



Newsletter Friday 20th December 2019



Christmas, look out for our decorations on the tree!

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've made it! Christmas is almost upon us! We hope you have a wonderful time over the festive period and manage to find time for a bit of a rest and to recharge your batteries ready for 2020. We've had another busy couple of weeks, thank you for all of your help and support once again, we couldn't do it without you. The term has been finished with a lovely Christmas lunch which everyone enjoyed and we all looked fabulous in our Christmas jumpers. We will count up all the donations we have received and let you know the final total next term. Don't forget the children return to school on **Wednesday 8th January**.

We would like to welcome James to our school, he has settled in to Year 1 and has made lots of new friends.

PTFA thank you!

Thank you to our PTFA committee who have been very keen over this Christmas period to raise funds to support the education of your children. The children enjoyed entering a bauble competition and have been able to get a secret Santa gift to give to someone on Christmas day. The refreshments served at the Nativity performances were lovely and the hampers they created with your generous donations were fantastic. We will let you know how much money has been raised as soon as it has all been counted.

Christmas tree decorating

Last week, Year 4 were invited to Tennants to dress their Christmas tree. We made miniature bobble hats and cone decorations to take with us. The tree looked lovely when we were finished and the children were treated to refreshments after all their hard work. If you are in Tennants cafe over



Tour de Yorkshire reveal video

Leyburn has been unveiled as a host town for the Tour de Yorkshire next April and some of our children went to the Wensleydale Railway Station to film the video which reveal which towns are going to be start and finish locations. You can find more information on the Richmondshire District Council website.

Pantomime at Tennants

The children have all enjoyed watching Aladdin at Tennants. The children thought it was funny for both children and adults because there were lots of jokes, including some corny ones! Sophie in year 5 said "it was an old favourite with modern things and their own twists and songs in which made it a bit different. The children particularly enjoyed the audience participation and some even got squirted with the water guns! A great end to a busy term!

Year 2 visit to Kirkwood Hall



Last week year 2 visited Kirkwood Hall to sing the songs from their nativity "It's A Baby". All the residents thoroughly enjoyed the singing and afterwards there was time for the children to chat to their audience. It was a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by children and adults alike.

Choir singing in the community

Our choir have had a busy couple of weeks singing at Tennants for a charity event and singing to entertain the residents of Kirkwood Hall. At Kirkwood they sang a number of Christmas carols which the residents joined in with and then they got to chat to each other. A lovely time was had by all.



Nativity

The children in reception, year 1 and year 2 performed their nativity “It’s A Baby!” on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. It was very well received by both audiences and the children were very professional! The singing was brilliant and all the hard work from the children and staff paid off.

Caretaker retirement

Our caretaker of 32 years, Mrs Knight is retiring today. She has worked very hard to keep our school clean and tidy and we’re not quite sure what we’re going to do without her. She reliably informs us that she will have enough to do to keep her busy! The thing Mrs Knight is looking forward to most is having a lie in! We hope that she has a wonderful retirement but hopefully we’ll still be here around Leyburn.

Christmas church service

Key Stage 2 walked to St Matthew’s church on Tuesday. They sang their favourite carols and read out their own poems. The children enjoyed listening to the traditional nativity story which had been adapted to a Bob the Builder version. Another lovely experience for our children.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th January 2020 – Training day – school closed for pupils

Wednesday 8th January – School re-opens for pupils