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Week ending 9th December 2016

It's been another busy week in school and I'm sure you're beginning to check the calendar on a daily basis to see what school event is on next. We are steadily crossing them off the list and come Saturday 17th December we won't know what to do with ourselves! I think this must be the busiest build up to Christmas I have ever experienced, but I wouldn't have it any other way. There is a happy buzz rattling around the school and it's a joy to be part of. At one end of the corridor we have a very determined year 6 merrily making slippers, at the other end Santa's chimney is swiftly being erected and up the stairs a production line of Christmas cakes is in full swing.

I think I need to write down (for posterity) all the events that we have managed to fit into the space of one week. I publically apologise now if I miss anything off. Here goes:

Thank you so much for a fantastic turn out to our Christmas fair last Saturday. The morning ran smoothly thanks to the sterling efforts of our PTA who stayed late on Friday night preparing all the rooms. The total is yet to be finalised but we anticipate this to be in the region of a staggering £2000! The PTA will write to you all in January with some ideas about what the money could be spent on. If you have any ideas or suggestions, then please get in touch with Lisa Snell.

On Monday we held our inaugural (is that how you spell it?) Santa Fun Run. This year half of the proceeds will be donated to the New Life Foundation (linked to the Aiden Hudson appeal). Caroline Artschan, a representative from the charity visited to talk to the children. The Year 6 children managed to run up Starkey Lane 5 or 6 times and I am ashamed to say I was lapped by several children. The younger children lined the bottom of Starkey Lane to cheer them on. I think my training for the Kildwick fell race in May needs to commence now. Class 4 have calculated that we actually ran 4 marathons and 22 miles.

On Monday afternoon, some KS2 children went to sing carols at Steeton Court Nursing Home. This was a great event and very well received. Other members of the choir sang at Airedale Hospital today (Friday). After school on Monday we sang carols with parents on the playground. Aiden Hudson's mum, Carol, joined us for this event.

On Wednesday morning the 'wider opportunities' musical ensemble, led by Mrs Turvey, played for parents. They were amazing. Two year 6 children also performed a song on keyboard. On Wednesday evening Mrs Smurthwaite led a troop to Giggleswick to take part in a cross country event. See results below. Amazing as usual!

Y3/4 boys - 3rd team
Y3/4 girls - 2nd team
Y5/6 boys - 2nd team
Y5/6 girls - 1st team

Myself and Mrs Mcloughlin took a group to a dodgeball competition at Oakbank school. We definitely had a great time.

On Thursday, we all arrived wearing our Christmas jumpers and ate our Christmas dinner listening to 'Rocking around the Christmas tree'. We then danced it all off at the Christmas disco after school and went home feeling very hot and bothered.

We finished the week off with our monthly collective worship in church.

Have a restful weekend, you'll need it as it all starts again on Monday.

Tim Whitehead
Headteacher

NO CLUBS – Week commencing 12th December

Healthy Snack

Thank you for your continued support with regard to water and snack at playtime.

Please could I request that only fruit (no fruit winder or yo yo) and water is brought to school as a playtime snack. I am mindful of our Healthy School status and the sugar content of such foods. It is also causing unnecessary litter in the playground which in turn has attracted a multitude of wasps.

Stars of the Week

Class 1 – Harry Rees for always doing the right thing. A delight to teach.

Class 2 – Romilly Davenport for being a kind friend and always working hard.

Class 3 – Oscar Snell for fantastic writing – wrote some great facts on Ancient Egypt.

Class 4 – Nathan Hird for trying hard in all his work. Super maths and super writing.

Class 5 – Jack Hugo for a wonderful attitude to learning.

Achievements

The new co-op Christmas ad was televised before Coronation Street on Monday. Mince pies and snowmen! Issy, Erin and Ruby from year 5 are all in it as part of Glusburn Youth Theatre. Keep your eyes out for them. They may also be available for autographs!

A very Happy Birthday to the following children

Otis Brooks – Year 4 – 10th December

Emma Jackson - Reception – 12th December

Freya Kinnear – Year 5 – 14th December

Calendar (a separate letter with dates has been sent out)

12th December – Choir Concert by candlelight – 6.30pm in school

12th December – Class 1 & 2 Christmas Party PM (bring party clothes to change into)

13th December – Class 5 Christmas party PM

13th December – Nativity Performance – 6.30pm in Church

– **Please drop off at school no later than 6pm**

14th December – Class 3 & 4 Christmas party PM

14th December – Nativity Performance – 2pm in Church

16th December – Christingle Service – 9.30am in church

16th December – Pantomime at Skipton Auction Mart

16th December – End of Autumn Term

Christingle Service

Please could you bring a Mueller rice yogurt pot to school on **Monday** so the children can prepare a Christingle for the service next Friday morning. See separate email.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity

The rehearsals are well underway for the Nativity. The parts have been allocated and Mrs Roberts is sewing, at speed, to get the costumes ready for the big performances. A reminder from Miss Akrigg and Mrs Manthorp. Please could all children have their nativity costumes/outfits in school by Wednesday 7th December, at the very latest. Please let us know, as soon as possible, if your child is UNABLE to return to school at **6pm** on Tuesday 13th December for the evening nativity.

Christmas Parties

Class 1 and Class 2 party will be held on Monday afternoon. Children can bring party clothes to change into. Please could we ask for a small voluntary food contribution:

Class 1 – savoury

Class 2 – sweet

Class 3 and Class 4 party will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Children can bring party clothes to change into. Please could we ask for a small voluntary food contribution:

Class 3 – savoury

Class 4 - sweet

