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'Developing the whole child'

Newsletter Friday 7th December 2018 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

Christmas Tree Thank you Many thanks to the Green Frog Garden Shop at Ellerton, who once again, donated a beautiful locally-grown Christmas tree. It has become a tradition for our Reception children to decorate this. Here they are, taking a break from decorating.



'Born in a Barn' Classes 1 and 2's Nativity

The whole school enjoyed our dress rehearsal this morning. We were also delighted to welcome some of the Pre School and Nursery providers with whom we work in partnership to watch the performance with us. We hope you have your tickets for our performances next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. **Classes 3 and 4** are busy preparing for the Carol Service in Church on Friday 21st December at 2pm.



Christingle Thank you A big thank you to everyone who worked with the Parish to support the charity, the Children's Society, and filled and returned their Christingle candles to school. Everyone really enjoyed the Christingle service in St Mary's Church last Sunday, especially the glow sticks!

Donations for Christmas Hampers Thank you for donating hamper prizes. The hampers will be wrapped on Monday morning so any more donations should be brought in by then. Friends of the school will sell raffle tickets at both Nativity performances and before the Carol Service in church to raise money for school funds. They have also sent tickets home in book bags tonight. They are working hard to help us fund raise to update our IT equipment.

Friends of the School Christmas cards

Thank you for supporting this; we raised £236.33 for school funds.

NHS Healthy Child Team Letters have gone home tonight about the Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks.

Parish Posada These are Nativity figures who travel from home to home during Advent, starting at the Christingle and finishing at the crib service in St Mary's Church at 1pm on Christmas Eve. Thank you for returning your requests, the Posada has started its journey.

Diary Dates till the end of term

Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th December at 2pm Classes 1 and 2 'Born in a Barn' Nativity Performances in school. Tickets required.

Friday 14th December 3pm Last Special Mentions of term

Tuesday 18th December pm Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas

Please bring party clothes for your child to change into at lunch time. Please donate a small amount of food to be brought on the morning of the party. For Classes 1 and 2 a list to sign up for food will be in the office entrance area from Monday 10th December.

Wednesday 19th December pm Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party Please bring party clothes for your child to change into at lunch time. Please donate a small amount of food to be brought on the morning of the party. Please can girls bring 'deserts' and boys 'savoury'.

Thursday 20th December Whole School Christmas lunch

Friday 21st December 2pm in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale, Carol Service - 'Journey to Bethlehem' led by Classes 3 and 4 Tickets are not required as there is more seating available in church. Classes 3 and 4 will lead this; the whole school will be there. We encourage everyone to join us. After the Carol Service we will all return to school for an **early finish approx. 3.00pm.**

Tuesday 8th January Return to school for new term

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Dobson