

# Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

Scorton, Richmond, N Yorks DL10 6AQ

E-Mail: [admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk) Tel: 01748 818401

[headteacher@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Headteacher Mrs Nicola Dobson

*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 3rd December 2021 Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

**A busy time in school;** we welcomed back Class 4 from their Outward Bound Residential Week at Marrick Priory; Class 3 performed a wonderful Viking themed assembly for their parents last week and Class 4 shared their Richmond topic with parents in their class assembly this week; Classes 1 and 2 had an excellent Christmas Nativity Dress rehearsal.



**Friends of the School Christmas Fundraising Raffle and donation of Raffle Prizes** Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, The hampers have been made up and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 10th December in Special Mentions Assembly. **Please return all tickets and money by Thursday 9th December.** Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the Class 1 and 2 Nativity Performances.

**Friends of the School Facebook page** This has been set up by the new Committee to help with the publicity of events. It will not include any photographs of children but will help everyone to keep in touch. To join this private group please search Bolton-on-Swale Friends of School and request to be added.

**Friends of School AGM and new Committee**  
Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. The new committee is:  
Chair: Pete Longfellow  
Secretary: Jill Crosbie  
Treasurer: Ruth Booth  
Committee members: Caroline Witty, Claire Johnstone, Nicky Longfellow

We depend on many more parents and friends getting involved throughout the year with our activities and events. A huge thank you to everyone who helps in any way. Your support is very much appreciated; please continue to volunteer to help with events.

**Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity 2021 'Born in a Barn'**

Thank you for sending in your costumes; we had an excellent dress rehearsal on Friday morning. There are 2 tickets per family-please reserve these on Parent Pay but do ask if you have any problems with this. We have seats for everyone. No physical tickets will go home.

**Tuesday 7th December 2pm for Class 1 parents**

**Wednesday 8th December 2pm for Class 2 parents**

These performances will be held in the school hall. Please enter through the playground gate entrance. **Please wear a mask unless you are clinically exempt.**

**Class 3 and 4 children will lead our Carol Service in St Mary's Church on Friday 17th December at 2pm.** The whole school will attend. No booking is required.

**Christmas Lunch for the whole school** We will enjoy sharing our Christmas lunch together as a whole school on Thursday 16th December. **A letter and text went home on Friday; if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like Christmas lunch please return the slip by this Tuesday 7th December. The cost is £3.**

**School Christmas Tree Donation** We have a beautiful Christmas tree in our school hall which was very kindly donated by The Green Frog Garden Shop at Ellerton. Please thank Kathleen if you are in the shop. In keeping with school tradition, it was decorated this week by our Reception children.

**Clubs have finished for this term** Our after school clubs have now finished. Thank you to all our school staff who support these with their time. New club bookings will be available for January-more details to follow.

**Parish Christmas cards** Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter. Cards featuring St Mary's Church Bolton-on-Swale and St Paul's Church Brompton-on-Swale are being sold in aid of the new building at St Paul's.

**Date reminders** (also on the School Website under Parents/Diary Dates):

**Flu vaccine for those who registered online:** Tues 7th December 9.00am

**Nativity, 'Born in a Barn' Classes 1 and 2:** Tues 7th and Wed 8th December at 2pm.

**Christmas Party and Father Christmas visit Classes 1 and 2:** Tues 14th December pm

**Christmas Party Classes 3 and 4:** Wed 15th Dec pm

**Christmas Lunch:** Thurs 16th December

**Carol Service in St Mary's Church led by Classes 3 and 4:** Friday 17th December 2pm

**Friday 17th December early school finish for Christmas at 3pm**

**Christmas Eve Friday 24th December 3pm St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale, Crib Service.**

**Return to school Wednesday 5th January 2022**

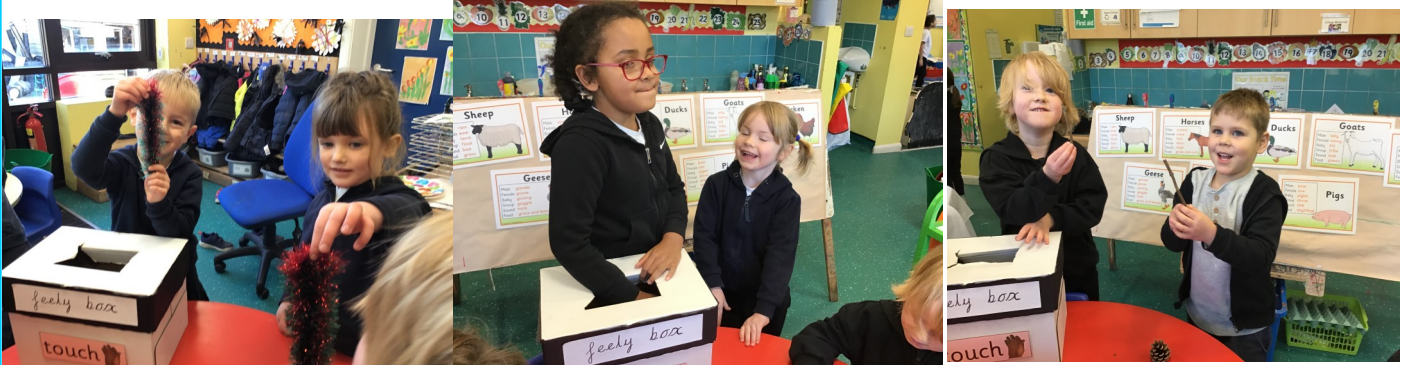
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

## Class 1

We have enjoyed our work on polar animals; especially the Emperor Penguin which Year 1 have researched for their non-fiction writing. We have an arctic area in our small world with real ice to explore. We have also been working very hard learning our songs and understanding the Christmas story ready for our 'Barn in the Barn' Nativity performances. In Science we enjoyed exploring our sense of touch with our feely box. Our Reception children decorated our school Christmas tree and we all created decorations for our class Advent calendar.



## Class 2

Class 2 have been working very hard on our 'Born in a Barn' Nativity. We thoroughly enjoyed wearing our costumes for the dress rehearsal which we shared with the whole school. We have also worked on our comprehension skills with arctic animals and polar bears. We have completed colour washes of icy landscapes with silhouette animals. We continue to enjoy cricket and multi skills in PE and have developed our throwing, catching, batting and fielding skills.



### Class 3

Class 3 shared an excellent class assembly with their parents featuring their work in class this term on the Vikings and highlights from their visit to Danelaw Viking Village. We shared our Viking shields and long boats and wonderful Viking songs and research into local place names with Viking origins. We shared our poetry and prayers and our Science work on magnetism.



## Class 4

Class 4 had an excellent week at Marrick Priory enjoying a whole variety of activities and delicious food. They enjoyed team building games, a night walk, a camp fire, archery, canoeing, low ropes and high ropes, abseiling, orienteering and a walk on Grinton Moor and the lead mines with an ice cream to finish! They shared this with parents in their class assembly as well as highlights from their Richmond topic this term.



# St Paul's Link

Have you ever wanted somewhere new to...  
meet friends, chill out, hold children's parties, wedding receptions or  
community groups etc?

**NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!**

OUR PROJECT AIMS TO UPDATE AND UTILISE THE SPACE  
BEHIND ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

IT WILL BE SOMEWHERE FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO USE.  
EACH MONTH THERE WILL BE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.  
WE WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE, STARTING NOW!

**WE ARE SELLING  
CHRISTMAS CARDS, UNTIL  
23 DECEMBER!**



£2.25 PER PACK (5 CARDS)

TO BUY , GET IN TOUCH  
WITH REV MARY -  
07306 092569 - OR  
THE PARISH WEBSITE

All proceeds from the sales of these cards go towards the St. Paul's Link projects



**EAST ELEVATION** (including east elevation of church)

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Leeds

ICT MARK  
ACCREDITED  