



Glaisdale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

8 December 2017



"Outstanding Together"

Class 2

This week we have focused on the Christmas play with a number of rehearsals and singing practises. The children are doing well and are really stepping up to the mark. We have also been learning a number of traditional Christmas carols too.

In addition to the above, we have also re-enacted the siege of Baghdad, which took place when the Mongol horde moved into the area. Using tables – and a fair bit of imagination – we reconstructed Ancient Baghdad and then, depending on the year group, either defended or attacked it. Along the way everyone had to cooperate and make decisions to try and ensure that the siege came to a successful conclusion. Unfortunately for the Year 6 children (who were defending the city), it really didn't!

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week the children have looked at friendships and designed recipes for making healthy and lasting ones. This really has strengthened the children's understanding of what they look for in a friend and has allowed them to realise that people can fall-out but still be friends.

Class 1

This week has been dominated by rehearsals for the Christmas performance and completion of assessments due to illness amongst the children last week. We have, nevertheless, continued to address basic maths skills such as times tables and number bonds, reading skills and spelling patterns/ phonics. We have also spent time in English editing written work for improvement and securing further our understanding of word classes, in particular nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs.

In R.E. we have looked at the nativity story using drama to enhance our understanding and appreciation of it, and have continued to develop our appreciation of sound, (pitch, tone and volume) in our music lesson.

With the looming Christmas performances and usual excitement and events surrounding this time of year, today was the last for spelling tests until after Christmas. Thank you for your support in helping children to learn them each week.

Thank you, also, to everyone who has sent in scrap materials for the children to be creative with. We try to encourage the children to create models which are recognisable, or which they are at least able to discuss and explain, to avoid you getting these back in the same form as you sent them!

Christmas Play rehearsal and performance times

Having now completed a full run-through of the play, we would now like to **amend the start and finish times** of both performances. So to confirm, they are as follows:

- **Mon 11th** – full dress rehearsal at the Institute after lunch - **please ensure they have their wellies with them.** Children are to be collected from there at 3.15pm, unless a form has come back into school confirming that your child/children can walk home on their own;

- **Wed 13th** – evening performance starting at 6pm and **finishing at 7pm**. Please can all children be at the Institute at **5.30pm** to get prepared, etc.;
- **Thurs 14th** – afternoon performance starting at **2.00pm**. The children will go down to the Institute after lunch - **please ensure they have their wellies with them**. If you're not watching the performance, then your child/children is/are to be collected from there at **3.00pm**, unless a form has come back into school confirming that they can walk home on their own.

Diary dates for the week commencing Monday 11th December 2017

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| Mon 11th: | pm – full dress rehearsal for Xmas play – see above. The children from Castleton will be coming to watch; |
| Tues 12th: | Last day for dropping off tombola prizes for Xmas play performances |
| Wed 13th: | pm - Yr 6 Forest Schools 5.30pm – Children to be at The Institute – see above 6.00pm-7.00pm – Xmas play performance |
| Thurs 14th: | 2.00pm-3.00pm – Xmas play performance (no Forest Schools for KS1) |
| Fri 15th: | Last day for beanfeast collection – see below |

PTFA news

A tombola will be held at both performances of the Xmas play – a bottle one on Wednesday evening and a chocolate one on the Thursday afternoon. Please can prizes be donated and brought into the school office or given to Sarah **a.s.a.p.** Thank you.

Also, please can mince pies be brought to the Carol Service on Wed 20th Dec as well? Thank you.

Christmas lunches – last week of term

On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th, school lunches will be served as normal as stated on the menu plan given out in September. However on Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd, there will be special lunches:

- **Wednesday 20th** – When the children return from the Panto, they will have sausage in a bun (veggie burgers for the vegetarians), potato wedges, veg sticks plus other bits and a choc-ice for pudding;
- **Thursday 21st** – Christmas dinner will be served this day with roast turkey (Quorn for the vegetarians), roast potatoes, vegetables, chipolatas and gravy with Xmas Tree ice-cream for pudding;
- **Friday 22nd** - Buffet food will be served on this day consisting of a choice of sandwiches (cheese, tuna and egg), sausage rolls and vegetable sticks plus other bits with festive biscuits for pudding.

All meals are priced at £2.10/child, the normal price per lunch. If your child/children would like these meals or if they'd prefer to have their own packed lunch instead, please complete the form **attached** confirming matters and return by **Wednesday 13th Dec**. This will allow Mrs Freeman to collate numbers. Thank you.

Last day of term – Friday 22nd December

Children are allowed to come to school in their party clothes or Christmas jumpers if they wish.

Make your own Christmas Cards – Saturday 9th December

Please see the **attached** flyer about this event taking place at Whitby Library tomorrow morning.

Christmas Village Party – Tues 19th December

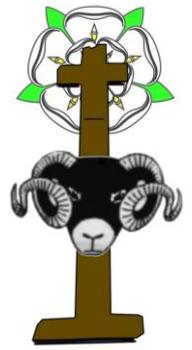
Please see the **attached** flyer about the village party on Tuesday 19th December.



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REMINDER – Trip to Panto – Wed 20th Dec

If you haven't already sent your form (with payment) back to the school office, please do so a.s.a.p. so your child/children can go.

School normally buys an ice cream for the children to have during the interval. If your child/children have allergies/does not eat ice cream then please let Mrs Ashton-Wickett know on Monday and confirm that you will send something suitable in for them to have instead.

Christmas "Beanfeast" donation

Huw and Will were wondering if you have a spare tin of beans kicking around your kitchen cupboard? If so, they are collecting them on behalf of the Salvation Army for their community breakfasts over the Christmas period. Beans are ideal as they are tasty, nutritious, non-perishable and with it being Christmas - who doesn't want to be full of beans?! Any bean donation can be left at school up to Friday 15th December. Thanks very much.

Christmas letter box

The festive letter box has appeared again outside the KS2 classroom, ready for all the children to pop their cards into. They will all then be collated and handed out during the assemblies.

Bonus Ball winner – As on 2/12/17 – 52 – roll over

Academy Update

Our conversion date has again been delayed slightly. Currently it is 1st February and we are crossing our fingers that this is the final delay.

Swimming - Spring Term

As last year, we are again taking year 2 children swimming along with older children who need additional time to ensure they can swim the distance expected in Primary School (25 metres). Castleton will also be going to the same session which is, again, on Mondays - 1pm to 1.45pm. Please do ask if you have any questions. Year 2 and other relevant children will receive a separate letter next week with the details.

News from Castleton Classes

What fantastic performances in the Xmas play, everyone worked together so well, supporting each other to create a brilliant show every time. One audience member said they were "singing their hearts out" which was true. It was obvious the children enjoyed doing the show and performing it to you. Thank you to those who helped to make the show run smoothly, the lighting, sound effects and costume hunters. Also, there is a huge thank you to the children who felt poorly but wanted to struggle on so the show could go on. What fantastic resilience.

The donations from both performances amounted to a fantastic £275 which will go towards the Village Hall costs, lighting and Licence fee etc. with the remainder to School Fund. Many thanks to Helen Hellon and helpers who provided refreshments after Tuesday's performance.

KS1: A huge well done to all the children for a fantastic "show" week. Everyone performed so well and put us all in the Christmas spirit. We are looking forward to visiting Abbeyfield this afternoon to sing Carols and we have made some lovely Christmas decorations and lavender bags for gifts.

In English we have had a grammar focus and concentrated on nouns, verbs and adjectives this week.

Back to Earth and the curriculum after the Christmas show **KS2** have been writing up the Science experiments we have been doing to prove what we have learnt. It has been tricky because it needed to be done scientifically with no pronouns, so no I, we, you!