



# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

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## News from the Classes

In **KS1** this week, we have enjoyed making props for the play and are excited to show you next week. Thank you for the costumes.

We were sent a message in a bottle from Pirate Pete and are writing our own Pirate stories. What great imaginations we have in KS1!

**KS2:** The panto has been the focus of our attention this week, getting it to run smoothly. Slowly we have added in props and costumes (thank you all for all the costume efforts.) This year, the children have been involved in the scenery and prop painting. This explains slightly painted fingers, especially the black that takes time to wash off. Well done to all the children for learning their lines, what a mega effort has gone into that. It certainly makes the show run very smoothly and we hope you will enjoy it on Wednesday night.

## Circle Time

Some of the KS2 children have been talking to Mrs Douglass about Circle Time this week. They explained, in a very grown up way, how they discuss things such as:-

- Grumbles;
- Saying "Thank you" to a class member for something they have done;
- Discussing any issues – can anyone suggest a solution?
- Positive comments during team games.

Mrs Douglass was very impressed. Please ask your children to explain how Mrs Grace runs Circle Time. It is a valuable tool to support children's social and emotional development.

## Parents Meeting at 3.30pm on Thursday re E-Readers

Our School is part of a project whereby each child is given a tablet to take home, to use as an e-reader. The project is to help encourage children to read and make progress in their reading. There is a meeting in school on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm when Mrs Grace and Mr Wilson will explain it.

## Changes to Swimming in Spring Term

We have reviewed our swimming provision and, rather than take the whole school, we are now going to take year 2 children every year, along with other children who need additional time to ensure they can swim the distance expected in Primary School (25 metres). Glaisdale will also be going to the same session, which is when we always went on Mondays, 1pm to 1.45pm. Please do ask if you have any questions.

Year 2 and other relevant children have a separate letter with the details.

## Christmas Play ("Cinderella Rockerfella") - Next Week

The Christmas Play is nearly here!! The dress rehearsal is on Monday morning and Glaisdale School will be coming to watch. (We are going to see their play dress rehearsal on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December.) There will be an afternoon performance for the "Over 60's" on Tuesday at 1.30pm and then the main evening performance on Wednesday at 6.30pm. As in previous years, to cover costs of setting up the play (including Licence fees, Village Hall and lighting hire, costumes etc) there will be donations on the night (we would suggest £2 per adult) and if there is any profit this will go to School Fund. **Children will need to be at school by 6pm for costumes and make up on Wednesday night.**

## Advance Notices

### Carols Round the Tree, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

The annual Carols Round the Tree evening is at School on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The PTFA would be very grateful for donations of mince pies and raffle prizes which will be made into Christmas Hampers - please could these be brought in by next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December and also help on the night would be appreciated. Thank you.

### Christmas Party on last day of Term

We will be having a party in school on the final afternoon (Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December). School dinner will be combined with party food and lists will be put up in each classroom, nearer the time, for contributions of food to bring in.

## Next Week

<b>Monday</b>	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal in Village Hall, 10am <b>LAST Sumdog Club</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Christmas Play, performance for "Over 60's," Village Hall, 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO NETBALL CLUB</b> until New Year Christmas Play, Village Hall, 6.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Parents' e-reader meeting, 3.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Visit to Abbeyfield, 2pm, to sing Carols etc – see separate letter

## News from Glaisdale

**Class 1** has also been working on Pirate Pete this week, by innovating and extending the story with their own compositions which involved working on them over a number of days, editing and improving them, resulting in some wonderful adventures for Pete! In Maths they have been looking at different methods for adding two and three numbers together and Mr Wilson has begun teaching them gymnastic techniques in PE in preparation for a January interschool competition. Much work this week has also been devoted to rehearsing their Christmas production.

**Class 2** has been looking at different ways of adding information to sentences and in Maths they have continued looking at shape through reflection and symmetry. In PE, years 3 and 4 were learning how to mark and dodge using space, while years 5 and 6 were developing their own rules for games such as "Crazy catch" nets. Year 6 also discovered how difficult it is to referee a game. In Science they have continued with investigations into light.