwell, Kingfishers sheets will be sent out when we return in the New Year.

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 7th January – remember that Monday 6th January is an INSET day this year.

So finally, the staff and governors at Holly Hill would like to thank you for your support, wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Mrs. Leanne Steed, Headteacher