



Reminders & diary dates:

Fri 9 Dec: Pantomime 'The Magic Castle'

Wed 14 Dec: Class 1 nativity 1.30pm and 6 pm

Thu 15 Dec: 9.30am Christmas Carols at Church

School Christmas lunch

Fri 16 Dec: School closes 2.45pm

Tue 3 Jan: staff training day

Wed 4 Jan: school opens - spring term starts

It's hard to believe that we now entering the final week of the autumn term and there are still lots of events happening. Today we have the pantomime – great excitement as the hall has been transformed into a magic castle! Next week Class 1 will perform their nativity – 'Christmas Counts'; everyone is invited to join us for our Christmas Carols at Church on Thursday (9.30am) and the whole school will also enjoy their Christmas lunch together. Please can we remind you that **school finishes at 2.45pm on Friday 16 December**. There will be no parent assembly on the last day of term.

As mentioned in an earlier email message, some gift items were left over from the Christmas Fair – these will be offered for sale after school tonight and on Monday.

Dinner Money

Please can all outstanding dinner monies be paid before the end of term. If you have not already paid for Christmas lunch, this needs paying on Monday. A reminder also that dinner money (or any other money) sent into school should be handed in by the children to their class teacher in the classroom when the register is taken. It should be in a sealed envelope with their name, the amount and what the money is for written on the envelope. Thank you.

Dinner money for next term is £134.40 to Easter (£71.40 to half term and £63.00 from half term to Easter).

Library Books

There are a number of outstanding library books which need returning before the end of term. We are very fortunate to have such a well-resourced library. However, there are a growing number of families not returning books which we cannot afford to replace. Therefore, if books are not returned, we will have no option but to raise invoices for lost library books. If we are to continue investing in our library we need support from families in ensuring it is used in the correct manner and all library books returned by their due dates.

There were no assembly awards last week due to the Christmas Fair.

Class 1: have been very busy this week, with lots of things Christmassy and as a result, we have made LOADS of mess! Can we please remind children, that while it is lovely to see their favourite things from home, we advise that special toys and other items return home with the grown-up or don't come into school. It is very tricky to keep track of different objects, especially with all the extra mess and chaos at the moment. We appreciate this seems a little mean, but it saves a great deal of tears and heartache when something has gone astray! Thank you.

As part of our learning, we have enjoyed the Christmas story and tried to remember key events and where they come (we did have some dispute over whether it was a donkey or camel that Mary rode on. One child even suggested it was a sheep!). Maths has included some work on time. This has covered days of the week, seasons and months as well as clock work. Reception had to do some very strange things within a timed minute! We had a lovely Toddler Morning on Wednesday with lots of new arty activities as well as soft play. We have practised 'Christmas Counts' (it is SO exciting!) and on Thursday afternoon we experienced a little bit of the First Christmas using our senses of sight, smell and touch. Ask your child about it (donkey poo had quite a reaction!) To complete

our busy week, we were lucky enough to enjoy a visiting pantomime this morning. Oh yes we did! Several members of class 1 are budding actors and may soon give them a run for their money!

Class 2 have had a busy week finishing off this term's science and topic projects. In Science we looked at teeth and the different types and functions of teeth in humans and different animals. We used all of our teeth to eat gummy bears by biting off their heads with our incisors, tearing off their legs with our canines and finally munching away with our back teeth (premolars and molars).

In Topic we went to Canada and talked about the different animals, food, sports and geographical features you would find there. We then pretended we had been on holiday to Canada and wrote a postcard home to talk about our adventures there. Our literacy work this week has continued on persuasive writing however advertising is our purpose. The children all choose a toy that they could use to persuade a reader to buy. They planned and then created an advert poster using Microsoft Word with lots of persuasive techniques. Finally in Maths we have been using column addition to solve money, decimal and fraction based problems. We have also started our Class Athletics Live Challenge where children earn points for their wins against other members of the class. Keep practising over the weekend to gain more points and certificates.

Class 3: enjoyed a peak in the new outdoor classroom this week whilst taking part in outdoor learning. We will enjoy using it as a base for our learning. We look forward to doing the Big Bird Watch from there in January-the bird type poster inside and windows out to the new bird feeder table will come in most useful. In maths we have been focused on completing our measures topic with some learning on time. We then moved onto our arithmetic methods and will continue this into next week. In English we have looked at explanations, we enjoyed watching some strictly come dancing clips and putting together some informal explanations as judges. We will also use our explanation learning to cross over with the geography task we began this week and will continue next week. In art children finished their skull-abstract art creations and they will hopefully be displayed in the library soon. Christmas is now getting into full swing and the Pantomime will definitely get us in the Christmas Spirit.

*Thank you for your continuing support*

Class 3 enjoying the new outdoor classroom





The Magic Castle comes to Husthwaite School



A captive audience enjoying the pantomime

