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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

Class 4's Parental Assembly We all enjoyed Class 4's parental assembly featuring great historical facts linking the Battle of Hastings to our local history and visit to Richmond Castle. We loved the 'Drummer Boy of Richmond' song and the excellent creative writing extracts. The French transport song and the drama featuring Sir Isaac Newton and the Gravity song were real highlights too.



Class 2's Parental Assembly This week we had a wonderful insight into all the work in Class 2 in their class assembly. We loved their weather poetry; their impressive knowledge of the continents and oceans and their important firework safety instructions. Science work on autumn and seasons was captured in photographs of their outdoor learning.



Children in Need Thank you for your support. We have raised **£122** as a school so far this year.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/bolton-on-swale-st-marys-ce-primary-school-4?>

In Class 1: Mrs Reynolds says, 'We worked hard on our Remembrance Day activities; creating our class poppy wreath for our whole school Act of Remembrance and reflecting in art work and prayers. We are also enjoying our Science work where we grouped animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and researched animal groups. We explored the story of the gunpowder plot and created our own firework inspired art. We continue to enjoy our outdoor learning.'



In Class 2: Mrs Dutton and Mrs Smith say: 'As well as working on our Class Assembly, we have created our own Remembrance wreath and reflected. In Science we have been sorting animals into groups and in Maths we have explored properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Pictured below we are composing in Music.'



Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity All the children in Class 1 and 2 have received a Nativity letter sent home in their book bags. This tells you what part they will be playing. **If you would like to borrow a Nativity costume from school please speak to your child's class teacher.**

In Class 3: Mrs Wright says: ' In Maths we have worked on formal written methods for subtraction and applied this to problem solving. In English we continue to enjoy our class reader, Romans on the Rampage by Jeremy Strong. Our PE unit is focusing on Health, Well being and Mindfulness. In Computing we have been using commands to program a screen turtle. We continue to make excellent progress with our violins and cellos in class music lessons. Well done to our Y3/4 hockey team who represented our school very well in the area tournament showing skill, resilience and determination.



In Class 4: Mr Ramsbottom says: ' We have been learning about the work of the naturalist John Muir and the creation of National Parks and protected green spaces. We have also been preparing for our residential visit to Marrick Priory. We were proud to represent our school at the Festival of Remembrance for North Yorkshire Service Children in Ripon Cathedral where we sang so well. We had an opportunity to tour the cathedral and see some of the poppy art work we had helped to create.' **The Festival of Remembrance for North Yorkshire Service Children was live streamed and can still be viewed following this link [Ripon Cathedral - YouTube](#)** We sing at about 23 minutes into the recording.



Whole School Theatre Performance of Robin Hood The whole school enjoyed this live theatre performance of a pantomime style 'Robin Hood'. Lots of fun for everyone and an inspiration to all our budding performers! Thank you to everyone for the FoS fundraising donation which funded this.

Our Robin Hood theatre performance



Diary Dates and Events coming up

Thurs 27th Nov: Class 3 Parental Assembly 9.30am, school hall. Parents and carers of Class 3 welcome

Fri 28th Nov: Whole School Flu vaccine (nasal spray unless opted out) see email sent previously

Fri 28th Nov: Friends of School Preloved uniform and Christmas Jumper sale 3.30pm end of day (donations of Christmas jumpers in advance welcome)

Sunday 30th November 3.30pm Christingle Service in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale

Everyone is invited to join us in St Mary's Church for this beautiful candlelit service followed by refreshments. This is also an opportunity to support the charity 'The Children's Society'. Donation candles were sent home in book bags and can be returned to school or brought to the service.

Encouraging children to give to others By encouraging children to collect in their Christingle candles you may want to take the opportunity to encourage them to give to the charity supported by the Christingle service - The Children's Society. This charity helps children experiencing all kinds of difficulties.

School Choir invited to sing at the Christingle Service

If your child attends Choir they are invited to sing at the Christingle Service. They need to be at Church just before 3.30pm. The service lasts about 1 hour and there are refreshments afterwards. Children need to be accompanied by an adult and Mrs Dobson will be there also. Children can wear Christmas themed clothes or own clothes. Please email me to confirm your child can sing on: headteacher@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Mon 8th Dec and Tues 9th Dec: Class 1 and 2 Nativity, 'Hey Ewe' in school 2pm. Details on tickets to follow

Tues 16th Dec Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas (more details to follow)

Wed 17th Dec Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party (more details to follow)

Thurs 18th Dec Whole School Christmas lunch: (packed lunch children can sign up for this also) Children may wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform

Fri 19th December Whole School Christmas Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale 2pm. All welcome. **Early finish for Christmas 3pm.**

Friends of School News

Please support the Pre loved uniform and Christmas jumper donation and sale on Fri 28th November.

Fundraising Christmas Hampers and raffle tickets

Raffle tickets for our Christmas hampers have gone home in book bags. The prizes will be drawn at the Carol Service on Friday 19th December.

Donations for Christmas Hampers

FoS welcome donations of Christmas themed food, drink and gift toiletries. Please bring these to school in the week beginning 8th December.

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! If you have a donkey or pony who would like to take part in this, please email Rev Simon: simon.dowson@leeds.anglican.org

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

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

Christingle Service

Sunday 30th November
St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale 3.30pm

Everyone is invited to our All age Christingle Service.
We will be joined by St Mary's Bolton-on-Swale School Choir,
who will perform in the service for us all.

A collection will be taken in support of the work of the
Children's Society whose strapline is ' Quiet the noise '

Refreshments will be served after the service.



Join us to share the light of Christingle

BOLTON-ON-SWALE FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Christmas Jumper Appeal

DO YOU HAVE CHRISTMAS JUMPERS THAT NO LONGER
FIT?

THE FRIENDS OF SCHOOL ARE HOSTING A CHRISTMAS
JUMPER SALE, BUT NEED YOUR DONATIONS!



PLEASE HAND ANY DONATIONS TO RECEPTION