



Newsletter Friday 22nd December 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,



The end of term has *finally* arrived and we are all more than ready for a well-earned break after another busy two weeks. We've enjoyed trips to the theatre, Christmas lunch and our Christmas parties. We hope you all have a peaceful and restful Christmas and manage to have some time to recharge your batteries before we come back to school on Tuesday 9th January.

KS1 Nativity performance

A huge 'Well done' to all the Key Stage One children and staff who impressed everyone with their performance of 'Born in a Barn'. As



usual, all their hard work paid off and we all enjoyed the singing and acting. The

collection at the end of the performance raised £160 which we are donating to Herriot Hospice Homecare. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Jumper Day

The children and staff all looked very festive last Friday wearing their Christmas jumpers. We raised £70 for Save the Children and enjoyed our Christmas lunch at the same time. Thanks to everyone for donating to this worthy cause.



Parking outside school

Could we please remind you not to block the resident's driveways when picking up your children? We appreciate that parking is limited and you are not there for long, but we have had complaints from residents not being able to get in or out of their driveways. We thank you for your co-operation with this issue.

Cub Scouts Taster Sessions

Don't forget there is still a chance to go to a taster session for the cub scouts. The second session is on Tuesday January 16th - meet at the scout hall for fun and games from 6.15pm to 7.30pm.

Cub scouts are for boys or girls aged 8 to 10 ½; contact Helen Sunter on 01969 624806 or by email at helen@hilltopfarm.cc/ for more information, or just turn up.

EYFS Share a session

We welcomed parents in to our nursery and reception classes last Thursday. They shared some lovely Christmas craft activities and played games with their children. This is a lovely way to see how the children learn in school. Look out for future share a session dates in other classes.



Lunchtime Family Service

We will be changing our lunchtime service at the end of January as we are waiting for more tables to arrive. We hope that this will enhance our lunchtime provision.

Singing around Leyburn

Our choir and year 3 children have been spreading some festive cheer with their singing. They went to Kirkwood Hall to sing to the residents and were rewarded with some sweets. Last Friday they braved the ice, rain and cold in the market place to sing for the shoppers. After the performance they got warmed up with a hot chocolate in Penley's. Thank you to the staff at Penley's for their generosity. We finished our singing tour on Tuesday with a visit to Tennant's where we entertained people having lunch. The children made us very proud with their singing and were excellent ambassadors for their school. Their wonderful singing raised £175 which we are going to share between school to go towards musical instruments and the Children's Heart Unit.



School Uniform

We have reminded the children about the correct school uniform. The children are now clear that they shouldn't be wearing sports clothing underneath their uniform and their shoes should be black. Jewellery, other than stud earrings, should not be worn because it could be a health and safety risk. We look forward to seeing them in January looking smart and ready to learn.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9 th Jan	Children back to school
Friday 9 th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 19 th Feb	Children back to school
Friday 16 th Mar	Termly reports to parents
w/b 19 th Mar	Parents' Evenings
Tues 27 th Mar	EYFS Easter Performance
Thurs 29 th Mar	Break up for Easter

Changes to year 2

Year 2 parents have already been informed of their 'new' teachers in January. We are very pleased to inform you that, from January 15th, year 2 will be taught by Mrs Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and by Mrs Pickles on Thursday and Friday. The children already know Mrs Hall and Mrs Pickles well, so this arrangement provides excellent continuity for them and makes sure that our high standards are maintained.



And finally....

The staff and governors of Leyburn Primary School would like to wish

you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back at school in 2018.