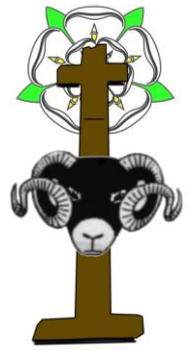




NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

News from the Classes

This week, **KS1** have been developing their art skills and enjoyed using water colour paints to create lovely Christmas scenes. We have also been exploring and using different materials to design Christmas crafts, sewing being one of our favourite activities!

In Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and were great "Shape Detectives." You would be surprised at how many shapes are all around us!

Our visit to Stephen Joseph Theatre to watch Hansel and Gretel was a great experience and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the play. It was lovely to hear them excitedly talking about it on the way home, explaining which parts were their favourite and why!

Next week will be our last SMIRF assessment of the term and some children are really close to moving onto their next space mission so a SMIRF practice before then would be great!

In between assessment week, **KS2** have been finding out more about the evils of Grendel. As human beings we like stories with evil motives in so we created our own. All we can say is terrifying what nightmare visions were created.

The **Hansel and Gretel** show on Thursday was very cleverly done with four actors taking on all the parts. There was audience participation with howling, growling and tweeting to add the sound effects to the forest scene. The ogres (or in the original story the witch) had the most magnificent hat (please ask) as did the giant mouse, whose ears were very cleverly made (please ask). Fortunately the story does end happily because at one point it looked like roast Hansel was on the menu.

We were very proud of the way everyone behaved and thank you to all the parents who came and supported.

Next Week's Christmas Activities

- **Carols round the Tree, Monday at School, 6pm**

Thank you for the various items that have been brought in for the raffle hampers. We would also be very grateful for any donations of mince pies that you are able to give towards the refreshments and it would be appreciated if these could be brought into school on Monday morning please. Thank you to Lizzie and everyone for your help so far and let's hope for a good night on Monday to get us all in the Festive Spirit!

- **Christingle Service, Wednesday at Church, 10am**

All are welcome to the Christingle Service on Wednesday. The children will be making Christingles in school on Tuesday but, unfortunately, there have been lots of Health and Safety issues regarding lit

candles and we therefore feel, as last year, that it will be safer not to light the candles in Church. The children will bring their Christingles home after the service if you wish to light them.

- **Christmas Dinner on Thursday and Party on Friday**

The children will have their Christmas dinner on Thursday and a combined dinner/party food on Friday. If your child usually has a packed lunch on these days and you would like them to have the Christmas dinner/party food then please let Jean Blacklock know on Monday and bring in the money (£2.10 per day). Party food lists are now up in reception (for KS2) and the KS1 classroom. **Children are allowed to come to school in their party clothes, or Christmas Jumpers if they wish, on Friday.**

Next Week

Monday	NO Sumdog Club Carols round the Tree, School, 6pm
Wednesday	Christingle Service, Castleton Church, 10am NO Netball Club
Thursday	Christmas Carols at Abbeyfield, 9.45am Christmas Dinner
Friday	Christmas Party afternoon

Break up for Christmas and return to school on **Tuesday, 5th January 2016**
Monday, 4th January is staff training

News from Glaisdale

After doing some assessments this week, **Class 1** have done some Christmas problem solving activities in Maths and in Literacy they have focussed on the poem, "Twas the night before Christmas." They have also created some lovely snowmen pictures, made Christmas cards and begun decorating the classroom.

In **Class 2** the children have written their own version of part of the Beowulf story by changing the setting. They have completed their Christmas card and calendars, as well as beginning preparation for the Christmas dinner.

Tomorrow	"The Ugly Duckling" by Northumberland Theatre Company, Robinson Institute, doors open 6pm, finish 8.30pm. Tickets on sale at Glaisdale Shop or from Nicola on 01947 897945
Wednesday	Glaisdale School and Village Carols, St Thomas Church, 6pm