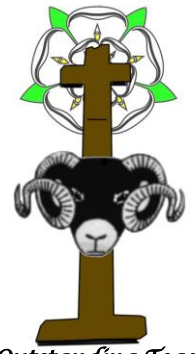




NEWSLETTER

15.12.17



"Outstanding Together"

News from the Classes

We had a lovely visit to Abbeyfield last Friday when the children sang the show songs and Christmas Carols which got everyone in the Christmas spirit! It was great to see the children talking to the residents and finding out about what Christmas was like when they were younger. Everyone commented on the lovely singing and the children's manners which left us feeling very proud.

This week in **KS1** we have been exploring the four seasons and the children have created some super calendars. We have also been focusing on Africa as part of our Geography and found out about different African animals. The children wrote some fantastic riddles about their chosen animal.

On Thursday afternoon we had a festive treat and all enjoyed juice and a biscuit at the Tea Rooms. Thank you for the invite, it was yummy!

There will be no spellings this week. They will start again after Christmas.

In Maths this week, **KS2** have been thinking about multiples and factors. In particular those tricky P R I M E numbers (please ask about the song!) To help recognise those prime numbers we have been using divisibility rules and number patterns.

We have been catching up with writing tasks and in particular the epic story writing. What is GREAT to see is the improvement that everyone has made.

We have also thought about what needs to be in the camel packs if we entered the ancient city of Baghdad. As traders we want to sell goods that the occupants would want to buy

"Sport Relief Super School"

We are pleased to report that we have received a letter from Tom Daley advising us that we are officially a Sport Relief Super School! This is for all our amazing efforts towards Comic Relief. We will be doing a Sport Relief fun run again in March.

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 Tuesday and Party on Friday**

The children will have their Christmas dinner on Tuesday 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.

- **Pantomime Trip on Wednesday**

School normally buys an ice cream for the children to have during the interval. If your child/children have allergies/does not eat ice cream then please let Mrs Blacklock know on Monday (if you haven't already) and confirm that you will send something suitable in for them to have.

- **Christingles on Thursday afternoon**

We are not doing a service this year but the children will be making Christingles at 2pm and thinking about what it means. You are welcome to come and join us. Please let us know if you would like to do this.

Next Week

No Music Lessons on Thursday and Friday

Monday	Carols round the Tree, 6pm
Tuesday	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday	Trip to Pantomime "Snow White" at Middlesbrough Little Theatre, morning. A Fish and Chip takeaway dinner will be served on their return!
Thursday	KS1 Forest Schools, morning Christingles, 2pm
Friday	Christmas Party in Village Hall, morning Break up for Christmas

News from Glaisdale

The Glaisdale children put on an amazing show this week **"It's Chriiiiiistmas!"** and our pupils had the pleasure of attending the dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon. It is brilliant how, in a small village school with everyone playing a part, the standard from all ages is always consistently high. Well done to one and all!

Class 1's time in school this week has been dominated by the Christmas performance but they have, however, also managed to continue developing their maths skills in relation to times tables and mental arithmetic. They have brought to a close their English work based around the story of "Where the Wild Things Are" with children constructing their own versions involving journeys under the sea, into space and to Dragon Land and Candy Land.

Class 2 this week have focused on diary writing using the Mongol invasion of Baghdad as their inspiration and in Maths times tables knowledge and the related inverse operation of division. In addition the children have decorated the Christmas tree and made numerous paper chains and Chinese lanterns to make the classroom look more festive.

NORTHUMBERLAND THEATRE COMPANY presents **THE PRINCESS & THE GOBLIN** on **FRIDAY 29th DECEMBER**
6.30pm (doors open 6pm) at **THE ROBINSON INSTITUTE, GLAISDALE YO21 2PW**

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