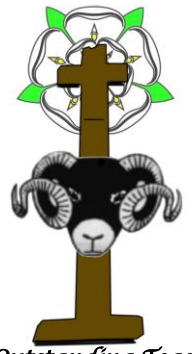




NEWSLETTER

01.12.17



"Outstanding Together"

News from the Classes

This week has been assessment week in **KS1** and again we are so proud of everyone's positive attitude. Well done!

In Maths we have been focusing on telling the time to o'clock and half past for year 1 and Reception and to 5 minute intervals for year 2.

We know it gets busy in the lead up to Christmas but please remember the importance of daily reading with your child.

Could children please be brought to the infant classroom at **5.45pm** on Wednesday evening to give us enough time to get ready? Thank you.

KS1 Forest School Sessions

Due to the snowy weather conditions yesterday we did not do our Forest School session so we will do this next Thursday and then two weeks after that (21st December).

KS2: This week has been about perfecting our performance, so that we are ready for next week. Mrs Grace has been very impressed by the way the lines have been learnt. There has been great enthusiasm for the songs and we hope you enjoy our surprise..... you have to come and watch, as we are not giving it away. Thank you to everyone who has brought in extra to be helpful to others. It is brilliant how everyone has been supporting each other and helping out. We hope you are looking forward to seeing the show as we are to perform it for you.

The push to work on tables is still continuing as we are trying to find ways to make the tables stay in the brain. The best way is to keep on working on them so that they don't fall out of the ear during sleep! So once again any moment at home that isn't already really busy it would be great if there was some times table fun!

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week we have been talking about determination and how we can apply strategies when we feel like "giving up?" We could see the determination being applied during assessments which was great to see.

Esk Valley Teaching School Alliance Update

Please find attached updated information about the Esk Valley Alliance. The Alliance has grown and now includes even more schools over a wider geographical area. Meetings are now led by partners feeding back on the work they are doing collaboratively, to improve outcomes for children. The Esk Valley Alliance works closely with other Teaching Alliances across North Yorkshire to ensure best practice and joint approaches. We have a North Yorkshire CPD Offer currently being advertised.

Christmas Play ("The Christmas Code") - 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, 11th December – **see**

separate letter.) 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. **KS2 will need to be at school by 6pm for costumes and make up on Wednesday night.** If school trousers are part of the costume please bring them. The children will go home after the evening performance straight from the Village Hall.

Next Week

Monday Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal, morning
Tuesday Christmas Play Performance, Village Hall, 1.30pm
Wednesday Year 6 Forest Schools at Glaisdale, afternoon
Christmas Play Performance, Village Hall, 6.30pm
KS1 to school for 5.45pm and KS2 6pm
Thursday KS1 Forest Schools, morning
Friday Christmas Visit to Bradbury Centre, afternoon. **Please see separate letter**

News from Glaisdale

Class 1 at Glaisdale has also been undertaking assessments in Reading, SPAG and Maths, which they have addressed in their usual positive way, demonstrating both resilience and determination. They have been looking at shape patterns, directions and turns. In English they have been securing further their understanding of nouns, verbs and objectives as well as improving their dictionary skills. The class has also been looking at the rainforests and comparing them to their own locality and have discussed what it means to celebrate, particularly in the Christian Church.

Christmas Play practice has started with children busy learning their lines, working out where to stand and getting to grips with the songs. **Class 2** pupils have been working hard on their dance routines which are looking very impressive!

Social Emotional Health and Wellbeing has focussed on what makes healthy and unhealthy friendships. The children took a mature approach to this and the insights they had into what makes a good and sustainable relationship.