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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

Congratulations to Class 1 and 2 on their wonderful Nativity Performance 'Hey Ewe' Everyone who attended the two performances last week enjoyed their wonderful singing, speaking and acting. The whole school and invited guests from Scorton Pre School and Little Learners Nursery had also enjoyed the dress rehearsal the week before. We all felt that Christmas had really started for us! More pictures will be uploaded to our website gallery. Pictured below are some highlights from a beautiful Nativity Performance. A huge thank you to staff, parents and of course our children.



Thank you to the Green Frog Garden Shop at Ellerton Lake for donating our Christmas Tree once again Our annual tradition is for our Reception children to decorate our tree and this year was no different. We had lots of fun!

Last Day Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale on Friday 19th December at 2pm All welcome

Everyone is very welcome to join us for this. The whole school will be there and the service will be led by our KS2 children in classes 3 and 4. We will singing lots of traditional carols. The Christmas raffle will be drawn in church after the service.

Early finish for Christmas at 3pm on Friday 19th December
Please collect your child from school at 3pm after the service.



In Class 1: Mrs Reynolds says, 'We thoroughly enjoyed learning all our songs and rehearsing our Nativity parts. We have been working hard on our Christmas activities and creating our cards and calendars. We have worked on our Science topic, naming parts of the body.'

In Class 2: Mrs Smith and Mrs Dutton say, 'Well done for all your great narrating, acting and singing in our Nativity. In Science we have continued exploring humans with a five senses investigation.'



In Class 3: Mrs Wright says: 'We have completed our History topic on Invaders and Settlers and thoroughly enjoyed our parental class assembly especially the Viking themed songs we performed. We shared our research into the origin of Viking place names. In Science we demonstrated our knowledge of magnetism and our Design Technology work on structures.'



In Class 4: Mr Ramsbottom says: 'We have been working hard in our Maths and in English we have completed our John Muir biography work. We learnt more about Democracy and the workings of Parliament in UK Parliament Week. Our residential outdoor education week at Marrick Priory in Swaledale was a great success. The children loved the range of activities: abseiling, high ropes, low ropes and tunnels, team building and problem solving, archery, orienteering, den building, night walk and night line and the long walk. A layer of snow on the hills, delicious food and the hot chocolate were real highlights too. A huge thank you to our staff; Mr Ramsbottom, Mrs Seward and Mrs Parr who accompanied the children for the week. Well done to our children whose excellent behaviour and positive attitude was praised by the Marrick staff and instructors.'

Photographs will be uploaded to our website gallery.

Sporting events: Well done to all our Teams who have competed in tournaments with other schools recently: Year 3/4 football; Y5/6 Girls and Boys football and Sports Hall Athletics.

Staffing updates We are delighted that Ms Lucy King will be joining us on a permanent basis as a HLTA Teaching Assistant. She has been working in school since September 2026 and comes to us as an experienced primary school teacher.

Sporting events –Girls Football



Sports Hall Athletics



Class 4 on Grinton Moor in Swaledale



Last week of term reminders:

Tuesday 16th December Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas Class 1 and 2 children should come to school in PE kit as normal in the morning. They should bring some party clothes to change into after lunch. They will have their party and visit from Father Christmas in the afternoon. We are expecting Father Christmas to arrive on his tractor once again and the whole school will see this. Father Christmas will deliver presents for every child in school. School will provide party food snacks; there is no need to bring additional party food into school. Class teachers will check regarding any food allergies.

Wednesday 17th December Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party This year Class 3 and 4 will enjoy a Santa Dash fun race outside followed by party games and snacks provided by school. **Please see the Class 3 and 4 party letter sent home in book bags on Friday.** Children should come to school in their Santa Dash, own clothes with wellies/muddy field footwear. School will provide party food snacks; there is no need to bring additional party food into school. Class teachers will check regarding any food allergies.

Thursday 18th December Whole School Christmas lunch: (packed lunch children have already signed up for this with the office) Children may wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform.

Friday 19th December Whole School Christmas Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale 2pm. All welcome. **Early finish for Christmas 3pm. Please collect your child from school at 3pm.**

Donations for Christmas Hampers

FoS welcome donations of Christmas themed food, drink and gift toiletries. Please bring these to school before Friday 19th December. The raffle will be drawn after the Carol Service on Friday.

Parish News The Outdoor Parish Nativity on Christmas Eve will be held at St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale from 4-5pm. Children may come dressed in nativity costumes. There will be live animals!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. We look forward to a lovely Christmas week in school. With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson