



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Newsletter

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

A very busy fortnight once again...

Firstly MoneyMakers pupil voice group received a huge thank you from The Royal British Legion for supporting the Poppy Appeal as we raised a fabulous £162.97. Well done everyone.

Last week we held a Federation Year 6 KS2 SAT's Parent Information Evening. We hope you found it informative and useful in how you can support your child in knowing what to expect.

We are now in full Christmas spirit and we would once again like to say a huge thank you to Newburgh Priory Christmas Trees, Coxwold for once again donating us our beautiful Christmas tree.



Being at the heart of our community is very important to us and recently we have been regulars up at Husthwaite Village Hall. Our school stall at The Husthwaite Village Christmas Market raised £156.50, thank you to all our shopkeepers for manning our stall. A huge thank you also to Holly Fawcett and Lou Atkinson who hosted a very successful and enjoyable FOHS 'Hearts Fashion Show'. Thank you to all those who contributed including The Forrester Arms, Kilburn, The Greyhound at Bagby and all who attended and supported this event. An amazing £1129.50 was raised to put towards an extended shelter and all-weather path/surface access for our outdoor classroom and some new outdoor resources for our EYFS outdoor area. Thanks again to all involved!



Class fortnightly summaries...

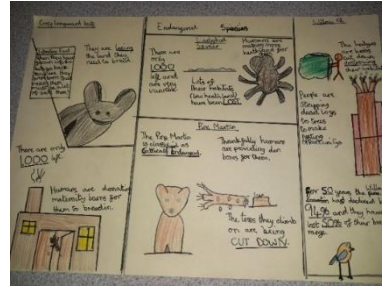
Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Class 1 have really enjoyed the transformation of the travel agent to Santa's workshop, lots of lovely list writing is being done as the children get excited about presents and gifts. The children are doing a super job with their nativity practice, and we are hoping to see lots of EYFS and KS1 parents and family there to watch the show next week. The children have loved our rainbow challenges this week and completed some fantastic independent work.



Class 2, Miss Goodchild

There has been some amazing science going on the last couple of weeks. Year 2 did some shadow work linked to their Seasons topic as well as using thermometers to explore temperatures. They are also excited to make their rain gauges. Y3/4 have continued exploring States of Matter, they too were using thermometers to measure temperatures in different places around school. As well as investigating what would happen to blue and yellow ice cubes left in the same pot! They also enjoyed planning and carrying out an evaporation experiment as a class using different locations and equipment to find out which material would be driest. There has also been some fantastic English. Year 2 enjoyed their letter writing unit moving onto the book Dear Father Christmas and wrote polite letters that included adjectives and adverbs. Y3/4 have been very engaged with their report unit and writing their infographs on endangered species.



Class 3, Mr Chapman

Class 3 have been finishing off their newspaper reports about Shackleton's adventures. In maths Year 5 and 6 and been focusing on fractions. In particular the Year 5 have been working hard to master equivalent fractions. Year 4, 5 and 6 all had a homework linked to the First News newspaper. The children used this as part of their reading practice session. Most excitingly, the children have been preparing games and stalls for the upcoming Christmas Fair – it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...



Friday 1 December Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Bird Award – Ana for her super work in literacy and maths. Ana consistently works hard and always has a smile on her face.

Headteacher's sticker – Dotty, for her super effort in phonics. Dotty tries really hard and is making super progress.

Writer of the week – Evie-Mae has been trying really hard to form her letters and can now write her name independently. Super work Evie-Mae.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Beatrix for always giving 100% and being so positive about her learning.

Headteacher's sticker – George for focused writing, trying his best to include what has been asked.

Writer of the week – Ellie for working hard to include adjectives in her writing.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Charlie S for his excellent hip hop dancing, particularly the "running man" move.

Headteacher's sticker – Phoebe and Eliza M for their enjoyment, finding the dressing up clothes at after school club and living their best life.

Writer of the week – Leo for his efforts planning reports linked to our class text, Shackleton.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars!

Rocco for his super singing, keep belting out those nativity songs!

Miss Goodchild's Superstars Friday 8 December!

There wasn't a space for Miss Goodchild Superstars this week because there is no celebration assembly due to the Xmas Fair. However, I couldn't resist picking Freddie and Holly for their enthusiastic 90s boyband dance moves. I would have picked all Y6 as well if I could!

Please remember there is no **Friday Celebration Assembly** this afternoon due to our Christmas Fair 2.30-4.00pm. We hope to see everyone this afternoon enjoying the Christmas festivities!

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

- North Yorkshire Healthy Schools, **Winter Healthy Living Advice For Families leaflet is attached**. There is a fun 12 days of Christmas Challenge activities to have a go at in the Christmas holidays.
- **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 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 December	Husthwaite School Christmas Fair 2.30-4pm
11 December	Year 3/4 Murton Park Trip
12 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity (Nursery – Year 2) Dress Rehearsal
12 December	Class 1 Stay and Play for all preschool children – Christmas theme. 1-2 pm
13 December	Christmas Create and Play
14 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity (Nursery – Year 2) 2.30pm & 5.30pm
18 December	Christmas Parties in school – non uniform, party clothes!
19 December	Christmas school lunch
20 December	Pantomime in school
22 December	Christmas Church Service 9.30am School closes 2.30pm
8 January	Staff training day
9 January	8.50am school opens for the Spring Term.