



NEWSLETTER 13th December 2018



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Well done **Abigail Ward** for receiving the latest Head Teacher's award.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Last week the pupils of the week were :

Rec: Burdii Mitchell
Yr 1: Theo Auty
Yr 3: Mason Howitt
Yr 4: Jonah Gill
Yr 5: Freya Hanton
Yr 6: Ella-Louise Stockings

Attendance Winner
Year 2- 96.3%



WOW WORK OF THE WEEK

Last week the Wow Work of the week were :-

Rec: Harper-Rose Sutcliffe
Yr 1: Dante Bottomley
Yr 2: Theodore Talpau
Yr 3: Joe Moyers
Yr 4: Kieran Calder
Yr 5: Kori-J Turner
Yr 6: Kinga Herba

School Dinners for the grown-ups!

Recently our classes have been inviting family members to come and eat school dinner with them.

Here is a picture of Year 4's lunch. We will continue this project in the new year, so look out for an invitation from your child!



Staff News

It is a great pleasure to welcome back Mrs Mason, who will be joining Mrs Mann in Class 5 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mr Wightman will continue to be our acting Headteacher until summer 2019.

The Great Fire of London



Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London this half term and we have used cardboard boxes to make our very own Pudding Lane.

We have discussed how the fire spread so quickly as the houses in 1666 were built very close together.

When we burned our boxes the children were also told about the dangers of fire.



Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 14th December.
Children can donate £1 to come in their Christmas jumpers.
All proceeds will be going to Overgate Hospice.



Church Links

The title of this week's Collective Worship was Surprise Surprise! They learnt about the surprise of the first ever Christmas.

Sport



On the 4th December 12 children from Key Stage 2 took part in an orienteering competition at Saville Park. The children did really well and were a credit to the school.

The year 6 team of Scarlett, Deborah, Callum and Jonah finished 7th

The year 5 team of Kaden-Lee, Kayden B, Jasmine and Lily finished 8th

The year 3/4 team of Lola, Tommy, Dylan and Amy-Leigh finished in 5th place in their race.

A massive well done to all the children.

On the 6th December 18 children from year 5 and 6 took part in the Brooksbank cluster Sportshall athletics competition. There were 6 schools competing altogether and in an exciting competition we finished 5th and were so close to finishing 4th. Well done to all pupils who showed great determination and effort.

Christingle Collection

During December, each class is collecting for the Children's Society, providing support and care for children in need.

Please send your spare change to be placed in the Collecting Candles, ready for the Christingle Service at All Saints Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve.



Homework at primary school

Information taken from BBC School Website

Homework reinforces what your child is learning in school.

It also gives you a chance to become involved in the learning process.

In Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2) reading is the most important homework. Your child may always have a book from the classroom library in his or her bag - try to read the book together every night. You'll probably be asked to fill in a 'reading record' about your child's progress with reading.

The amount of time your child spends on homework is less important than his or her understanding of it. But the following is a rough guide to the amount of time he or she should be spending on homework at primary school:

Years 1 and 2 60 minutes a week

Years 3 and 4 90 minutes a week

Years 5 and 6 30 minutes a day or equivalent over two/three evenings or at the weekend

Primary school children are sometimes asked to talk to their families about what they learned in school on a particular day. This can be the most valuable homework of all, especially if you show interest and play an active role by asking your child questions about their day.

Tips for good homework habits

Do find a quiet place at home to use as a homework area. It needs a flat surface, a good light source and the right equipment e.g. pens, pencils, ruler, scissors, glue.

Do be aware of modern teaching methods, e.g. in long division.

Do plan a homework timetable and agree on when your child will do their homework.

Do allow your child to have something nutritional to eat before starting on homework.

Do discuss any homework tasks with your child and how it connects with what they are studying at school.

Do turn off the TV - but you could have music on if they find it helpful.

Don't give your child the answer in order to get a task finished. Instead, explain how to look up information or find a word in a dictionary.

Don't teach your child methods you used at school. It could confuse them.

Don't let homework become a chore. Keep it fun and make it a special time that you both look forward to.



Robinwood

Personal information forms have been sent out—These need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Spare copies are available in the office.

Reminder that final payment is due by Monday 17th December at the latest.

Upcoming Events

Friday 14th December—Christmas Jumper Day for charity.

Monday 17th December — Final day for Robinwood Payments.

Monday 17th December—Key Stage 1 Nativity at 1:30 and 6:00 pm.

Tuesday 18th December—Carol Concert at All Saints at 1:30 pm.

Wednesday 19th December—Key Stage 2 Nativity at 1:30 and 6:00 pm (tickets only).

Thursday 20th December—Christmas Lunch.

Friday 21st December—Last day of term—Class parties.

Monday 7th January 2019 — School reopens.



Join us at our Christingle
Celebrate hope. Make children's voices heard.
At All Saints Church
Saville Rd
On Christmas Eve
at 4pm
To find out more, visit christingle.org
Christingle 2018