

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

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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 5th November 2021 Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

Thank you for joining us to celebrate our Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church

It was very special for us all to be back together in St Mary's Church after nearly 2 years, to share in our Harvest Festival celebrations with you. For our Reception and Year 1 children it was their first time in church as a school community. Reception children performed their 'Big Red Combine Harvester Song' brilliantly. Our Year 1 children shared their Harvest art work and poems and Year 2 children sang a thanksgiving song: 'Easy Peasy Harvest'. Class 3 shared a wonderful dramatisation of 'The Parable of the Sower' and Class 4 researched the work of our Harvest Charity 'Send a Cow' and led our prayers and the poem, 'If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter'. A special thank you to Rev Yvonne and to Lilian and Laura who helped us to decorate the church. Thank you to everyone for your donations to 'Send a Cow' and to the Richmond Food Bank.



Class 2 Teachers from February 2022 I am delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Dutton and Mrs Smith will be job sharing in Class 2 starting after February half term 2022 when Mrs Smith returns from maternity leave. Mrs Dutton will continue to teach Class 2 until then.

Reception Places for September 2022 please apply online with North Yorkshire by January 15th 2022. Mrs Dobson is offering individual tours of our school for prospective parents. Please contact school directly to arrange these.

Friends of the School AGM this Wednesday 10th November 7.30pm in the school hall

Please come along to support us in the nomination of our new committee for this next year. We need your support to make our meeting quorate.

Remembrance Day All the children in school will take part in our own Act of Remembrance this Thursday 11th November. We have also been invited to perform in the Annual Service Pupils Service in Ripon Cathedral on Friday. Class 4 children and KS2 children from the Choir will be attending. Each Class is creating a poppy wreath to display in the Cathedral. **Children are invited to bring a photo of an armed forces family member past or present to add to their class poppy wreath if they wish. Please do not send in original photographs.**

Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity 2021

All children in Class 1 and 2 took home letters in their book bags on Friday with information about our Christmas Nativity performance. Each child in Class 1 and 2 has a part and if you are able to provide a simple costume that would help us. We do have a small supply of costumes which can be shared as required. If you have a costume from a previous year which you no longer need and are happy to donate to us please bring it into school. If you are unsure please speak with us.

Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity performance dates:

Tuesday 7th December 2pm for Class 1 parents

Tuesday 8th December 2pm for Class 2 parents

These performances will be held in the school hall and numbers will be limited to 2 tickets per family. Ticket booking forms will follow.

School Photographs As they arrive in school we will send them home with your child.

Upcoming event date reminders:

FoS AGM: Wednesday 10th November 7.30pm

Ripon Cathedral Annual Remembrance Service: Friday 12th December; KS2 Choir and Class 4 have letters with details and reply slip to be returned asap

Class 4 Marrick Priory Residential Monday 15th to Friday 19th November

Class 2 Parental Assembly Thursday 18th Nov 9.30am Parents/Carers of Class 2 invited (max 2 per family)

Class 3 Parental Assembly Thursday 25th Nov 9.30am Parents/Carers of Class 3 invited (max 2 per family)

Class 4 Parental Assembly Thursday 2nd Dec 9.30am Parents/Carers of Class 4 invited (max 2 per family)

Class 1 Parental Assembly tbc when Mrs Reynolds returns to school.

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

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.

Last week of clubs this half term: in the week beginning 6th December

PE kit day reminders for this half term:

Classes 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Classes 3 and 4: Monday and Tuesday

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

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

This week in Class 1

This week in Class 1 we have enjoyed the story, Owl Babies and Y1 have worked hard on sentence writing. In our Science work we have named and labelled parts of the body. Our role play area has become a vet's surgery. Everyone is working hard on their phonics, reading and number skills. In PE we are having cricket coaching with North Yorkshire Chance to Shine Cricket.



This week in Class 2

In English we have focussed on Bonfire poetry. In Maths we have been working on our number bonds to 10 and place value. In Geography we have revised our knowledge of countries and capitals of the UK and have labelled continents on a world map. We have also been on a village walk and used map symbols to identify key features in Scorton. In PE we are having cricket coaching with North Yorkshire Chance to Shine Cricket.



This week in Class 3

We have been very impressed with Class 3's amazing Viking themed homework. Well done with your shields and long ships. In English this week we have been looking at a story with a historical setting and exploring the plot of Terry Deary's 'The Battle of the Viking Woman'. We have also enjoyed our fitness sessions in PE.



This week in Class 4

This week in Class 4 we have been working on our long multiplication skills. In History we have researched further the Battle of Hastings linking it why people settled in Richmond. We have also worked on our historical time lines. We have completed an excellent writing display featuring our Drummer Boy of Richmond work. **Featured below are our Y3/4 Football Team, our Y5/6 Football Team and our KS2 Girl's Football Team who have all competed against other schools recently. Well done to our girls who finished in 3rd place.**

