



A fortnightly note from your headteacher...

A very busy fortnight with everyone getting in the Christmas spirit!

The last Christmas card school post was on Wednesday, which children will receive next Monday.

Once again we would like to thank The Standeven family at Newburgh Christmas Trees for donating our beautiful Christmas tree this year. Hustwaite Hummingbirds choir performed a trio of Christmas carols and songs which we have recorded for our Christingle service next week.



Most certainly one of my highlights this week was watching Class 1 thoroughly enjoy performing 'The Sleepy Shepherd'. We certainly have some confident young actors and actresses and we were very proud of each and every child in Class 1. The whole school will enjoy watching it together on Zoom next Wednesday and all Class 1 parents will receive their very own special DVD copy next week.



Class 2 have enjoyed tasting different breads in RE as part of their Holy Communion and Last Supper learning. The Year 2 children loved their science glitter germs activity. They have been learning about the scientist Louis Pasteur and how he discovered that germs spread by touch and used glitter to test his theory. Our Year 3 and 4 children have also been trying a new sport 'Archery' and have entered the NYCC school's virtual competition this half term.



Class 3 have been super busy enjoying acting out scenes from their class book 'Cogheart' which helped give them a greater insight into the characters and tension within a specific scene for their writing. They have baked their final

creations in DT after designing, evaluating and redesigning, trying to swap parts of the Victoria Sponge for healthier alternatives. The end results were really tasty! They have also watched an innovative take on the Christmas Story: The Lion, the unicorn and me, they then looked into the symbolism of the Christmas gifts the Magi brought before making paper angels.



Today is Christmas Jumper Day and in celebration assembly this afternoon we will be drawing our Christmas Hamper Raffle. The hampers are absolutely fabulous! We have raised an amazing £564! Thanks again for all your donations and support. Please can our lucky winners either pick them up today from Miss Goodchild or arrange a time with Mrs Dixon next week.

Fortnight Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – Wilf and William Hodson.

Headteacher's sticker – Alfie, Ethan and William. Mary.

Handwriter of the week – Ellie and Eliza W.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Enes and Izzy.

Headteacher's sticker – Poppy, Esme H, Millie and Mollie. Esme B and Gabby.

Handwriter of the week – Annabel and Felix.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Charlie and Lily.

Headteacher's sticker – Peter, Isaac and Dominic. Jessica, Charlie and Seb.

Handwriter of the week – Ellesia and George.

Christingle Service next Friday. Everyone is warmly invited to our annual end of term Christingle service led by Class 2.

Husthwaite Christingle Zoom – 1pm

Topic: Husthwaite Christingle Service

Time: Dec 18, 2020 01:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83636050345?pwd=NUVwdVlrZFpsazZXV0FyTmFkUIRldz09>

Meeting ID: 836 3605 0345

Passcode: 417595

Next term I will continue to host my Friday Celebration Zoom Assembly. This is an opportunity for all our classes / children in school, alongside you the parents/carers at home, to still be able to all come together at the end of the week to celebrate individual and group achievements. As always everyone is warmly invited.

Celebration Assembly invite for Spring 1 Half Term

Topic: HUSTHWAITE Friday Celebration Assembly

Time: Jan 8, 2021 02:00 PM London

Every week on Fri, until Feb 19, 2021, 7 occurrence(s)

Jan 8, 2021 02:00 PM

Jan 15, 2021 02:00 PM

Jan 22, 2021 02:00 PM

Jan 29, 2021 02:00 PM

Feb 5, 2021 02:00 PM

Feb 12, 2021 02:00 PM

Feb 19, 2021 02:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEkdO-oqzsvEtDY6GQrzHlw-fLRt3k1KtF/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtpzgsGtGVtRGDRpwMHYJCM_TwmGyJ7d5pUnCMjJJSg_he-RuAKYsG4n7

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85936050584?pwd=dEk3MkplTTZ2ZXBqcWZNRWh3Qi8yUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 3605 0584

Passcode: 745751

General communication, we feel is more important now than ever and must be understood by all, as face to face contact is obviously limited.

Please don't hesitate to contact class teachers, our senior teacher Miss Goodchild or myself through Class DoJo, Class email, office email or telephone. You can catch us in person, socially distanced at drop off or pick up if urgent and appropriate. You can request a telephone or zoom appointment through the school office if necessary. As our monthly Governor Surgery is not able to happen at present, our Parent Governor is also available by email (Liz Hebdon, Reception and Year 3 parent) lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk. As always we are here to support all our children and families, please don't hesitate to get in contact if we can be of any further individual support.

As said in my last newsletter we warmly welcome Lucy Willshaw to the Husthwaite and Sessay CE Primary Federation. She is our new Church Youth and Children's worker and is now leading our Monday collective worship. Lucy will also be joining us at our Christingle service. Please see a message from Lucy at the end of our newsletter.

As you may already know on Tuesday 8th December schools were advised by The Department for Education that 'Public Health England has agreed a 6-day window after the final day of teaching this term in which schools are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced'.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE BREAKING UP ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER AS PLANNED.

In the first 6 days of the Christmas Holiday, if your child develops symptoms and then tests positive, you must inform school by email asap. Emails will be checked between 9 and 10am from 19-24 December. Close contact children and staff would then be notified by email to self-isolate. If you are in self isolation on our return to school Tuesday 5th January 2021 please phone to inform us on Monday 4th January 2021.

Have a fantastic weekend and as this is my final newsletter this term we wish all our children and families a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2021.

Diary Dates

17 December	<i>Pantomime, Christmas lunch and Christmas parties in class bubbles (children can come in party clothes/non-uniform)</i>
18 December	<i>Christingle Zoom Service 1pm School closes for Christmas at 2.30/2.40/2.50pm</i>
5 January	<i>School opens for Spring Term 2021</i>

A note from Lucy ...

Hello. My name is Lucy Willshaw and this autumn I began a new job as a youth and children's worker for a cluster of local churches, including the Byland Group of Churches. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all at Husthwaite and Sessay schools. It is very frustrating that I am unable to come into school to meet you in person at the moment, and I fear it may be a while before I can. In the meantime, though, we can enjoy Zoom collective worship sessions together and find other ways to work together.