



## Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 18th November 2022 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

**Thank you for supporting Children in Need and the Little Princess Trust Charity** School Council and our Collective Worship Team worked hard to share with everyone the work of these charities. We are awaiting our final Children in Need total. Thank you for buying the decorated biscuits made by Ettie and Class 3; we raised £55. The Little Princess Trust Charity makes wigs for children who need them.



### **Reception and Year 1 Early Reading Meeting**

Parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 1 are invited to join us in school from 2.45pm to 3.25pm on **Tuesday 22nd November**. We will be sharing an overview of how we teach early reading and information on our new phonics scheme, **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds**. If you are unable to join us please do not be concerned. We will also send home a summary of the meeting in paper form and a link to the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds parents information page on their website.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



### **PE Kit days this half term**

**Class 1 wear PE Kit Tuesday and Thursday**

**Class 2 wear PE Kit Tuesday and Friday**

**Classes 3 & 4 wear PE Kit Tuesday and Wed.**

### **Eco School Recycled Christmas Tree**

**Decorations** Please send in any old Christmas cards or decorations which could be recycled by the children to make new decorations.

### **Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity Performance**

You can reserve your tickets - 2 per family on ParentPay (no cost). A text will be sent to notify you when this is ready. We have enough seating in the hall for two tickets per child. **If possible, please can Class 1 parents attend on Monday afternoon 5th Dec at 2pm and Class 2 parents on Tuesday afternoon 6th December at 2pm.** If you need to come on a different afternoon please email Mrs Newton in the office and she will organise this. No paper tickets will be issued. **We have lots of spare, good quality nativity costumes in school. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to borrow one of these.**

**Nativity Dress Rehearsal** The whole school and visitors from our feeder pre schools will watch this on **Wednesday morning 30th November.**

**Class 3 and 4 lead the Last Day Carol Service In St Mary's Church.** All welcome, no tickets or booking required.

### **Bids Close Friday 25th November 9pm.**

### **Friends of School Auction of Promises reminder.**

Please have a look and place your bids at:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/>

[boltononswaleprimaryschool](https://www.boltononswaleprimaryschool.co.uk/)

All money raised is funding new reading and library books for school.

### **Friends of the School donate £3,500 to school funds**

A huge thank you to all our parents and friends who have raised money over the past year to support the work of our school. Many thanks for your generosity. During the last academic year this has funded new reading books, a whole school theatre visit and has subsidised the cost of coaches for our trips, visits and sporting events.

### **Friends of the School Christmas Hamper Raffle**

**Donations** FoS will be sending Christmas hamper raffle tickets home and selling them at our Christmas events. **Please send any suitable Christmas themed hamper donations into the office by the end of Friday 9th December.** Bottles, chocolates, Christmas themed gifts.

### **Diary Dates this half term**

A full list of diary dates and term dates for the year are on our website.

### **Reminders:**

**Class 4 Parental Assembly** Thursday 24th

November 9.30am

**Class 3 Parental Assembly New date:** Friday 2nd

December 9.30am.

**Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity Performances**

Monday 5th December and Tuesday 6th December at 2pm.

**Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party and visit to school from Father Christmas** Tuesday 13th December pm

**Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party** Wednesday 14th December pm.

**Whole School Christmas Lunch** Thursday 15th December.

**Whole School Christmas Carol Service led by**

**Class 3 and 4 in St Mary's Church** Friday 16th December 2pm. All welcome. **Finish term for Christmas 3pm.**

**Return to school** Wednesday 4th January 2023

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

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

**Please see highlights and learning in each class this week on the next pages.**



**This week in Class 1** we have enjoyed practising our Christmas Nativity and exploring the Christmas story in our RE work. In PE we are improving our throwing and catching in Multiskills. In Maths we are focussing on number bonds and counting. We are making good progress with our phonics and reading.



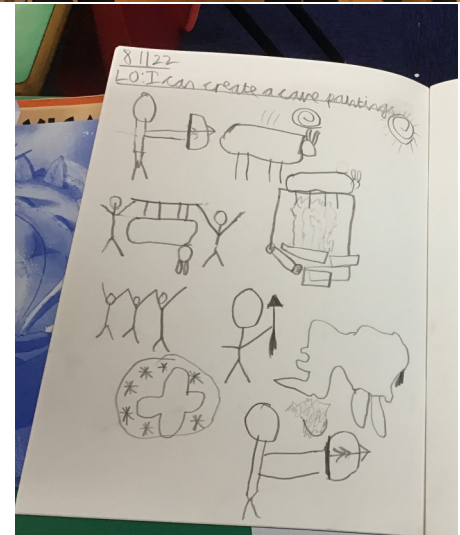


**This week in Class 2** we have enjoyed preparing for our Christmas Nativity. In Maths we have worked on addition and subtraction and on number bonds. In Y1/2 RE we have looked at the theme of Forgiveness and what we do if we make mistakes. In Computing we have created information pages about Florence Nightingale and in history we have learnt about how Florence transformed the lives of soldiers in hospitals in the Crimean War.





**This week in Class 3** we have enjoyed our History work about the Bronze Age and the book 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe'. In Science we have investigated sounds made by large and small ear trumpets and the effects of amplification. We continue to develop our hockey skills and have worked on warm up and cool down routines in Dance. We are developing our skills on violin and cello. We enjoyed our charity fundraising for the Little Princess Trust and Children in Need. In Art we have been researching cave paintings.





**This week in Class 4** we learnt about many aspects of safety on our visit to Crucial Crew. We explored issues relating to internet, fire, drugs and alcohol safety. We took part in presentations by North Yorkshire Police and Fire Safety. We were delighted that our Y5/6 Basketball Team finished in second place in their tournament. We have been preparing for our parental assembly. In English and History we have been writing newspaper reports based on Operation Overlord, the D-Day landings of 1944.

