



# WEEKLY NEWS

## FROM HUSTHWAITE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Week ending 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

*This half term our Christian Value is Creativity through the theme of Enjoyment*

### Diary Dates and Reminders

Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.00pm Y6 parents SATs meeting
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5&6 to Ampleforth College ' We Will Rock You'
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 multi-skills at The Galtres Centre 1-3pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Treetops at Husthwaite Out of School Club opens
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re-opens

### A fortnightly note from your headteacher...

belated Happy New Year to all and I hope that everyone had a fabulous Christmas break. Thank you to all of you that attended our Christingle Service at St Nicholas on the last day of the Autumn term and thank you to Class 2 for leading the service. We raised a fantastic £68.48 for The Children's Society.

Our first fortnight of 2020 has been a very busy one and we most certainly are back in full swing.

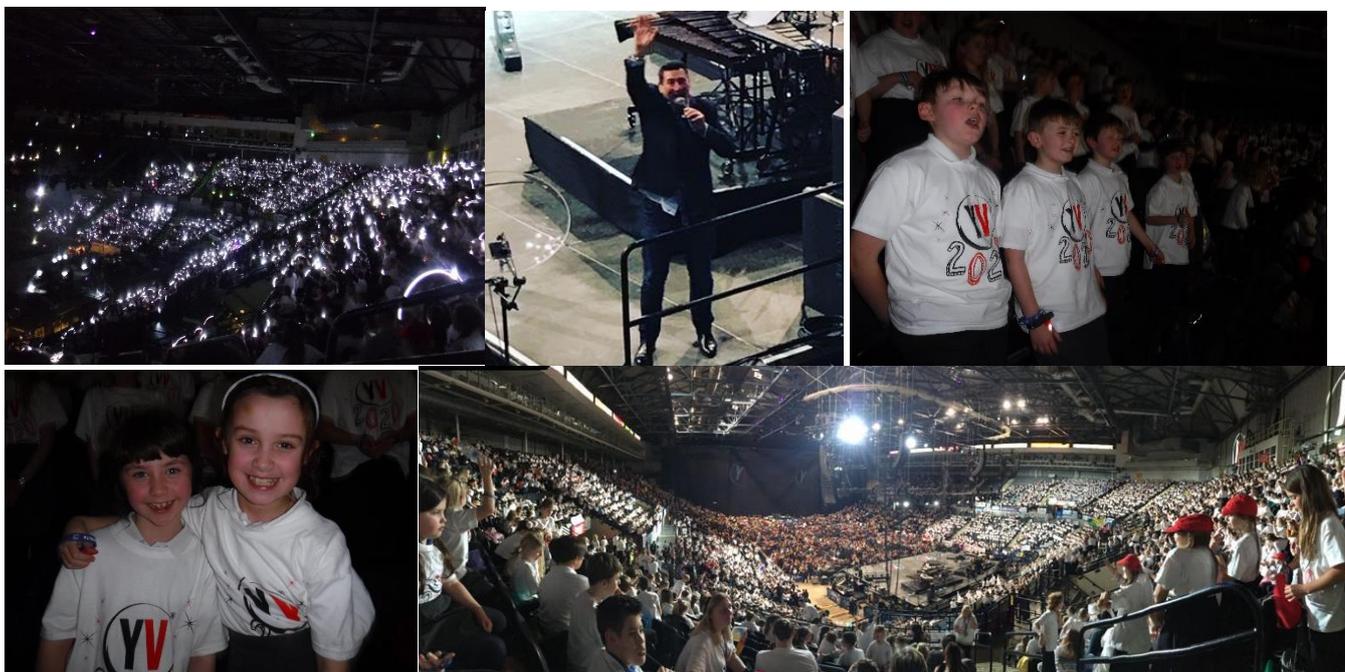
Class 1 are enjoying their new theme 'Dinosaurs!' They started their topic with the question, What are and how do we know about dinosaurs? Our Nursery children loved their dinosaur hunt through the 'swishy swashy grass' and 'thick oozy mud' and have excavated fossils. The Year 1 children have loved learning the names and types of different dinosaurs. They have shared some scary dinosaur writing with me which I thoroughly enjoyed.



On Monday evening Class 3 alongside Rievaulx from Sessay headed off to Sheffield Arena to take part in Young Voices 2020. The experience included an afternoon rehearsal with over 5000 choristers from schools across the region. The size of the stadium caused many children to gasp on entering the arena and the experience of singing (and dancing) in such a big choir was electrifying for all. The evening performance started at 7pm and it was lovely that so many parents attended to join in with the fun, thank you for your support. Performing alongside stars such as The Voice finalist Ruti, Spandau Ballet lead singer Tony Hadley and The Street Dance Specialists Urban Strides was exciting and most certainly inspiring for all our children. A massive thank you to Miss Goodchild, Mr Chapman and Mrs Price for accompanying our children and making this memorable experience possible.

'The size of the arena was immense, it was exciting and at first we were speechless! We loved the jumping and dancing, even though we were so high up!' (Bob, George and Charlie)

'It was phenomenal. We were part of a choir of thousands of children singing in unison. We helped raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. We would definitely (no matter how late it is) want to go again!' (Faith, Isaac and Ellesia)



All our children enjoyed A Sowerby Music for Life assembly last week and Class 2 had lots of fun using their voices and body percussion to produce a fabulous performance.



Our Collective Worship theme in school this half term is 'Creativity'. In book bags last Friday was a 'Home School Values' sheet with some fun ideas to reinforce and explore the value at home.

Please can I remind all parents that currently use The Den that as of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February our wrap around care will be run by 'Treetops' at Husthwaite. Treetops is a private company owned and run by Helen Morris. You must register your child with Helen and complete the statutory paperwork before your child can attend. She will also be running an Easter Holiday Club, April 14-17<sup>th</sup> at her other Treetops site at Sutton which Husthwaite children are welcome to attend. Helen is currently volunteering in school, so that she gets to know all our children and to support a smooth transition. Packs available at the school office.

If you have got preschool children and are interested in our Federation Apple Tree Nursery. Please let Mrs Dixon know so we can plan for future Nursery places.

As you will already be aware through emails, we have had a few reports of nits in all classes over the last couple of weeks. Please treat your child, check regularly and ensure long hair is always tied back.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 5pm at Husthwaite we will be holding a KS2 SAT's information evening for all Year 6 parents/carers across the Federation. I do hope all Year 6 parents/carers will be able to join us. Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

**A message from an eco-conscious parent with a fantastic idea for next year's Christmas Fair.**

'Now just bear with me on this! Yes, I did just say Christmas, as to why I am talking about Christmas in January...all will become clear and for very good reason!

Some of you may already be aware and have been asked to keep hold of your Christmas jumpers? It has been suggested that instead of us throwing out jumpers of Christmas past we recycle them and have a Christmas jumper "Reuse, Recycle" stall at the Christmas fair 2020 where people can buy replacements! It just so happens that Christmas Jumper Day falls just after the Christmas fair! So.... **we need your jumpers!**

Next week there will be a large collection box in the School porch. Please bring in your jumpers so they can be reused! Obviously, all items need to be in good condition and clean please. Thank you.'

Have a lovely weekend.

**Where's Church this week?**

Sunday 19th January 2020

10.30am Methodist Covenant Service at St Nicholas, Husthwaite. Following the closure of the Methodist church building last year, we are delighted to support the Methodist congregation in welcoming them St Nicholas for their annual covenant service. All welcome.

10.30am Holy Communion at Wass

Revd Liz

