



**Newsletter**  
**16th October 2018**

**Class 1** We have had an exciting time in Class 1 as we discovered a fairy has been visiting the classroom during the night, leaving clues to the visit and a lot of mess! The children have used the opportunity to think about letter writing incorporating question words to discover more about our secret visitor. We have also spent some time thinking about how we can adapt the story of The Secret garden to write our own original versions. In maths we have been focusing on subtraction using a variety of methods and apparatus to support our learning including cubes, number lines and grids. Other areas of learning have included increasing further our understanding of the differences in various religious faiths and engaging further with art techniques to enhance our almost completed secret garden pictures.

**Social and emotional well-being** This week we have used stories and discussion to think about dealing with situations where we find ourselves outside of our comfort zones, looking at how to behave in such situations and different techniques that we can use to keep ourselves calm and less flustered. We have also thought about being considerate towards the thoughts and feelings of others, particularly in light of the recent secret visits to class 1.

**Children In Need** It all went spotty today with non-uniform in aid of Children in Need 2018. Children were encouraged to come to school sporting spots with a donation for the charity and they did not let us down. There were plenty of Pudsey related maths and English activities throughout the day to keep with the theme - all good fun. Class 2 would like to thank Millie for her hard work creating tasks for them to complete this afternoon - Even Mrs Ward enjoyed the chance to colour in a picture of Pudsey!  
We raised £57.46 for Children in Need - Well Done!





**Staffing News** It is with sadness we inform you that Mrs Peacock will be leaving us later in the term to begin a new career. She has worked with dedication and commitment to Glaisdale Primary school and we wish her all the very best for her future ventures.

In a change to KS1, Miss Hogarth will be remaining with the children at Glaisdale on mornings and working with the children of Castleton School on an afternoon, as of next week.

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** Thank you for your generous donations of shoeboxes – we have sent 10 shoeboxes in total today which will make their way to be distributed by Operation Christmas child and Samaritans Purse.

**Christmas Baubles** We still have plenty of baubles to be decorated for the event at Sainsburys on the 30<sup>th</sup> November – please call into see Mrs Bennett if you would like one.

**School Christmas performance** The children will shortly be bringing home play scripts for this year's Christmas performance. Please can you take time to help your child/ren practice their lines so that rehearsal time in class can be used effectively to focus on delivery of lines and acting techniques.

**Winter Clothing** Now that winter is fast approaching, please could you ensure children are dressed suitably for all weathers. Children are advised to always bring a jumper or a cardigan, as well as an outdoor coat.

#### **Our Week Ahead**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** Music lessons with Mr Cross

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Year 4 Forest schools PM

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** KS1 Science. Not Forest Schools this week.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

- School closed for staff training days Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- 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