



Reminders & diary dates:

Tue 3 Jan: staff training day

Wed 4 Jan: school opens - spring term starts

Fri 13 Jan: Toddler morning

Fri 13 Jan: After school sports club starts

Fri 13 Jan: Y5/6 sportshall event @ Galtres Centre (separate letter to follow)

Tue 17 Jan: Y4/5/6 trip to Bradford

Wed 25 Jan: Chinese New Year school meal – families invited

Tue 7 Feb: Toddler morning

Tue 14 Feb: valentines disco

The last week of autumn term has certainly seen the school celebrate Christmas. Class 1 performed their nativity to the whole school on Tuesday and again to parents/grandparents/friends on Wednesday – a fabulous performance from them all and thank you to Mrs Fowler, Miss Wilkie and Mrs Warriner for their hard work in making sure it was a huge success. Class 2 retold the Christmas story at our Christmas Carol service at Church on Thursday, followed by an enjoyable (and noisy) Christmas lunch – thank you Miss Simpson for a delicious meal and to Mrs MacCallum for coming in to help.

We say goodbye to Miss James who has been with us in Class 2 for the last 10 weeks and wish her well in her future teaching career.

School meals: In the past we have been given copies of school menus to distribute to families. However, menus are now only available in electronic format. Please find enclosed the spring term menu which is also available on the school's website. After the Christmas holidays, Miss Simpson has arranged to offer children an alternative meal option (please see separate letter) which will be the choice of a baguette. Please note, children **must** order this alternative meal by 9.15am each day.

We will be holding a meal to celebrate Chinese New Year on Wednesday 25th January when children will be able to invite a family member to join them. A letter and menu will be sent out the first week back but we will need to have replies by Wednesday 11th if you would like to book a meal. We will be unable to accept any more bookings for the Chinese meal after this date.

The award winners from last week's assembly were: Charley Burton, Daniel Fowler and Rory Fletcher



Class 1: What an amazing lot Class 1 are! Not only did they perform their nativity brilliantly, but they did it brilliantly THREE TIMES! The singing was beautiful, the words were loud and clear and the individual characteristics of each and every child shone through! We are SO, SO proud of them. Well done! It has been a busy term and the children have worked hard and, hopefully, learnt lots. We finished our festivities with a service in the church and a really yummy Christmas lunch. Now, we are all tired and getting grumpy quite easily, but also extremely excited at the prospect of single figure sleeps until Father Christmas! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and other family members. Your support, patience and commitment to helping your children learn and grow is invaluable. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!

Class 2 We have had a very fun packed week in Class 2. We started the week with maths assessments, the children have been doing further fraction work on Mathletics. Mathletics is fantastic for children to develop their maths learning in an independent and fun way. Your child can access Mathletics at home, and every child has a login and password. In literacy, we completed our reading assessments by completing an online reading survey, where the children answered questions about how and when they read and what they enjoy about reading. The children have

also been assessed on their reading levels. Please continue to encourage your children to keep reading over the holidays. We have done lots of fun festive activities such as making decorations out of salt dough, making Christmas cards and Christingles. We also made calendars, where we completed our topic work on North America. All the children have made a calendar with a totem pole design. The children will be bringing home all of these wonderful crafts today. We completed the week with a visit to the park, as the children earned their class treat by gaining all their cupcakes. This week we have also welcomed 2 new members to our Class: Kai and Kaen. All the children have been very keen to make friends and make them feel at home.

Class 3: welcomed Milan into school this week. In maths we have been busy with assessments and SMIRFs. In English we used the Micheal Morpurgo book 'Coming Home' that the Waitrose advert is based on to do some descriptive work. We also did some cross-curricular writing; children wrote explanations based on wolves being reintroduced to Yellow Stone Park. In geography children did a group research task based on our North America topic; their fantastic interactive posters are up around the corridor-they always shine during these types of activities. Finally, it's been beginning to feel a lot like Christmas everywhere we go..there has been a lot of Christmas activities going on such as cards and calendars, carols and nativities! A huge well done to Class 1 we loved your Christmas Counts nativity you were all amazing. 🎵🎵 I wish you a merry Christmas Class 3 and a happy New Year 🎵🎵

*Thank you for your continuing support and on behalf of the staff at Husthwaite School,
we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2017*



Where's Church at Christmas?

We have loads going on in our churches in the next week leading up to Christmas. Children are welcome at all our Christmas services (although some of the evening ones may be a little late for tiny people).

Carol Services:

Husthwaite Methodist Church - Sunday 18th at 4.30pm
Wass - Sunday 18th at 6.30pm
Coxwold - Monday 19th at 7pm in the village hall
Carlton Husthwaite - Thursday 22nd at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve:

The crib service is always hugely popular and specifically planned to include children.
Come and help fill the crib! 6pm at Coxwold

Early Midnight Communion is at 10pm at Coxwold

Christmas Day:

9am Family Communion at Carlton Husthwaite
10.30am Family Communion at Husthwaite
10.30am Family Service at Coxwold

New Year's Day

10.30am Holy Communion at Crayke

There's also a national website with 1000s of church services on. Wherever you may be for Christmas, you can find out where your nearest Church services are by going to www.achristmasnearlyou.org and entering your postcode.

With best wishes for a very happy Christmas.

Revd Liz



Class 1 nativity



Everyone enjoying Christmas lunch

