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### Kildwick CE VC Primary School



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### Week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

It's suddenly got colder and crisper in the morning and this week brought the first snow of the winter. A little less than I had hoped for but I'm sure the time will come when we can get across to the rec to build snowmen, make snow fairies and dare I say have a snowball fight. Even after forty (and a bit) years of life I still get excited by the anticipation of snow, making fresh footprints and trying to run in knee deep drifts. Deep down (I suspect), we are all children at heart. On a more serious note, in times of severe weather, please look at our Facebook page and website for the latest up to date information. Please also check we have up to date contact information on ParentPay. I will be here whatever the weather but whether you are able to get here is a different matter!

This week we will once again mark Armistice Day with a collective worship in church followed by an act of remembrance at the memorial. Year 6 have produced some stunning letters written 'from the trenches'. I have included some for you to read at the end of this newsletter.

I also received an email this week informing me that Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute have been awarded £8,400 by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), through their *First World War: then and now programme*, to fund a project to research the lives of the 68 men from Farnhill who volunteered to serve their country in World War 1. The school is excited to be involved in this project.

We opened our doors to twenty two prospective Reception parents yesterday who all went away keen to sign their names on the dotted line. What a team we have, which leads me nicely onto.....

Football success – The year 6 girls took part in a 5 a side cluster schools competition this week. They finished runners up losing 1-0 to Hothfield in the final. What a fantastic achievement.



Not that I am counting but I have been reliably informed there are now only 43 more sleeps until Christmas.

On that cheery note I will leave you to have a great weekend.

Tim Whitehead  
Headteacher

### Clubs – Week commencing 31st October

Day	Diary
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>KS2 Writing club</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Lego Club</b>
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov pm	<b>Football – year 5 / 6</b>
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov pm	<b>Zumba - KS2</b>
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov am	<b>Gymnastics – year 1 / 2</b>
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov pm	<b>Mini Ringers Bell Club</b>
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov pm	<b>Choir – KS2</b>
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov pm	<b>EYFS and KS1 construction club</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> am	<b>Gymnastics – year 3 / 4</b>

### 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 – Archie Mellor** – for trying harder to write and having a go!

**Class 2 – Archie Armitage** – super effort always and stunning maths work.

**Class 3 – Harsh Gourapur** – fantastic attitude to learning

**Class 4 – Niamh Barton** – super helper – always pleasant and keen to learn.

**Class 5 – Catrin Ferguson** – setting herself high goals. Always kind to everyone.

### Achievements

Freddie Whittam-Burrows took part in a Jiu Jitsu grading at Bradford grammar school. He worked really hard and was awarded his orange belt. Well done Freddie!

### A very Happy Birthday to the following children

**Hidayah Shan** – Reception – 9<sup>th</sup> November

### Calendar

**18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Scholastic Book fayre in school all week

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Flu Vaccination to Year 1, 2 and 3 children

**30 November** – EYFS (reception parents only) Stay & Play  
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre – 10am – 1pm

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Santa Fun Run

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – Woodwind concert produced by

Mrs Turvey - 9.10 am in the school hall

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Disco PTA

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity Performance – 6.30pm in Church

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity Performance – 2pm in Church

**16<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime at Skipton Auction Mart

**16<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Autumn Term

### SportsCool

SportsCool will be running a lunchtime multi sports club every Thursday, starting next week. See below for a timetable for each class. This will take place on the Rec, in all weathers, so please make sure children have the correct footwear and appropriate clothing.

Day	Class
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Class 5</b>

### PTA events

13.09.16	PTA meeting 3:45
20.10.16	PTA – Movie Night
<b>08.11.16</b>	15:45 PTA meeting
03.12.16	10:00 -13:00 Christmas Fayre – PTA
05.12.16	Santa Fun Run on the Rec
08.12.16	PTA Disco
15.12.16	Carol Singing
10.01.17	15:45 PTA Meeting
16.02.17	PTA – Valentine Disco
14.03.17	15:45 PTA Meeting
06.04.17	PTA – Kildwick's got Talent
16.05.17	15:45 PTA meeting
25.05.17	PTA – Treasure Hunt Pie and Peas & Beetle Drive / Bingo evening
13.06.17	PTA meeting 3.45
24.06.17 (Saturday)	10:00 – 13:00 Summer Fair

### Christmas Fayre – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The PTA are very busy organising the Christmas Fayre and the children in Class 4 have been busy writing to local companies this week asking for donations for the Christmas raffle. **See below for some of their fantastic letters, how could they refuse after reading these?** If you can donate a prize then please see Lisa Snell. If you can offer your help on the day or beforehand then please see Lisa also.

### Comedy Night for Parkinsons at High Adventure

A message from Sara Ferguson – 'We're organising a 'Comedy night' at our centre (High Adventure) in aid of the Parkinsons charity. The centre and staff are all free so all the money raised (excluding the cost of the professional comedians) goes to the fund, as well as bar sales. It's on 20th November'.

The last one we organised raised over £2000 for Manorlands and was well supported by friends, family and the local community, including a lot of parents.

Anyone interested can either see me directly or call the centre for a ticket. (Please also see attached flyer.)

### Children in Need – November 18<sup>th</sup>

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for a donation of £1.

The year 6 girls are also organising a bun sale and would love you to bring (cooked or bought) buns to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. They will be selling them after school at 3.30pm in the school hall.

### Travelling Cribs for Advent

The church will again be sending two travelling cribs on a journey round the community from Advent Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> November) to Christmas Eve. If you would like to make room for Mary and Joseph for a night please sign up by filling in your details on a Journey Rota form which will be available in the playgroup next week.

### Operation Christmas Child

Mrs Sharples is organising this for school. I know it's incredibly short notice but if you would like to contribute then please return your shoe box to school next week (please see separate letter sent out this week)

# Good News. Great Joy.





My darling Beatrice,

Thank you ever so much for the beautiful red socks. They're very comfortable! All of the other soldiers are jealous!

How is your grandma? I heard that she's been doing a bit of knitting too. Apparently, she knitted you a rather large aran jumper - for Christmas! You'll grow into it soon!

The food here is not at all good; bread and rice pudding and maybe a bit of run too! How I miss the way every Christmas we used to go out to St Luke's park and collect raspberries - then crush them into home-made paint. Do you remember that time when your little sister went and then ate all of the berries whilst we were out getting paint brushes?

How is your mother doing? Is she alright? I'm sure she's quite stressed. How about you bake her a cake or something, to cheer her up?

Nearly every night, I get to feed and then lock up all of the horses! I've got one personal favourite. Her name is Shelly. She's an all-white horse. With beautiful sky blue eyes. She loves apples, just like you!

I forgot to tell you that there's a big hole in my left sock! You better get knitting again! Write to me as soon as possible.

Give my love to your mother.

Love,

Father

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

Dear My Darling Rose,

Thank you so much for your letter, you have no idea how much it means to me. To be able to read your beautiful writing every night has given me a sense of hope, hope that I had lost a long time ago. The rats are crawling all over me as I write this and we need to go over the top soon. So I will put the letter in my pocket and it will be close to my heart.

The noise over here is horrific and constant shells rain down. I hate it and I wish I could tell you differently but I couldn't lie to you Rose. Poor William, you know the old man from down the road, he got a cushy, so desperate to go home he was, four fingers were shot straight off, he was so excited and lost all caution, he stood right up and got it through the bars. I'm sorry Rose. This is hardly the happy letter you were hoping for.

On a slightly happier note I can't wait to see the baby, I was overjoyed when I heard the news but I do wish I could be home soon to see him - and you and Penny and Mags, but you mustn't worry, I'll be home soon.

All the love in the world. Her

Dear My Darling Girl,

Thanks for the lavender it helped to get the lice off. It was better than having to set my coat on fire. What's happening at home? Is Mary cooking her weekly apple pie?

The horses keep on getting mud under their shoes which keeps me very busy. Can you remember when Breaker our horse fell over? Wasn't it comical!

The food here is...well...it's not really the best (actually I hate it) (Our daily diet is a single stale biscuit, cold meat and weak tea. The good thing is that the Sargeant once gave us hot chocolate!

Sometimes - at night - I forget that I am fighting against the Germans, because when I'm drifting off to sleep my mind thinks of only you my darling, until I am suddenly awakened by the feel of the rifle in my hand.

Christmas day was rather special. At about lunchtime (whilst we were all reading our letters from home) we heard the Germans singing Silent Night. Albert - from our town - put up his hand above the trench and began to sing.

This ended with both enemies shaking hands and having a friendly game of football. It was sheer bliss!

Take care, remember to write back.

Your loving Father xxx

Dear My Darling Carl

I'm writing to inform you that I'm still alive, but by the time you get this letter I might be dead. I've seen many people die before my eyes.

The rats are horrific, they eat all your food and some people had to starve. I can't kill the rats because there would be an awful smell coming in the air. Each day it's stew, I miss your Shepard's pie, and I wish I could be back with the baby.

On raining nights some British soldiers went to sleep in the horses carts. The trenches were up to three feet deep and probably more and all your clothes got saturated. Sometimes I go and get some sand bags to sit down on.

Ao friend Samuel got trench foot, he went off to the doctors and he hasn't come back. I know he'll be alright; he was always a tuff nut.

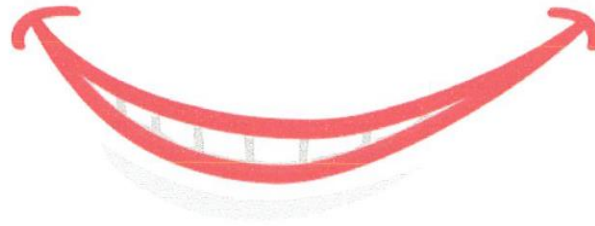
Please send me another pair of those wonderful stripy cotton socks. They will keep my feet warm for at least the rest of the year.

Love from

Fraser

Letters from  
the trenches

# HA COMEDY NIGHT



**SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2016 - 7pm**



**Dan Nightingale**

Our MC for the night and 1 man comedy machine!!!

**Scott Bennett**

Yorkshire family man Scott Bennett opens the show, full of 'bloke next door' charm. His brilliant observational style has made him one of the hottest properties in UK comedy.

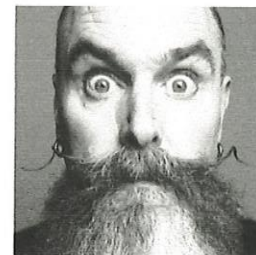


**Kiri Pritchard-McClean**

Welsh comedian Kiri is one of the most exciting comedians coming through on the British Circuit. Her humour is Intelligent, her stories are brutally honest and audiences love her. One to watch.

**Martin Mor**

Former circus performer Mor is one of the best acts around. He's a 25 year veteran who's played all over the world. No one in the crowd is safe when he's on stage; it raucous, it's close to the bone and it's always hilarious.



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