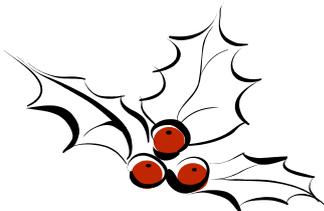




**Newsletter**  
**21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**



This week the school has definitely been bursting with a jolly Christmas spirit. Children have undertaken Christmas activities against a background of Christmas music which has had everyone singing and smiling. We have devoted time to creating wonderful Christmas cards and calendars for our family as well as, of course, adding final preparations to the Christmas performance.

On Monday, we had our dress rehearsal in front of the children and staff of Castleton School. This was the first time the younger children had been on stage in front of an audience but despite being quite daunted, they performed wonderfully and the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by our audience.

Tuesday was our school Christmas dinner which as usual was delicious and very much enjoyed by children and staff alike. Thank you, Mrs Freeman.

Wednesday and Thursday saw the children perform Lights, Camel, Action to packed audiences. The children were fantastic and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the musical extravaganza, including the audience participation section at the end. Well done to each and every child in the school. You were amazing! Today we all had fun at our annual Christmas party, followed by a fantastic party lunch, after which we relaxed watching a DVD.

**Stars of the Week** have been awarded to all the children this week, for their wonderful Christmas performances – Well done!

**Attendance** has been a sensational 99.46% this week. Keep it up!

**Dinner Menu and Money** Thank you for those of you who have returned your children's menu choices for the new term. This will be your child's meal choices but should you wish to change them to a packed lunch or a school dinner, please inform the office with 2 weeks notice – as it is a 3 weekly changing rota this will give you the sufficient time until the meal is next being served. A copy of your child's agreed choices has been sent home today. Please can parents ensure dinner money is paid in advance, at least on a weekly basis. The cost for the next half terms dinners for those wishing to pay upfront will be £81.60 - Thank you.

**Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust Newsletter** Please find enclosed YEAT Autumn Term Newsletter, for your information.



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**Reminders & requests**

- In view of health and safety and hygiene requirements, please can all children with hair which extends beyond their shoulders, wear it fully tied up for school.
- With the winter weather now beginning to make its presence felt, can we ask that children do not ride their bicycles up and down the grassy path as this makes the ground more difficult and messy to walk on.
- We often send home reminders, letter's and consent forms for trips and events. Please help us to reduce the amount of time our staff spend chasing these up by checking your child/ren's bag regularly for any correspondence and returning them to school when possible.

Thank you for your support in the above matters.

**Playgroup** Today marks the end of an era for Glaisdale playgroup, with Janet Houlston retiring after 32 years at the helm. Janet has built up and managed the playgroup from the start, taking care of many of our children, and even some of us, over the years! On behalf of all the staff, children and friends of Glaisdale school, we would like to wish her a very happy, well deserved retirement and sa a huge 'thank you'!

**Northumberland Theatre Company (NTC) Christmas Play** Sun 30 December \* Scandinavian adventure story \* suitable for all the family \* dance, song and exciting physical theatre 'THE LITTLE MAID WHO DANCED TO EVERY MOOD' Tickets on sale now - call 01947 897945 / 07472 622243 / or email: valleynews@basementpress.com (Tickets: £9 adults, child £6, family £25). Doors open 6pm (refreshments), show starts 6.30pm, at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale. Any profits will go to Glaisdale School.

**Diary Dates – Our First week back**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – School closed for staff training day
  - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – **School Reopens at 9am**
  - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 Forest Schools, PM
  - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January – KS1 Forest Schools, AM
  - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Mr Cross Music lessons PM
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- Swimming will begin Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January for those children in Year 2 and above who have received a letter – please return consent forms along with the first payment instalment ASAP, when the term restarts, if you have not yet done so.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*