

Reminders & Diary Dates

- Fri 01Dec17 Christmas Fair 14.30 to 17.00
Tue 12Dec17 Class 1 Nativity play 14.30 & 18.00
Fri 15Dec17 Class 2 & 3 mini concert 2.30pm
Mon 18Dec17 The Panto comes to Husthwaite (*oh no it doesn't*)
Thu 21Dec17 Carol Service at St Nicholas Church 09.30
School Christmas Lunch
Fri 22Dec17 No parent sharing assembly
School closes for Christmas 2.45pm
- Mon 08Jan17 Staff Training Day
Tue 09Jan18 School opens 08.50

Award Winners

from the last assembly:



Thank you

Thank you to all parents and staff for the donations of chocolate, filled jam jars, cakes and raffle prizes – it is very much appreciated. It promises to be a fantastic Christmas Fair for children and adults alike.

School Christmas Lunch

The School Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 21st December. **If your child does not require a lunch** that day please can you inform the School Office by Wednesday 6th December so that the correct food order can be made. Thank you.

Class 2 & 3 Concert

On Friday 15th December, Class 2 and 3 will be singing some of the Young Voices songs as a mini concert for parents. This is also a great opportunity for pupils in Years 2 and 3 who have been practising the songs but will not be participating in the Sheffield Arena event. All parents are welcome to attend. The mini concert will start at 2.30pm prior to sharing assembly.

Governor Surgery

On Thursday 7th December, Judith Walburn (governor), will be in school from 8.40am should any parent wish to talk to a school governor. The governor surgeries will be held on the first Thursday of each month.

Class 1



This week we have been learning a new story, Little Platypus. We have made some actions to go for this story which will help us remember it and we will be writing a story next week to go with this. We have been learning more about other religious festivals such as Hanukah and continuing our maths learning on place value and beginning to explore more addition and subtraction.

Our play practise is going well and the children are putting lots of effort in to try and make it the best they can! There are lots of songs to learn and lines to speak so keep practising! We are looking forward to showing everyone our nativity. **Please could you bring in any old pillow cases** you can allow us to keep for next week, as we are going to be acting out the nativity within our class and particularly in role play area!

Class 2

This week in English Class 2 have completed their poetry learning. The children have been focused on adjectives in particular and creating an image. We are going to move onto more Christmassy writing now till the end of term (I'm finally allowed to mention the C word!). Maths has had us focused on 2D shape, sorting them by their properties and learning about the shapes in more detail. Y3/4 looked at triangles during the week and they were surprised that there is more than one type! Y2 have been engaged in sorting 2D shapes by facts and using techniques such as Venn diagrams to sort. We have also continued our practical maths theme on Time.

I would say that there are a number of children in Y3/4 who are struggling with trickier parts of telling the time e.g. five to, twenty past. This is something really easy you can practice with the children at home whilst out and about and any extra input will be very valuable-telling the time is an important life skill. We have also been practising time facts such as months of the year, how many days in a year and a leap year (few knew what a leap year was), how many days in February (this linked to the leap year knowledge), how many minutes in an hour... Y2 have also been busy continuing Time by timing themselves doing different activities-they have had lots of fun with Mrs Dunn in the hall!

In Science this week there were more investigations taking place. The Y2s had an amazing time sand papering clothing to test durability, with one asking 'Is this real? Is this happening or am I dreaming!' Y3/4 tested coins and discovered that you can have some 5ps that are magnetic and some that are not, the same with 1ps and 2ps. I explained this is linked to the year they were made and how the metals used by the Royal Mint have changed over the years for certain coins, meaning some are magnetic and some not.

Finally, Y2 know what character they will be playing in the nativity scene for the Carol Concert at church and Y3/4 will get their narration words as part of their home learning next week so they can practice reading them at home too.

Class 3

In Class 3 this week, the children have been drafting, editing and finalising their newspaper reports all about the Australian Gold Rush. The children have worked hard to include grammatical features such as the passive voice or using correctly punctuated subordinate clauses.

In maths, the children have been problem solving using squared and cubed numbers as well as the four operations. The children have had to show tenacity and growth mind set throughout.

In science, we have made a new material - slime - as well as researching the origins and uses of other new inventions, namely graphene and geckel.

Finally, well done to all the children who have designed, made and run stalls for the Christmas Fair - you did a great job!

Thank you for your continued support

Where's Church this week?

Sunday 3rd December 2017

One of the highlights of the year this Sunday in Husthwaite: the annual Christingle Service and celebration of the feast of St Nicholas is at 10.30am.

Other services:

09.00am Holy Communion at Carlton Husthwaite

10.30am Morning Prayer at Wass

Advance notice: the Crib Service at Coxwold will be at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Come and sing carols, hear the story (and optionally dress up as your favourite nativity character), help to fill the crib and get ready to celebrate Christmas.

Best wishes,
Rev Liz

