



## Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

The countdown to Christmas has started in earnest, there is the sound of Christmas songs being practised, Christmas decorations have been put up and there is glitter everywhere! We've had two busy weeks with a few more to come before a well-earned Christmas break.

### Secret Santa

This is a chance for the children to choose an affordable gift for their loved ones. It will be held in school (during school hours) on Tuesday 19th December. The cost is £2.50 per gift, this includes wrapping. Money needs to be brought in either before or on the day. If anyone has any unwanted gifts, for example, toiletries or costume jewellery all donations would be appreciated and need taking into school before that day.



### KS1 Nativity Performance

The children in year 1 and 2 have been practising ready for their performance on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. We will be setting up the hall until about 1.45pm so please try not to arrive before this time. You will be able to purchase tickets for the hamper prize raffle before the performance.



### School Christmas Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who made our school Christmas fair such a huge success last weekend. The PTFA have spent a lot of time behind the scenes before the event, planning, organising, and collecting. It was worth all of their efforts because it was well attended, great fun and £1,227.21 has been raised so far. That total will increase as there are more tickets to be sold for the hamper raffle and the secret Santa profits to be added. The choir's first public performance was very well received, they even had to do an encore! Thank you so much to everyone who donated raffle prizes, hamper prizes, gave their time and attended on the day. We wouldn't have raised such a substantial amount without everyone's help so thank you again, the staff and pupils



appreciate everyone's efforts.

### Cub Scouts Taster Sessions

Wensleydale cubs are organising the first of two: bring a friend taster nights aimed at recruiting prospective new members of the pack. On Tuesday December 12, from 6.15pm to 7.30pm, Christmas by the campfire at Hill Top Farm, Moor Road, Leyburn. A little bit of bush craft skills, marshmallows on the fires; dress warm and bring a torch. The second 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/](mailto:helen@hilltopfarm.cc/) for more information, or just turn up.

### Skip 2B Fit

A week last Thursday years 1 and 2 travelled to Catterick Leisure Centre to meet up with other schools in our cluster to have a fun skipping session with Dave from Skip 2B Fit. The session was aimed to improve motivation, concentration, self-esteem and thinking skills through skipping. Dave certainly motivated everyone, including the teachers! Everyone had a great time and some of our teacher's showed how competitive they are!



### Tree decorating at Tennant's

Our year 2 pupils walked down to Tennant's on Monday to decorate their Christmas tree with decorations everyone had made. They had an opportunity to practise singing the songs for the nativity in front of an audience. The tree looks wonderful and the staff are really pleased with it, they sent a message to thank us and say that they are feeling very Christmassy thanks to the children's singing. Thank you to the parents who helped us to walk down there.



### Eco Committee

As part of our Rights Respecting School work, we have decided to focus on the two Global Goals of 'Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions' (16) and 'Life Under Water' (14). The children feel very strongly about the state of the world's oceans and are thinking carefully about what we can do in school to reduce waste and conserve energy. As part of this, they have set up their own Eco Committee and are meeting weekly to formulate a clear action plan.



### School Reports

Don't forget to check your child's reading folder for their school report tonight.

### Dates for the Diary:

- W/b 11<sup>th</sup> December – Parents' Evenings
- KS1 Nativity Performance – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2.00pm
- Choir singing at Kirkwood Hall – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- KS1 Pantomime Trip – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Choir singing at Leyburn Market – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas Lunch – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec
- KS2 Pantomime Trip – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Carol Service – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December -St Matthew's Church
- Last day of term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December!
- Back to School – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January