



## **16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Newsletter**

### **Hosanna Rock!**

As always the children performed amazingly to two packed out audiences. We had some lovely comments such as...

*"The show was superb! Hosanna totally rocked!"*

*"The children were wonderful and sang beautifully"*

*"Worth coming all the way from Scotland to see it!"*

*"Amazing as always!"*

Thank you Green Monkey Portraits for taking photos of the dress rehearsal and individuals in costume. We had quite a few orders and the photos were lovely.

Thank you also to the Friends for providing some of the costumes and for organising a raffle. Well done to Mrs Steele for winning the hamper and well done to Louise and the Friends for raising an amazing £116. Thank you to our parents for supporting the Friends so generously.

There is one unclaimed prize which is a voucher for the Bardon Mill Tea Rooms – Ticket numbers 166-170. Please check your tickets.

Just a reminder that photos and videos should not be uploaded to Social Media such as Facebook. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Christmas service at St. Peter's Church**

We had a lovely Christmas service with Revd. Steve who as always welcomed pupils, parents and villagers. The children read and sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

### **Christmas lunch at Humshaugh**

Thank you Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Rowcroft, Mr Davison, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Parker for ensuring our Christmas lunch was a fabulously festive occasion. The children enjoyed their traditional turkey lunch with crackers, hats and after dinner chocolates!

### **Oddsocks pantomime and singing at Elm Bank**

We had a super trip to the theatre and the children's behaviour was exemplary. We enjoyed our lunch at the Trinity Methodist Church which was kindly arranged by the Queens Hall staff. Afterwards we had a quick run to the Sele Park and then straight onto Elm Bank Care home where the children delighted the residents with a selection of Christmas carols and songs from Hosanna Rock!

### **Christmas party**

This year's Christmas party was amazing thanks to Louise Armatage and Carla Schatzberger who organised lots of fun activities for the children to take part in such as Name the Teddy, Christmas Tombola, Lucky Dip and Pass the Parcel. The children were delighted when the man in red arrived and all children received a Roald Dahl book to link with our topic for this term.

### **Save the Children Christmas jumper day**

Thank you for your donations for Save the Children which totalled a brilliant £29. The children looked fantastic in their festive jumpers.

### **Children in Need**

Our non-school uniform day raised a whopping £80, thank you very much.

### **Nut and sesame seed allergy**

Just a reminder that we do have several children with a nut allergy in school. We ask that if you are providing a packed lunch for your child that you are mindful of food containing nuts or sesame seeds. The allergic reaction is severe even if the children come into brief contact with nuts or sesame.

### **PE Kit**

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school. PE is on a Friday every week.

**If your child does not have a PE kit, they will not be allowed to take part in the lesson.**

**Outdoor Adventure Club** will resume **on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. The children will be learning all about First Aid.

### **Swimming**

Swimming starts on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January for the first half of the spring term. Please ensure your child has a swimming costume, trunks, goggles and a towel.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Connie, Heidi, Thea, Lily, Tess, William, Callum, Maya and Evie who received certificates for 100% Attendance and Punctuality for the autumn term. Certificates will be presented at the end of the spring term for children who have 100% Attendance and Punctuality.

This term, we have been monitoring children arriving late to school and a record has been kept in the Late Book. There are a concerning number of times that children (often the same small group of children) have been late to school. Not only does this cause embarrassment and worry for the child, it also has an impact on the other children in class, the teachers and the Teaching Assistants. **The bell is rung at 8.50am so that children can be in class learning by 8.55am.**

**From January, a new system will be in place. A letter will be sent out in the first week of term.**

### **Other dates for your diary.**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017:** Spring term starts

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017:** Swimming starts

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017:** Break for Half Term

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017:** Teacher Day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017:** Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term starts

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for a fabulous autumn term. We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Kind regards,

Jude Long (Acting Headteacher)

