



**Welcome to the 8th issue of Fountain Head House School's 'The Splash'!**

## Headteacher update

Dear Parents & Carers,

This December we celebrated our first School Community Day with the theme of Christmas Fun.

This was a lovely opportunity for pupils to engage in mini-enterprise projects leading up to our Christmas Fair raising funds for various charities, including Children's Hospice South West and Therapy Dogs.

Pupils worked very hard to produce Christmas gifts to sell at the fair, using a range of skills and talents.

We also had a special raffle raising funds for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

I would like to say a special thank you to the kitchen staff for providing us with a delicious Christmas dinner - the



perfect way to end the Autumn term!

Wishing all our pupils and their families a lovely seasonal break!

With kind regards,

*Thereza de Lucca*

Headteacher

## Christmas Fun Day

Our recent Christmas Fun Day was a great success. As well as selling their handmade wares to raise money for charity, children also had the opportunity to meet with and receive a present from Father Christmas!

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents and staff that helped to set up the Christmas Grotto and Fair, we are so grateful for your hard work and generous contributions.



## Saltash Legends FC Christmas Eve fundraising match

Saltash Legends FC organise an annual charity football match every Christmas Eve, and raise funds for local charities and groups they wish to support. The team is made up of legendary players from Saltash United, Saltash Borough FC and Saltash Youth teams (both past and present!)

This year we have kindly been chosen as one of the groups they will be fundraising for, which is very exciting! We hope that some of our pupils, staff, parents and carers might support the event and may like to go along and watch. There are several ways in which you can sponsor or donate to the event, please click the button below to find out more.

**Find out more about the match**



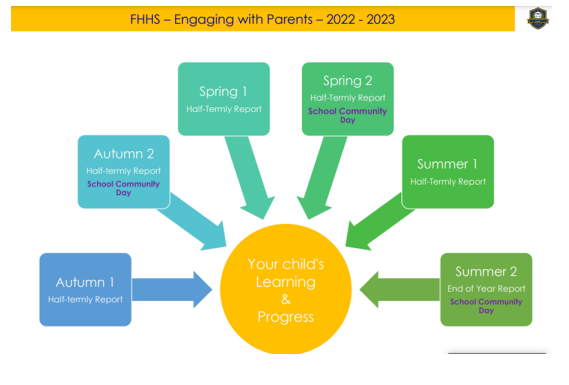
## Parent Engagement dates

Please see the image below for a reminder of the opportunities that you will have throughout the school year to engage with the school as parents/carers, get involved in our school community days plus keep up to speed with your child's learning and progress.

We very much look forward to welcoming parents and carers back to our monthly coffee mornings in the New Year. The events have been very well attended so far, dates for the upcoming Spring Term are as follows:

- Wednesday 25th January
- Wednesday 22nd February
- Wednesday 29th March

Please do come along and enjoy an informal chat with staff and fellow parents/carers over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake or biscuit!



## Christmas for children with sensory differences

The upcoming festive period can be full of fun and excitement but it can also bring sensory challenges for those with sensory integration or sensory processing differences.

To find out more, including some useful tips to help you through the Christmas period, please click the button below to view the full blog article on our school website.

[Read more](#)





## Update from the Chair of Governors

Hello everyone,

As we reach the end of this calendar year, I would like to thank Thereza de Lucca and all of her staff, who have been a pleasure to work with this year.

If I may give a quote from 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' by Dr. Seuss, which is a book that I hope you will all enjoy reading:

*"He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME!*

*Somehow or other, it came just the same!*

*And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,*

*Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?"*

*"It came without ribbons! It came without tags!"*

*"It came without packages, boxes or bags!"*

*And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.*

*Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!*

*"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store."*

*"Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"...*

Wishing you all, pupils, parents, carers and school staff alike a joyous and peaceful Christmas, and thank you as always for your continued support.

Julie

Dr Julie Smith

Chair of the Board

## Our Christmas tree

Thank you to the staff and pupils who helped to put up the Christmas tree in our main reception area, you did a wonderful job and it's such a festive welcome to visitors to our school.



## Paignton Zoo trip

Omari and Louise's class had an amazing day at Paignton Zoo!

The children loved exploring all of the different animals and particularly liked the gorillas and the giraffes. They also found out lots of fun facts, such as an ostrich egg is equivalent to 24 standard chicken eggs!



## Christmas poems

Pupils in years 5 and 6 have been concentrating really hard, and have been writing a collection of Christmas poems so that they can publish their own Christmas-themed anthologies.



## 22/23 term dates

Our 22/23 term dates have now been added, so you can view our term dates by clicking on the button below.

[Term dates](#)

## Where else can you find information, help and support?

Parenting and family support - Family Lives:  
[www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families:  
[www.annafreud.org](http://www.annafreud.org)

Young Minds: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

SEND IASS Cornwall: [www.cornwallsendiass.org.uk/](http://www.cornwallsendiass.org.uk/)

Plymouth PIAS: [www.plymouthias.org.uk/](http://www.plymouthias.org.uk/)





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