



Religious News

It was wonderful to see the support this morning at both of our Services, which were fantastic celebrations in prose and song of the events of the First Christmas. Many thanks for your support. Our Education Sunday Service will be held in St John's Church at 10am on Sunday, 27th January and we hope that you will be able to join us for this annual service.

On our return to school, all classes will be studying Other Faiths in their RE lessons and our Christian Value will be Respect.

May we wish you all a very happy and Holy Christmas.

Fear not, for behold, I bring your good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2

If You Look For Me At Christmas

*If you look for me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me,
Amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores,
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment,
From your list of things to do,
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came.
And you'll find Me in the stillness,
As I'm whispering your name.*

Achievers of the week for 17th December.

This week we have awarded our certificates to children who have made a significant contribution to school over the term.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates:

FS2 Tobias V, Esme H

Y1 Eddie R, Jimmy P

Y2 Archie S, Rocky G

Y3 Austin B, Rose B

Y4 Lily P, Ashley C

Y5 Charlie A, David H

Y6 Caitlin B, Iosac O'M

MUSIC CONCERTS

Once more, yesterday, it was a real privilege to be present at the two Music Concerts, which showcased the huge amount and depth of musical talent that we have in school. In all, approximately 150 children took part in this musical extravaganza, which included performances by Strings, Brass, Ukele, Guitar, Rock Solid, Orchestra, Keyboard, Drumming as well as solos, duets and both our choirs! One grandparent commented to me that he had been coming to concerts for 41 years and he thought last night was the best – high praise indeed! Thank you to the staff, both external and internal, for making this event such a success with special mention of Mrs Armstrong who spearheaded the whole event.

ATTENDANCE Week of 3rd December

F1am 95.38%

F1pm 973.33%

F1 30 hours 95%

F2P 99.31%

F2Py 100%

Y1M 92.26%

Y1S 98.06%

Y2F 98.67%

Y2D 93.33%

Y3HM 97.33%

Y3W 97.33%

Y4HW 98%

Y4M 96.33%

Y5B 97%

Y5G 95.67%

Y6B 95.67%

Y6V 96.90%

Congratulations to F2Py who won the attendance cup this week in EYFS and KS1.

Congratulations to 4HW who had 98% attendance to win the KS2 cup. Well done!

Our weekly attendance last week was 96.67%.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Further work will be undertaken this holidays on clearing the Jungle Trail in preparation for the installation of the new trail which will happen in January - exciting times! Mr Cottrell is also busy refurbishing our sandpit, so we hope that area will soon be back in use.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

Following the heats in their classes, KS2 children gathered on Tuesday to see who would be crowned Spelling Bee Champions in Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. Congratulations to Miles C, Brooklyn A-D, Ashley C, Omid R, Lucy B, Reece H, Iosac O'M and George B who were all the individual winners from each class.

In both the LKS2 and UKS2 competition, Miss Melvin needed to introduce the tie break spelling before crowning Ashley and Iosac as winners- well done both of you!

TT ROCK STARS

At the beginning of the year, Mr Holliday introduced TT Rockstars to KS2 children. This is an online tables programme where children can practise their tables and try to improve their own performance. Staff also run TT Rockstar clubs at lunchtime for children who wish to practise. As you know, tables are a key component in the development of maths knowledge and, especially for Year 3, who will be the first Year Group to have a Sats Type Tables Test in Year 4. This programme is a useful and fun way to practise maths. Mr Holliday has set up the programme as a Battle of the Year Groups for the school holidays with the winning class earning a treat in the week of 7th January. Please can we encourage you to promote this in the holidays if your children are looking for something to do!

IT'S A BOY

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Van Der Gucht on the birth of their new baby son.

STAFFING UPDATE

Following a term in the private sector, we are delighted that Mrs Hibbert has accepted a new role with us and will be returning to Baildon after the holidays.

GREAT NEWS- THE REINDEER WILL BE FED

THIS YEAR! Thanks to the enterprise of the School Council, all the reindeer will be happy this year with the wonderful reindeer food and the children are delighted that they raised £136. Thank you everyone for supporting this initiative.

NON UNIFORM DAY – RUBY HOUSE

Congratulations to Ruby House who won the House Championships this half term. Children from Ruby are invited to come in non-uniform on **Friday, 4th January 2019**.

PTFA UPDATE

The next meeting of the PTFA will take place on **Tuesday, 15th January 2019** at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All are welcome as the PTFA plan some events for the remainder of the year.

School opens after the holidays on **3rd January**.