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*'Developing the whole child'*

Newsletter Friday 16th November 2018 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

**UK Parliament Week in Class 4** This week our Year 5/6 children turned their classroom into the Houses of Parliament with a Prime Minister and leader of the Opposition. Comparisons were drawn between a dictatorship and a democracy as they explored our Parliamentary system, equality and the rule of law. They tabled a motion for debate: 'School holidays should be longer'. After much debate the motion was defeated. It's true—our children love to be at school!



**Congratulations to Class 3 on an excellent Tudor themed Class Assembly** Many thanks to all our parents, carers and friends who came to share in Class 3's assembly on Thursday this week. It offered us all a great insight into the work they have been doing in class; the Tudor period in history, linked to our own locality and the Battle of Bosworth and War of the Roses. We learnt about their Tudor Day at Bolton Castle and enjoyed Tudor drama, portraits, stories with Historical settings, songs and dancing. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on their 3D Tudor houses at home. They also shared their Science work on electricity; Times Tables Rock Star Maths and some very moving First World War poetry inspired by our remembrance work last week.



**Cross Country Congratulations** Before half term our KS2 children competed in the cross country competition at Richmond School. There were about 60 children running in each heat and all our children did very well to complete the course. Special congratulations to:

Year 3 Boys: Ben Reed 4th place; Jack Sykes 6th place; Tom Davies 9th place.

Year 6 Boys: Ashton Newall 1st place; Archie Tulip 6th place.

Ashton Newall has qualified for the North Yorkshire final at Dalby Forest in the spring term.

**Christmas Shoebox Appeal** – we are once again supporting this. Leaflets have gone home tonight and we will share this with the children in Collective Worship next week. We also welcome contributions of items towards making up a shoe box as a class in school. We need to complete these by the morning of **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** when our shoeboxes are collected.

**Tempest Photographs** Thank you for your placing orders. Online photo orders have been received in school; postal orders will follow.

**Encouraging your child to read** Following parents evening many of you told us how much your child enjoys reading and being read to by you (right up to Year 6)- that is excellent and is key to success in school. You also asked for advice around age appropriate books for your child. The following link opens up suggested books suitable for different year groups. Obviously you need to personalise your choices to the interests of your own child

<https://www.scholastic.co.uk/piecorbett/resources>

**Outdoor PE clothing for KS2 and for playing on the field** For outdoor PE in KS2 all children need a named pair of track suit trousers and a sweatshirt in their PE bags. These should be different from tracksuit trousers/waterproof trousers which the children need to wear at playtimes to go on the field. All children must have a pair of outdoor shoes, trainers or wellingtons. Please, please name all clothing.

**Alverton Brass Band** will be playing for us in school next Friday 23rd November. We are looking forward to introducing a range of brass instruments to the children.

**Brigade School Uniform** is offering a 20% discount on orders placed between Midnight Thursday 22nd November and Midnight Monday 26th November. Go online to [brigade.uk.com](http://brigade.uk.com) click on PARENTS ORDER HERE link, search our school name and place your order ensuring you enter the promotional code: **BCBLACK18** when placing your order.

**Date reminders:**

Class 2 Parental Assembly - Thursday 22nd November 9.30am.

Class 4 Parental Assembly - Thursday 29th November 9.30am.

Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity 'Born in a Barn' Tuesday 11th December and Wednesday 12th December at 2pm. (details for tickets will be sent home next week)

Carol Service - 'The Story of Christmas' in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale, Friday 21st December at 2pm led by Classes 3 and 4.

**Newsletter** This newsletter is sent out every Friday and uploaded to the website. If you would like to receive it by email please send an email to the admin address above.

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

Yours sincerely,

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