



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

Hustwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

It has been a very busy and fun final fortnight to the Autumn term. Last week our Christmas fair was again an occasion very much enjoyed by all and we raised a fabulous £625.00! Thank you so much to everyone who made donations, helped, bought raffle tickets and Christmas family photographs and supported this event.



Last week's Christmas story and craft activities with Rev Katie and Lucy from St Nicholas' Church took place. Thank you to Mr Chapman for coordinating this after school Christmas activity.



A definite highlight last week was the EYFS and KS1 Nativity. All the children from Nursery up to Year 2 took part. It was lovely to see them performing on the stage so confidently and we certainly have some future actors and actresses destined for the big stage!





Christmas fundraising enabled the visiting pantomime – The Three Muskateers this week, which included lots of fun, laughing out loud and audience participation. Experiencing the live performance in our school hall was a memorable experience for all, including Mr Chapman who got a starring role of his own!



Class fortnightly summaries...

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

The class 1 staff team would like to say how amazing the children were in our Nativity of Christmas with the Aliens, well done to all the children in EYFS, Yr1 and Yr2. We have had a super exciting week with everything Christmas, the children loved the Christmas party on Monday, Christmas lunch on Tuesday was super yummy and the pantomime made us all laugh out loud!

After the Christmas holidays we will be moving on to our new topics of “How am I making history” and “Brilliant Builders”, more details will follow in the New Year.

The class 1 team would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas, we will see you in the New Year.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild

Last week Y3/4 headed off to the Roman Fort at Murton Park alongside Bolton class from Sessay and we had an absolutely amazing time. The children were all fantastic and took part in making clay oil lamps, they signed contracts using the Roman alphabet and Roman Numerals (oh yes sorry your children signed up to be a legionary, but you'll have them back in 25 years...) The children sketched different Roman objects and completed basic training with shields, spears and swords. They were all very good at following orders!



Later in the week Year 2 had their chance to shine in the Nativity and they did everyone proud. They did an amazing job and gave 2 fabulous performances.



This week has been everything Christmas. Christmas parties with gifts left from a special visitor, Christmas dinner, a panto (oh yes there was!) and a traditional carol service.

Merry Christmas all, we will see you again in the New Year.

Class 3, Mr Chapman



Class 3 have enjoyed all the festivities, from creating Christmas cards and calendars; to running stalls at the Christmas market; Christmas coordinate maths; and exploring the new BBC microbits.

Have a wonderful Christmas from all in Class 3.

Friday 15 December Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Frank, for super listening skills whilst making his Christmas decorations. He knew exactly what to do when asked to work independently and produced some beautiful star decorations.

Headteacher's sticker – Robert for his amazing performance as the green alien in our Christmas production.

Writer of the week – Olivia has worked really hard to get her handwriting neat and tidy and now writes beautifully in her phonics sessions and in provision. Super work Olivia.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Ellie for her sensational reading this week and connecting it to her learning about volcanoes with Miss Wilkie.

Headteacher's sticker – William H for using the resources provided to support him with his maths.

Writer of the week – Daisy for her good use of paragraphs in her recount writing.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Freddie for his politeness at all times, never forgetting his p's and q's.

Headteacher's sticker – Holly for repeatedly being a kind friend to others in the class and helping them when they need it.

Writer of the week – Charlie and Leo for their extra-curricular writing helping Miss Bennett with a formal letter of complaint.

Please remember there is no **Friday Celebration Assembly** today (Friday 22 December) due to our end of term Christmas service this morning at St Nicholas' Church.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

NOTICES:

- **Hustwaite HMI Ofsted monitoring visit, 24 November 2023.** As you know we had an Ofsted monitoring inspection earlier this half term. It was a very successful visit and the report letter will be sent out to all before being published in the New Year.
- North Yorkshire Healthy Schools, **Winter Healthy Living Advice For Families leaflet is attached again this week.** There is a fun 12 days of Christmas Challenge activities to have a go at in the Christmas holidays.

- **School newsletter.** I would like to inform you that as of next term the school newsletter will be monthly. Class summaries, some photographs and weekly awards will be posted on individual Class Dojos weekly.
- **School Drop Off** Please can we remind everyone that **school starts at / registration is at 8.50am**. The gate is officially opened at 8.40am and locked at 8.50am/after the school bus has arrived. Any child arriving after 8.50am is recorded as late (L) and if arrives after registration is closed at 9am is recorded as unauthorised (U).
- A polite reminder to all parents **please do not to park on the yellow zig zag lines in the bus bay**; this is for the school bus and taxis only. If you want to 'drop and go' you can use the bus bay for that reason only and not to park whilst you get your child out of the car / take your child into school / wait for them to come out at the end of the day. Please also be mindful of considerate parking and not block any of our neighbours' driveways.
- **Tax Free Childcare:** Did you know that you can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare? If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

To find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

DIARY DATES:

8 January	Staff training day
9 January	8.50am school opens for the Spring Term 1.
15 January	North Yorkshire is the closing date Reception children September 2024 applications.
22 January	Years 5 and 6 Newby Wiske federation residential parent information evening. 5pm zoom.
25 January	KS2 Cluster Cross Country
9 February	Break up for half term
19 February	8.50am school opens for the Spring Term 2.
26 Feb – 1 March	Years 5 and 6 residential to Newby Wiske
11-14 March	Year 6 KS2 Mock SAT's week
22 March	9.30am Easter Service St Nicholas' Church School closes 2.30pm for Easter