



**Newsletter**  
**29<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Class 1** This week has focused primarily on the termly assessments which all children have undertaken in writing, reading, SPAG and maths and which all children approached with maturity and enthusiasm. We have also begun rehearsing for our Christmas performance with the children proving to have quickly learned their lines and eager to join in practices with the older children. They have also been learning a variety of dances to be performed with the performance which will, no doubt, amaze everyone. In amongst this busy schedule, the children have also undertaken puzzles and challenges which our visiting fairy, Fayette, left for them during her night time visits.

**Class 2** KS2 maths this week has continued to look at measure, applying what was learnt last week to calculate the perimeter and area of regular and irregular shapes. In English we are composing our own winter themed poems using an acrostic layout. We will use our editing skills to perfect the poems and then handwriting and art skills to create a fabulous final draft.

It has been assessment week and we are super impressed with the resilience of the children and their approach to their assessments - well done to all. Play practice has continued with stage directions, actions and dances now been added. Any help at home supporting your child/children to perfect their lines would be appreciated, thank you.

**Social and emotional well-being** This week we have been thinking about how we can make others feel better whilst also making ourselves feel better. We have based discussions around a story which centres on the idea that we all carry around an invisible bucket which can either be filled or dipped into according to our behaviour and attitudes towards other people, and the way others treat us. We have thought deeply about how to make ourselves "fillers" rather than "dippers".

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- Key Stage 1 star of the week has been awarded to Sam Harland for caring and helpful attitude during the play and stay afternoon.
  - KS2 star of the week was Will for his positive attitude to school which has been reflected in his work - well done Will
  - Congratulations to Ellie who came 9th in the national biathlon last Saturday and then competed the following day in a swimming competition for Whitby Seals, gaining gold and silver medals - a fantastic achievement.

**Attendance** Our whole school attendance for this week has been 96.5% - a significant improvement on last week's total, however still falling below our target of 98%.



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**Wellies!** Please send your child/ren with a second pair of footwear on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week – Wellies if possible, otherwise a suitable waterproof alternative. The children will be walking to catch the bus at the Mitre on Tuesday and to the Robinson Institute on Wednesday using the grassy path.

**Permission Slips** Thank you to those of you who have returned the consent forms for the Dress rehearsal at Castleton, Author day and Panto trips. It is essential we have consent forms for all events and therefore must urge any not yet returned, to do so on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Author at Robinson Institute** The visiting author next Wednesday is award-winning, bestselling children's author, Billy Bob Buttons. He is the author of sixteen very popular children's books including Felicity Brady and the Wizard's Bookshop, the bestselling Muffin Monster, Tiffany Sparrow Spook Slayer, The Cool Kids Book Prize winner, WIDE AWAKE, and the UK People's Book Prize winner and bestseller, I think I Murdered Miss. Last year, this book sold over 40,000 in the UK alone and won the 2014 UK People's Book Prize. Every year, he meets with approx. 50,000 primary school children to deliver his popular literacy workshops and on Wednesday he will be delivering workshops focusing on Planning a Story, Adventure Writing and Characters. There will also be an opportunity for your child to meet Mr Buttons and buy a signed and dedicated book. Enclosed is a price list plus lots of information on the different books they can pick from. If you wish your child to buy a signed book, simply put the money (the author will have change with him) in an envelope (with your child's name and class written on the front) and hand it to the school office / class teacher. Mr Buttons will be doing the book signing at the end of the school day so, if parents wish to meet him and help their child pick a book, they can do so then.

### **Our Week Ahead**

- **Staff training days – School closed Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**
- Please note there will be no Music lessons with Mr Cross this week

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PM Whole school trip to Castleton to watch the Christmas performance dress rehearsal

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Author day with Billy Bob Buttons – Ks1 AM/ KS2 PM – details attached. – (Please note that due to this even there will be no forest schools for year 4 today)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Key stage 1 Forest Schools

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Whole school panto trip Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas performance at the Robinson institute 2pm Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec & 6pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Break up for Christmas Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018
- Return to school Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019