



# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

"It was the best yet and fantastic" – the audience's reaction to **"The Stars Come Out for Christmas"** says it all! The children performed brilliantly, what a smooth, slick performance from all - from Reception all the way to year 6. Thank you to all parents for the line learning, song singing and costume making. Thank you to Gaby for costume making, Mr Wadley for props and the technical music. Thank you to the Homework Club for helping with props and the cracker scenery. The singing certainly lifted the roof off the Village Hall and brought a Christmas smile to everyone's face.



The donations from both performances amounted to almost £347 – fantastic, which will go towards the Village Hall costs, lighting and Licence fees etc with the remainder to School Fund/PTFA. Many thanks to Helen Hellon and helpers who provided refreshments at Thursday's afternoon performance.

## *News from the Classes*

**KS1:** What a busy but lovely week to get us in the Christmas Spirit! Well done to everyone for a super Christmas Play, we were so proud of you all. We also had a great morning with Billy Bob Buttons on Wednesday and all left feeling very inspired. I think we could have a few budding authors on our hands. We have also enjoyed baking some yummy treats for the residents at Abbeyfield this afternoon.

Years 1 and 2 have new spellings and Year 2 have Maths homework today.

**KS2:** This week has mostly been absorbed with performance and visiting the author. However, we have been looking at times tables and multiplication methods (continued practice at home would be great.) In English we are all editing the Castleton leaflet combining writing with ICT skills. We have certainly learnt some of the deep dark secrets of Castleton. Please ask about the gory hand of glory.

**Attendance:** Fantastic attendance of **97.28%** this week. For the first time since September we were over our target of **97%**. Well done everyone!!

## *Author Workshop at Glaisdale*

On Wednesday, KS1 visited the Robinson Institute in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon and it was a fantastic opportunity to find out how an author works. Billy Bob Buttons enthused everyone with his writing techniques, in how he gets his ideas for writing and for his characters. The children asked questions to find out how an author creates his stories and, in particular, how much editing and re-writing he does to make sure the book is the best it can be. For example, his favourite book "Tiffany Sparrow, Spook Slayer" took him 4 years to write. There is still an opportunity to order his books, please see the Order Form attached.

## 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, 17<sup>th</sup> December

The annual Carols Round the Tree is at School on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (14<sup>th</sup> December). Refreshments will be served and donations of mince pies will also be appreciated, along with help on the night. Thank you.

### Christmas Dinner - Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (£2.40 payable).

### Pantomime Trip - Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

Please could all outstanding slips and money be brought in next week (there are a few slips that have been brought in without money also). There will be some theatre trip sweet treats for the interval and we will arrive back at school for a late lunch. **Please make sure children are at school ready to leave by 8.50am.**

### Christmas Party on last day of Term - NOTE CHANGE OF DAY FROM THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup>

We will be having a party in the Village Hall on the final morning (Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Northumberland Theatre Company (NTC) Christmas Play -- Glaisdale -- Sun 30 December

\* Scandinavian adventure story

\* suitable for all the family

\* dance, song and exciting physical theatre

'THE LITTLE MAID WHO DANCED TO EVERY MOOD'

Tickets on sale now - call 01947 897945 / 07472 622243 / or email: [valleynews@basementpress.com](mailto:valleynews@basementpress.com) (Tickets: £9 adults, child £6, family £25). Doors open 6pm (refreshments), show starts 6.30pm, at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale.

Any profits will go to Glaisdale School.

## Next Week

**Monday**

Choir

**Wednesday**

Year 4 Forest Schools, afternoon

KS2 Homework Club

**Thursday**

Trip to Pantomime, morning - **leaving school at 8.40am**

Fitness Club

**Friday**

**NO** Music Lessons with Mr Cross until the New Year.

Next week's lesson will be knocked off next half term's invoice.