



## Your final Autumn term 2021 fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

We have had another busy fortnight and Christmas festivities are in full flow, today being Christmas Jumper day very much enjoyed by all.

Last Friday our Christmas hamper raffle winners were drawn in Celebration Assembly and congratulations to the lucky winners. A huge thanks to FOHS for putting the fabulous hampers together and to everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets – we raised £641 which is absolutely amazing!



Once again this year we would like to thank 'Newburgh Christmas Trees' for donating our beautiful Christmas tree, which we pass on to St Nicholas' Church at the end of term. TreeTops after school club thoroughly enjoyed dressing it, including some fabulous willow Christmas tree decorations made by Class 3. We would also like to say a huge thank you to E Fox and Sons builders and Mrs K Fox for their generous Father Christmas donations this year.

The Class 1 'Wriggly Nativity' was very much enjoyed by the whole school on Wednesday and yesterday it was so lovely that all Class 1 parents were able to come and be the audience and watch their children perform live on the stage in the hall.



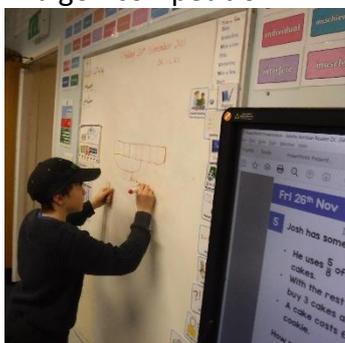
Class 1 have loved practicing their nativity and should all be very proud of their performances! In RE the children have been learning about Advent. They have made Advent wreaths and have particularly enjoyed their chocolate surprise at the end of the school day! In science they have been finishing off their animals topic, learning which animals are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.

Class 2 really enjoyed their class treat last week for winning the FOHS 'Smartie Challenge' just after half term. They waited until all children were back in school after many self isolating and enjoyed a special showing of Ice Age with 'delicious' (quoted from Archie!) hot chocolate. They have also been in full

Christmas swing working hard on their Christmas DT projects - measuring and sawing the wood they needed and making Christmas cards and calendars.



Class 3 have finished off 'Barvember' (a daily maths challenge where pupils have to solve problems using bars) in style. The photo below shows Alex solving one of the trickiest problems! At the beginning of last week they had great fun in the snow at playtimes, one of their big snow balls has only recently melted. In English they have been busy finishing off their narrative unit involving writing quests linked to their popular class text 'Who Let the Gods Out?' P.E has been exciting practising balances in Gym as well as taking part in a golf competition.



### Friday 3 December Awards

#### Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

*Bird Award* – Phoebe R for consistently trying her best in all areas of the curriculum. Phoebe is a reliable and very helpful member of the class.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Alfie for his thoughtful and articulate responses when answering questions, for example during our topic work on Africa.

*Handwriter of the week* – Pippa for using her phonics to begin to write simple sentences. Super effort!

#### Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

*Bird Award* – Mollie for being such a conscientious worker always wanting to complete her work to the best standard she can. Fantastic!

*Headteacher's sticker* – Leo for practising skills at home that we have been doing in school. Mary for her amazing DT with Miss Wilkie making a beautiful Christmas decoration.

*Handwriter of the week* – Felix for consistently presenting his work well. Well done for achieving your pen license.

#### Class 3, Mr Chapman.

*Bird Award* – Isabel for being a kind friend. She really went the extra mile to make sure someone who was upset was comforted.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Alex for excellent effort, particularly this week in French with his reading and applying knowledge.

*Handwriter of the week* – Poppy for her beautiful handwriting and presentation even when writing at length.

### Friday 10 December Awards

#### Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

*Bird Award* – Evie for her enthusiasm for learning. Evie loves being challenged. She enjoys writing, learning new letter sounds and always asks for hard questions during maths!

*Headteacher's sticker* – Eliza B for being a very kind and helpful member of the class. Eliza always helps her friends.

*Handwriter of the week* – Daisy for her beautiful handwriting when writing about part of the Nativity story.

**Class 2, Miss Goodchild.**

*Bird Award* – Archie for being a consistently hard worker all the time. No matter which subject it is you can guarantee you will get 100% effort. You can't ask more as a teacher. Great job Archie!

*Headteacher's sticker* – Charlie T for focusing really hard on his maths and doing some excellent counting and number work, getting out resources to help himself independently. I am really proud of you Charlie.

*Handwriter of the week* – Mary for working soooo hard on her pencil grip the last couple of weeks. Keep it up.

**Class 3, Mr Chapman.**

*Bird Award* – Esme for organising a troupe of gymnasts to perform various team balances.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Isabel for taking time and dedication to produce a wonderful advent wreath.

*Handwriter of the week* – Millie for choosing the most appropriate way to write, from beautiful cursive writing to printing for diagrams.

**Miss Goodchild's Superstars:**

**Class 1:** Anna and Ethan

**Class 2:** Phoebe

**Class 3:** Charlie

Friday celebration Assembly at 2.50pm will once again be in the school hall today to which you are warmly invited (this week will be hosted by myself). Please can we politely ask all adults to wear masks, lateral flow test prior to coming and spread out as much as possible.

Have a fabulous weekend and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

**NOTICES:**

- 'Treetops at Husthwaite' Wrap Around Care is available for all our children, including Apple Tree Nursery, from 7.30am to 6pm each day.  
For Spring Term 2022 bookings or if you require any further information please contact Helen Morris at: [hamorris1@outlook.com](mailto:hamorris1@outlook.com) 07882 677625.
- Liz Hebdon our parent governor enjoyed meeting new and old parents/carers at our 'Governor Surgery' on Tuesday at drop off at the school gate. If you didn't manage to meet your parent governor or have any questions don't hesitate to contact Liz by email [lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk)
- Unfortunately, we have had recent weekend trespassers on our school site, damaging and breaking through our boundary fence and forcing entry into our outside classroom. Please can we ask those of you that are local and live in the village/use the village park to be vigilant and report to us any sightings. The Police are fully aware and will patrol the area if we have any further incidents.
- I would like to signpost you to the Place2Be – a practical wellbeing advice website for concerned parents and carers run by child mental health experts and offers support regarding a number of parenting topics. From anxiety to problems at mealtimes, many of the articles may be of help.  
<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>
- **POSTPONED TO THE SPRING TERM 2022** - FOHS – Friends of Husthwaite School 'Grown Up's Bingo night' at Husthwaite village hall has been postponed to the Spring Term due to current NYCC PTE Events advice. We apologise for the late notice and disappointment but are sure that you will understand.

**DIARY DATES:**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Fair for the children.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties and Father Christmas delivery.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas pantomime, Dick Whittington and making Christingles.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service, at St Nicholas' Church (on Zoom for parents to join us) <p style="text-align: center;">Topic: Husthwaite Christingle Service  Time: Dec 17, 2021 09:30 AM London  Join Zoom Meeting  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86350210317?pwd=aDRVWFhA4Zll6UmwwWHMvLzhUL0xXdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86350210317?pwd=aDRVWFhA4Zll6UmwwWHMvLzhUL0xXdz09</a>  Meeting ID: 863 5021 0317  Passcode: Tf1Cx9</p> End of term early finish time at 2.30pm.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	We welcome all the children back into school for the start of the New Year, Spring term 2022.

