



**Newsletter**  
**14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

This week the children and staff have dedicated themselves to perfecting the Christmas performance with script run-throughs, singing practices and dance rehearsals. Please can all children have the clothes they were asked to provide in school for Monday 17th December ready for our dress rehearsal in front of the staff and children of Castleton School. The school is now feeling more festive with Christmas trees and decorations adorning the classrooms after enjoying fun whole school sessions making lanterns, performance programmes and individual place mats for our Christmas lunch next week. On Thursday, we joined Castleton and Lealholm schools at Middlesbrough Small theatre to watch the pantomime, Dick Whittington. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the panto, enthusiastically taking part in the audience participation. The children were a credit to the school with their good behaviour, which was commented upon by theatre staff. Well done to all the children!

**Social and emotional well-being.** This week has required the children to show great perseverance and resilience as we have pulled the various aspects of the Christmas performance together ready for production. The children have all been very supportive of each other, helping to encourage and rehearse delivery of lines and acting.

**Star's of the week**

KS1 Star, **Finley** – for consistent good effort and enthusiasm; and our KS2 star, **Chloe** – for working more independently and improving at maths! Congratulations to you both!

**Attendance** this week has been **97.56%**, a marked improvement on last week but still falls a short of our 98% target.

**Christmas Performance Information**

- ❖ *Children to be collected from the Robinson Institute at 3.15pm on Monday 17th December, following our dress rehearsal.*
- ❖ *Please note that after a full run through of the Christmas play, we will need to alter the start of the afternoon performance on Wednesday 19th December to 1.45pm in order to allow time for the performance and for children to change out of costumes. Please collect children from the Robinson Institute at the usual time of 3.15pm.*
- ❖ *Children will be bringing their costumes home with them following the afternoon performance, on Wednesday. Please send them ready in these costumes, for the evening performance, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. The Performance will start at 6pm – please could all children be at the Robinson Institute no later than 5.45pm*



**General Information Reminders and Requests**

- ❖ Please can all children have wellies or a change of shoes in school next week as we will be walking down to the village hall on Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Please can the change of footwear be brought in a named carrier bag to make transportation of these and costumes etc more manageable.
- ❖ If any parents or carers would like to volunteer their time to help listen to children reading, we would love to hear from you. Whether you can offer an hour or a morning/afternoon, the children would really benefit from this and we would be very grateful for any time you can offer. Please call into school to see Mrs Bennett or Mrs Webster if you think you may be interested.
- ❖ The children themselves have raised concerns about the amount of dog fouling on the grassy path recently. Class 2 have written letters to be sent to Glaisdale Parish and have designed posters to help remind people to be more responsible with their dogs. Please help us to be vigilant against the dog fouling.
- ❖ In view of health and safety and hygiene requirements, please can all children with hair which extends beyond their shoulders, wear it tied up for school.
- ❖ With the winter weather now beginning to make its presence felt, can we ask that children not ride their bicycles up and down the grassy path as this makes the ground more difficult and messy to walk on.

Thank you for your support in the above matters.

**Carols around the Christmas Tree** The Glaisdale 'Carols around the tree' event will take place on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at the village green. Some of our pupils have arranged to sing "We wish you a merry Christmas" "12 days of Christmas" and the first verse of "Away in a manger". Any other children at the event are very welcome to join them and it would be wonderful if you could make it.

**PTFA news** The Northumberland Theatre Company will be returning to the Robinson Institute on the 30<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm with 'The little maid who danced to every mood'. Tickets available by calling 897945/07472622243 Adults £9, Children £6 or a family ticket £25. Profits to Glaisdale School PTFA.

**Our Week Ahead**

- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> December**- Music Lessons with Mr Cross - Morning  
Dress Rehearsal Afternoon at The Robinson Institute
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** School Christmas lunch
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** Afternoon Christmas Performance at Robinson Institute 1.45-3.15 (**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Evening Performance 6pm at Robinson Institute. Children to arrive at 5.45 in costume
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** Christmas party day & Break up for Christmas- **NON UNIFORM/ PARTY CLOTHES MAY BE WORN Today**



**Return to school Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

