



# NEWSLETTER

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## News from the Classes

What a super afternoon we had at **Abbeyfields** last Friday. We certainly put everyone in the Christmas Spirit with our singing and festive cheer. The children made cards and reindeer biscuits as gifts for the residents and it was lovely to see the children chatting happily to everyone. It is a lovely tradition and reminds us what a great community Castleton has. It is officially Christmas now!

**KS1** have also been enjoying reading "The Secret Garden" story and were keen to explore India where Mary Lennox was born. It inspired us to create some super "Taj Mahal" charcoal artwork and colourful peacock pictures.

In Maths we have started our topic on Money and have been identifying the value of coins and notes and making amounts to pay for items in our Christmas shop.

**KS2:** The class has been editing and improving their written work using the computers. It is so much easier to organise text, pictures and editing with the click of a mouse.

There was a bauble 3D challenge, trying to make an octadecahedron (18 sided shape made from equilateral triangles). Quite complicated to make but many have been successful (and will come home to be admired!)

## Forest Schools

There will be no Forest School session for year 4 on Wednesday afternoon and in the New Year it will be the turn of year 5.

## Years 5 & 6 Peat Rigg May 2019

For those parents who wish to pay the contribution by instalments, please note that the first instalment should now have been paid. Thank you.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance has been the best yet since September, **97.61%**, so, for the second week running, we have exceeded our target of **97%**. Well done and let's hope we can keep this up for the final week of term and maybe, even, better it!!

## Pantomime

On Thursday we had our annual trip to the Pantomime at Middlesbrough which was fantastic – oh no it wasn't, oh yes it was! Sequins, costume changes, dances, songs, rude jokes ..... shark songs were all there. The storyline was Dick Whittington and what a fantastic cat he had, called Tommy (please ask). It was a truly spectacular happening with a particularly evil King Rat boooooo! It was great to see all the children's participation and enjoyment. Thank you Mrs Ward for organising it for us.

## National Literacy Trust Hub - Book Donation

The National Literacy Trust Hub, known locally as 'Our Stories: Whitby, Scarborough, Filey,' has donated some copies of Tom Fletcher's "Christmasaurus" book to us and we do hope the children enjoy reading it.

To find out more about the work the National Literacy Trust is doing in our area please have a look at the website:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/communities/north-yorkshire-coast/>

### *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 Helen 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!

- **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. 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*

**Please could all money owing for this half term be paid up to date on Monday – Dinner Money, Breakfast Club, Music Lessons, Pantomime etc.**

**There will be no After School Clubs or Music Lessons next week.**

Fitness Club will start again on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to the children for their enthusiasm and to Ian from Whitby Karate Club for running the sessions this half term. It has been great fun and we have learnt a lot of new skills.

<b>Monday</b>	Carols round the Tree, 6pm Glaisdale Play at Robinson Institute, afternoon. <b>Please return all outstanding permission slips on Monday morning.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>Friday</b>	Christmas Party, morning, followed by Party food dinner Break up for Christmas Holiday

Children return to School on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019