

## Hannahs News – December 2019

### Welcome

Everyone at Dame Hannahs has enjoyed a very busy and festive time leading up to Christmas. There have been so many fun events and we have enjoyed celebrating the festive season with volunteers, parents and supporters. A big thank you to all our supporters and volunteers throughout the year and a Happy Christmas to everyone!



## **Santa Fun Run**

Well done to our wonderful Dame Hannahs Santas who took part in the Plymouth Santa Fun Run and thank you to our lovely volunteers for all their help. A big thank you to organisers Saltram Rotary Club for choosing Dame Hannahs as their charity along with Shekinah and to all the 800 Santas who took part. Despite the wet and windy weather everyone got into the festive spirit and had a fantastic time!

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## **School Santas**

The young people in our Children's Home also had great fun doing their own Santa Fun Run at Dame Hannahs. The Plymouth Santa Fun Run organisers were delighted that they took part and kindly sent them their medals.

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### **Illuminating Evening**

A group from Hannahwood had a wonderful time at the Illuminate Light Festival preview at Royal William Yard. There were so many stunning art installations and projections. Illuminate was the first event of the Mayflower 400 commemorations. 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower from Plymouth UK to Plymouth Massachusetts.



### **Parents' Christmas Celebration**

We were delighted to welcome parents to a special Christmas celebration in school. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of singing, signing and chiming! The parents were able to catch up with each other and the staff and they enjoyed looking at the children's work and photos. And there were plenty of mince pies!





### **Mount Kelly Singers**

We would all like to say a big thank you to the adorable Mount Kelly Pre-Prep schoolchildren who sang so beautifully for us. Not only did they sing their favourite Christmas songs but they also signed along and even did some wonderful dancing! Everyone in our school really enjoyed the concert and our children had a lovely time meeting the singers and joining in.



### **Tree Planting**

Our young people have really enjoyed planting trees donated by The Woodland Trust. We were given 10 silver birch, 10 wild cherry and 10 rowan tree saplings. The children have been learning all about trees and their benefits. A big thank you to The Woodland Trust for including Dame Hannahs in their tree planting initiative.



### Christmas Jumpers

Staff and students in school got into the festive spirit and enjoyed dressing up on National Christmas Jumper Day!







### **Christmas Lunch**

Everyone in school enjoyed a delicious Christmas feast cooked by Di and her wonderful kitchen team. Thank you to all the kind volunteers who helped serve lunch.

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### **Hannahwood Christmas Lunch**

The wonderful kitchen team also cooked a delicious Christmas lunch for everyone in Adult Services. They all had a wonderful and festive time.

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### **Hannahwood Christmas Trips**

The Hannahwood dog walkers have been out and about despite the blustery weather. They enjoyed a very festive visit to Killerton where they saw some stunning Christmas displays.



### **Hannahwood Grotto**

Throughout Advent our young adults in Hannahwood have been receiving gifts in their very own Christmas Grotto. The Hannahwood Community Projects Group have also been giving out their own gifts by collecting donations for the Ivybridge Foodbank.





### **Blue Diamond Christmas Tree**

A big thank you to Blue Diamond Endsleigh Garden Centre for donating a Christmas tree to our Children's Home. The staff and students have decorated it beautifully.



### **Christmas Collections**

Thank you to customers at Morrisons in Outland Road, Plymouth and Tesco Lee Mill for their donations. Our fundraising team enjoyed a busy day at each store chatting to people about our wonderful charity. Customers particularly enjoyed meeting Matt and John from Adult Services who helped out at Tesco.