



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week **KS1** have been busy learning their lines for the Christmas Play and have thoroughly enjoyed learning the songs. Please could you help the children run through their lines this weekend ready for rehearsals next week. We have most costumes in school but they have been given a little slip to bring home asking for anything else that we might need to add to them. Please ask if you are unsure!

This week we have also started reading "The Secret Garden" and enjoyed exploring India where Mary Lennox lived before she moved to her uncle's in North Yorkshire. We explored the culture, weather, clothes and best of all the Indian Food! We could understand why Mary thought it was strange and very different when she arrived in North Yorkshire.

In **KS2** we have done an assessment week just to see what progress the children have made. Once again, everyone has been super resilient and tried to tackle any trickier questions, so well done everyone.

Other than that we have been rehearsing for "The Stars Come Out at Christmas" show. It is coming together very nicely. Thank you to all parents who have been helping with the learning of lines. Reading the cue lines and getting a response really helps with the learning and if that also includes expression that is even better! Please help with the learning of the song words as well. The Dress Rehearsal is on Tuesday, 4th December, but costumes in as soon as possible would be brilliant.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing: We have continued to look carefully at what a "healthy lifestyle" looks like this week and explored what can happen to our physical and mental health if things such as our diet, exercise and sleep are disrupted. Remember to put electronic devices away and get a good night's sleep everyone – adults included!!

Attendance: This week's attendance was **93.70%** so still well below our target of **97%**.

Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 5

Flu Immunisations took place in School last Friday and those children who didn't have it done (as parental consent had not been received) should have brought home a letter on Monday with a telephone number to ring, if you do now wish your child to be vaccinated, as there may be a local clinic that they can go to.

Updated School Prospectus

The school Prospectus has now been fully updated for 2018-19 and a copy is on the School website. Please see Mrs Blacklock if you would like a paper copy.

Staffing and Federation Update

Miss Hogarth, Teaching Assistant from Glaisdale School, is now working in our KS1 class on an afternoon.

Mrs Peacock is leaving Glaisdale School later in the term to begin a new career. She has worked with dedication and commitment and we wish her all the very best for her future ventures.

Please see letter attached regarding the Federation of Lealholm with Castleton and Glaisdale Schools. If you have any queries please speak to us.



Charities - Thank you!

Children in Need

It was lovely to see so many "Spots" in school last Friday and over £225 was raised - fantastic! This was made up of non-uniform donations, cake sale (thank you all very much for the lovely and plentiful cakes you sent in) and the silver coins which were placed in a circle out on the playground.



Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes

Friday was a very busy day as the shoeboxes were also put together by the children with all your kind donations of items sent in at the Harvest Festival. 23 boxes were collected and taken away for the Samaritans Purse "Operation Christmas Child" appeal.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We raised £22.40 from the sale of poppies in school.

Advance Notice - Christmas Play

The Christmas Play will soon be upon us. The dress rehearsal is on the afternoon of Tuesday, 4th December and then the main evening performance on Wednesday, 5th December 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/PTFA. **Children will need to be at school by 6pm for costumes and make up on Wednesday night.**

There will then be an afternoon performance for the "Over 60's" on Thursday, 6th December at 1.30pm.

Messy Church - Sunday, 2nd December from 2.30pm

Please see message below received from Revd Rattenberry:

"You may have heard of Messy Church but perhaps you're unsure what it is? Firstly, it is a lot of fun! Led by the Vicar and a team of very able volunteers there are all-age activities, child-friendly praise and a shared light meal. We held our first session on October 14th and 50 people packed in to the rooms at the Methodist Church!

*Our next session is on **Sunday 2nd December, from 2.30pm again at the Methodist Church in Danby.** Why not come along and invite anyone you know with children to come and join us. Our theme this time will be light in the darkness. No unaccompanied children please, come as group of all ages. Get in touch with Revd Chris Rattenberry the new Vicar of Danby and Castleton on revdcjr@aol.com"*

Scarborough Borough Council Design Competition

Scarborough Borough Council is working to reduce the use of single use plastics and to encourage residents and businesses in the Borough to consider using alternatives. They are therefore running a competition to create/design an eye-catching logo for this initiative for ages 5 to 18.

They would like the design to celebrate our very special Borough and encourage the use of alternatives to single use plastics. The logo will be used on the Council's refuse collection vehicles, signage and promotional material.

Please see Mrs Blacklock for further details.

Next Week

Monday

Choir

Wednesday

Year 4 Forest Schools, afternoon

KS2 Homework Club

Thursday

KS1 Forest Schools, morning

Fitness Club

Friday

Staff Training Day – children not in School

Monday, 3rd December

Staff Training Day – children not in School