



St Nicholas C of E School Newsletter

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

What a fantastic term, packed full of exciting visits and activities which has culminated in a crazy Christmas week. We hope you enjoy some of our photos.

Christmas week.



Our little stars blew us away with their fabulous performance in Church on Tuesday. Amazing singing, dancing, acting and narrating. It was lovely to come together as a school community after such a long time. Well done to you all.

We enjoyed a delicious Christmas feast made by Sharon on Wednesday. Roast Turkey and all the trimmings, finished off with a delicious sticky toffee pudding. A huge thank you to her for this!

This was followed by a festive forest school with Madeleine. A party, party food lunch and a film afternoon rounded the week off.

The children had a great time celebrating all things Christmas.

Mrs Bourne-Arton arrived with the most beautiful Christmas tree for the children. The children had great fun decorating it and it looks rather splendid in our school hall. Not only did she bring the tree, but also £135 in donations from locals who attended the patronal celebrations on St Nicholas' Eve. Thank you everyone in our village community for all the continued support we have received this year, including laptops donated during lockdown to help with home-learning.

Just a reminder that the Methodist Church Carol Service is on Sunday 19th December 10.30 am followed by coffee and mince pies, or biscuits and juice for children. The children are welcome to dress up as characters from the nativity.

Nursery

Our new nursery provision has been a great success. We now have seven children on role with more children signed up for the new year. Please do pass on the details to any friends or family in the area looking for nursery provision.



Children in Need - living out our values...

It was lovely to come together as a community to celebrate Children in Need. 'St Nicholas Has Got Talent' meets 'The Great St Nicholas Bake Off' was a roaring success! The children showed off some amazing talents with football skills, singing, dancing, comedy, poetry and magic just some of acts for the day!



Congratulations to our overall winner Hermione for her amazing song and dance routine.



We managed to raise over £100.

Our Golden thread...



Being creative was our golden thread for this term. As well as St Nicholas has got talent, the children also had a visit from North Yorkshire Music service. They presented a fantastic assembly where the children heard them play a wide variety of instruments whilst learning about how these worked.



The children were thrilled by this session. If your child is interested in learning and instrument, please the school office for further information.

The children also had a taster day where they had the opportunity to fence or try yoga.

Mrs Umpleby

Mrs Umpleby will now be undertaking her senior administrator role across the federation, supporting the senior leadership team. We will therefore be advertising the role of administrator for St Nicholas school in the coming weeks. Once a suitable candidate is appointed, Mrs Umpleby will start her new role and will be based across both sites.

Homework Questionnaire

Thank you for all your feedback regarding homework. The children have also had an opportunity to express their views on homework in school. This will be collated over the coming term and we will be in touch regarding the new homework policy shortly after this.

Clubs

Clubs have been refreshed for next term. We have library club for those budding authors and book worms as our golden thread next term is life-long readers.

Art club will now replace healthy cooking club on Wednesday with Sports Cool returning on a Thursday.

Booking form for after Christmas are now available on the website.

PTA

Our friends have done a phenomenal job fundraising and supporting our school and have raised over £1300 in the last month alone! We can't thank them enough for all of their hard work and commitment to supporting our school. If you would like to become a member of the Friends group, they are always looking for new recruits!

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the new year!

Mrs Sarah Taylor
Head teacher