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'Developing the whole child'

Newsletter Friday 30th November 2018 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

Congratulations to Class 4 on their excellent Class Assembly Many thanks to all our parents,



carers and friends who came to share in Class 4's assembly on Thursday this week. We all enjoyed the opportunity to hear more about their exciting outdoor education week at Marrick Priory and to see their photographs. We enjoyed these as the class sang, 'I want to try everything. I want to try even though I could fail.' **Marrick photos are now on the school website under Gallery/Visits.**

We also shared in their learning in class this term: instruction writing on how to keep Mrs Jones happy; alien landing newspaper reports; amazing drama linked to their Science Space topic and the scientists, Aristotle and Copernicus; diary writing based on Macbeth; poetry inspired by The Highway Man by Alfred Noyes; First World War poetry and poetry to challenge stereotypes of all kinds based on the work of Benjamin Zephaniah.



Advent theme and Christingle Service Our Collective Worship this week has focussed on the season of Advent. We have been thinking about how we can be our best selves as we prepare to welcome Jesus as the light of the world at Christmas. **There is an Open2All Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale this Sunday 2nd December at 10.30am.** This is candle-lit and very child friendly. It is in aid of the charity, 'The Children's Society'. Thank you for your donations in the Christingle candles. You can bring your candle back to school or take it to the Christingle Service on Sunday.

Shoe box Charity Thank you Our shoeboxes were collected by the charity Samaritans Purse and will hopefully be on their way soon.

We have watched a video showing children in Zimbabwe receiving their shoebox gifts at Christmas last year.



Friends of the School Christmas cards

Thank you to FoS for organising this fundraising activity. If you ordered cards they will be sent home with your child today.

Donations for Christmas Hampers Friends of the school will sell raffle tickets at both Nativity performances and before the Carol Service in church to raise money for school funds. They will also send raffle tickets home. They are working hard to help us fund raise to update our IT equipment. Each class is organising a hamper and we would welcome contributions of items on their class theme. Class 1: Christmas treats; Class 2: Around the World; Class 3: Pamper hamper; Class 4: Yorkshire hamper.

Class 1 and 2 Nativity ticket requests

Please return your ticket request slips as soon as possible (the slips are on the website with the newsletters). Tickets will go home next Friday 7th December.

Class 3 and 4 Carol Service Friday 21st December 2pm in Church We will be beginning our rehearsals for this next week. Tickets are not required as there is more seating available in church. Classes 3 and 4 will lead this; the whole school will be there.

School Christmas Lunch Thursday 20th December

Everyone will enjoy Christmas lunch together. If you normally have packed lunch but would like a Christmas lunch today, please complete the slip in the letter sent home and return by Friday 7th December, cost £2.50.

Parish Posada These are Nativity figures who travel from home to home during Advent, starting at the Christingle and finishing at the crib service in St Mary's Church at 1pm on Christmas Eve. If you would like the Posada at your house for a night, please complete the slip below.

Date reminders:

Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity 'Born in a Barn' Tuesday 11th December and Wednesday 12th December at 2pm. (tickets required)

Carol Service - 'The Story of Christmas' in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale, Friday 21st December at 2pm led by Classes 3 and 4. (no tickets are required for this)

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Dobson

Posada Nativity Request

I would like to take the Posada home for the night.

Child's name:

Class:

Signed: