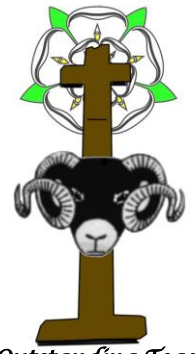




NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

News from the Classes

What fantastic performances, everyone worked together so well, supporting each other to create a brilliant show



every time. One audience member said they were "singing their hearts out" which was true. It was obvious the children enjoyed doing the show and performing it to you. Thank you to those who helped to make the show run smoothly, the lighting, sound effects and costume hunters. Also, there is a huge thank you to the children who felt poorly but wanted to struggle on so the show could go on. What fantastic resilience.

The donations from both performances amounted to a fantastic £275 which will go towards the Village Hall costs, lighting and Licence fee etc with the remainder to School Fund. Many thanks to Helen Hellon and helpers who provided refreshments after Tuesday's performance.

KS1: A huge well done to all the children for a fantastic "show" week. Everyone performed so well and put us all in the Christmas spirit. We are looking forward to visiting Abbeyfield this afternoon to sing Carols and we have made some lovely Christmas decorations and lavender bags for gifts.

In English we have had a grammar focus and concentrated on nouns, verbs and adjectives this week.

Back to Earth and the curriculum after the Christmas show **KS2** have been writing up the Science experiments we have been doing to prove what we have learnt. It has been tricky because it needed to be done scientifically with no pronouns, so no I, we, you!

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week we have been thinking about ways to relax and how to stay calm when we feel nervous. It was certainly put into practise this week for the performance.

Academy Update

Our conversion date has again been delayed slightly. Currently it is 1st February and we are crossing our fingers that this is the final delay!

Swimming - Spring Term

As last year, we are again taking year 2 children swimming, along with older 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, again, 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.

Advance Notices

Carols Round the Tree, Monday, 18th December

The annual Carols Round the Tree is at School on Monday, 18th December at 6pm. The PTFA would be very grateful for donations of raffle prizes which will be made into Christmas Hampers - please could these be brought into School by next Friday (15th December). Refreshments will be served and donations of mince pies will also be appreciated, along with help on the night. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner – Tuesday, 19th December

If your child/children normally have a packed lunch could you please confirm whether they will be bringing one in or having the Christmas dinner (£2.10 payable).

Pantomime Trip – Wednesday, 20th December

Please could all outstanding slips and money be brought in next week. 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 and confirm that you will send something suitable in for them to have.

Christmas Party on last day of Term

We will be having a party in the Village Hall on the final morning (Friday, 22nd December). **Children are allowed to come to school in their party clothes, or Christmas Jumpers if they wish.** 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. In view of this, if your child/children normally have a packed lunch please confirm what they will be doing, as above with the Christmas dinner.

Next Week

Monday	Glaisdale Play dress rehearsal, afternoon
Tuesday	Open Afternoon for September 2018 new starters, 2pm
Wednesday	Year 6 Forest Schools at Glaisdale, afternoon

News from Glaisdale

This week in **Class 1** has been dominated by rehearsals for the Christmas performance and completion of assessments due to illness amongst the children last week. Nevertheless, they have still been able to continue to address basic maths skills, reading skills and spelling patterns/phonics. In RE they have looked at the Nativity story using drama to enhance their understanding and appreciation of it and have continued to develop their appreciation of sound (pitch, tone and volume) in their Music lesson.

Class 2 has also been focusing on the Christmas play this week with a number of rehearsals. The children are doing well and are really stepping up to the mark. They have also been learning a number of traditional Christmas Carols too.

They have re-enacted the siege of Baghdad, which took place when the Mongol horde moved into the area. Along the way everyone had to co-operate and make decisions to try and ensure that the siege came to a successful conclusion.

This week in **Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing** the children have looked at friendships and designed recipes for making healthy and lasting ones.

The **Christmas Play** is taking place next week at the Robinson Institute on Wednesday at 6pm and Thursday at 2pm.

Two of the Glaisdale pupils are collecting **tins of beans** on behalf of the Salvation Army community breakfasts over the Christmas period. If anyone would like to donate these should be brought into School before next Friday.