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***'To love, live and learn together'***

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

**A time of Remembrance and compliments for wonderful singing at Ripon Cathedral** As a whole school we took part in a formal Act of Remembrance in school. Each child and class created their own poppy wreath, we held our own 2 minutes silence, reflected, prayed, and sang a Remembrance song and the National Anthem. Class 4 children sang as a choir in Ripon Cathedral for the North Yorkshire Festival of Remembrance. We have received many messages of congratulations for the high quality of their singing. You can follow this link to hear them sing: (scroll to 1:14 for the start of their song: 'Pray for Peace')

[https://www.youtube.com/live/9wzil\\_-Z9eM](https://www.youtube.com/live/9wzil_-Z9eM)



**Class 4 perform in Ripon Cathedral at the Festival of Remembrance - pictured above and right two children getting ready to lay our poppy and First World War veteran photo at the Cathedral.**

**Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal we raised £151.** Thank you to School Council who sold our poppies.

**Congratulations to Francesca and Ellen who sang for the King at the Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall in London.** They were part of the Service Children's Choir and everyone enjoyed seeing them on TV!



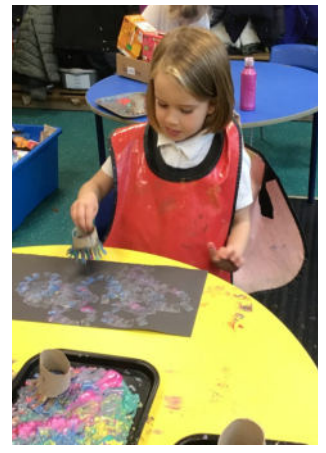
**Congratulations to our Y5/6 Girls Football Team who have qualified for the next tournament round.** They played very well at Bedale last week and were unbeaten. They finished in 2nd place overall on goal difference and as one of the top two teams they will go forward to the next round.

**Our Y5/6 and Y3/4 Boys football teams also competed well - see next pages for photos.**





**In Class 1** we have learnt about Guy Fawkes and Firework safety. We enjoyed creating firework pictures and using the laptops to do this also. We made our class wreath of poppies for our Remembrance Service. In Maths we have explored shape and developed our number skills. In Science we have explored animals including humans and our role play has been visiting the vets where we are having lots of fun.



**In Class 2** we have been working hard on our class assembly and enjoyed sharing all our learning with our parents and carers. In Maths we have developed our subtraction skills, learning to find the difference. In History we have learnt more about Guy Fawkes and linked this to our Firework poetry. In Design Technology we have designed a windmill and in Science we have completed our hand span investigation. We have enjoyed developing our keyboard skills on the laptops. In Geography we have looked at OS map symbols.





**In Class 3** we have reflected on Armistice Day and the symbol of the poppy, creating beautiful acrostic poems. In Maths we are solving problems using formal addition methods. In RE we are learning about the Jewish Festival of Shabbat. In PE we are developing our netball skills; passing and moving and learning the importance of teamwork and communication. We also have a 'Dance' unit on Space where we are becoming astronauts and discovering a new planet. **Pictured below: Netball in PE and our Y3/4 football team playing at Bedale.**



**Class 4** have had a busy time both in school and in wider activities. Both Y5/6 boys (pictured here) and Y5/6 Girls football teams have been representing our school. We loved performing at Ripon Cathedral and had time to visit the ancient Anglo Saxon crypt of the cathedral, dating back to 672 AD. We loved exploring underground. We also visited Crucial Crew– the North Yorkshire safety event where we learnt more about Fire, Water, Drug and Internet safety. In class we have used inverse operations to solve problems in Maths. In English we have been creating a newspaper report set in the 2nd World War. In Science we have looked at electrical safety and how to prevent fires in the home. Our new PE unit focuses on Games and Netball strategies in particular.





**Congratulations to Daisy and Annabel for raising a fantastic £1,000 for the Little Princess Trust Children's Cancer Charity.** This is a great achievement. Thank you for supporting them so generously.



**Children in Need support** Thank you for supporting this charity with our own clothes day today. Pudsey even attended our early morning recorder group!



**Date Reminders for events coming up:** Key dates can be found on our school website under Parents/Diary Dates.  
**Class 3 Parental Assembly Thursday 21st November 9.30am.** All parents and carers welcome.  
**Class 4 Parental Assembly Thursday 28th November 9.30am.** All parents and carers welcome.

**Class 1 and 2 Nativity Performances Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December at 2pm in school.** Please reserve your tickets in Parent Pay. 3 tickets per child. If possible Class 1 parents on Monday and Class 2 on Tuesday. Please email the office on [admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk) if you need different days or have any ticket questions. Please bring costumes on a named coat hanger by Friday 29th November. We have lots of spare costumes-come into class 2 at the end of today to look through costume boxes.

**Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas Tuesday 16th December**-more details to follow.  
**Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party Wednesday 17th December**-more details to follow  
**Whole School Christmas lunch Thursday 19th December** - wear a Christmas jumper with your uniform if you would like to.

**Friday 20th December Whole School Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 2pm led by Classes 3 and 4. All welcome. Early finish for Christmas at 3pm.**

**Friday 6th December Friends of School pre loved Christmas jumper/top sale at 3.30pm.** Donations of jumpers/tops by Friday 29th November (children's only).

**Sunday 1st December Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale at 3pm. All welcome**  
A group of children will be singing -details to follow. This is a child friendly candle lit service raising money for the Children's Society whose strapline is: 'Every child should have someone'. Candle boxes to make donations have gone home today. These can be taken to the service or returned to school.

**Christmas hamper raffle fundraiser with Friends of School** Please support our school and your children by buying raffle tickets. Donations of bottles, chocolates and Christmas gifts for the hampers can be left at the office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson