



2017 Nativity

On Tuesday and Wednesday the children of Class 1 and 2 did a marvelous job of performing the Nativity and it was great to see so many parents, grandparents and governors attending both performances. I am always impressed how confident our children are on stage, how well they sing and how clear they are when they say their lines and how they learn their lengthy speaking parts. I would also like to thank Class 1 and 2 teaching staff for helping the children to create such an entertaining experience.

Class 1 teaching

I would like to inform parents, Mrs Malir will be teaching full-time in Class 1 up until February half-term. The Governors and I appreciate Mrs Malir stepping in at very short notice.

Building Update

The ground works for the Class 1 canopy were completed on Monday. The framework and roof will be installed next week, the engineers will be on site from Monday morning and will take the majority of the week to finish the job (also depending on weather).

Snow

Weather forecasts are indicating very heavy snowfall for Sunday lasting into the early hours of Monday morning (so I will be setting my alarm for 5am). Even when it has snowed overnight, I will always make every effort to keep school open. I have not closed the school during my four years as Headteacher but in the extraordinary circumstance that I do decide school has to be closed for a day, I will inform parents by putting a 'ticker tape message' on the homepage on our School Website and on our twitter feed.



Class 2

As part of their 'Great Fire of London' topic Class 2 have been baking their own bread, with a little help from an expert from Lancashire..... no, not Mrs Oliver but a Mrs M. Hardwich from the Baking firm of Warburtons based in Bolton. As you can see from the photographs the children had a great time learning about the bread making process, how to measure out ingredients correctly and to how to ensure their dough rises. The children have told me they have really enjoyed this topic, having the opportunity to burn down a model of 1666 London, meeting Fire Fighters and of course being Bakers for the day.

Star Pupils

Class 1

Everyone in Class 1 for performing so well in the Nativity!

Class 2

Class 2 for a great Nativity performance!

Class 3

Temi Adeniji - for showing great enthusiasm to her work in all subjects.
Zaynab Muhammed - for showing real progression in her Maths work.

Class 3 have finished their Pyramid!



Class 4

Alfie Westman - for being kind, helpful and considerate towards others.

Sian Sadeghian - for showing a 'can do' attitude in all areas of the curriculum.

Class News

Class 1

We have all been working very hard to this week! Reception have been doing one more and one less in Maths and Year 1 have been working on their phonics and writing. We were so proud of Class 1 for performing so well in both Nativity performances.

Class 2

We performed our Nativity to parents this week and Mrs Oliver thought we were absolutely fantastic. In Numeracy we have been doing lots of work on subtraction and in Literacy we have been writing about our Warburton's visit which we had on Monday. What a great morning we had! We have also done bread tasting this week and Mrs Oliver was so impressed that we all tasted every different bread. She is really glad to be back as she has missed us all a lot.

Class 3

This week Class 3 have begun their assessments and completed their grammar and reading comprehension tests. We have started thinking about planning our assessed write for next week and finished decorating our pyramid with hieroglyphs. We also enjoyed our trip to St. Oswald's church for 'What's the Story?' Where we learned more about the story of Christmas.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have been travelling back to the year 79 AD, to warn the people of Pompeii about the impending eruption of Vesuvius. We have been writing detailed non-chronological reports to inform the citizens of what a volcano is, what might happen during the eruption and giving advice on how to survive. In Maths, we have been converting between kilograms/grams, millilitres/litres and miles/kilometres, drawing line graphs to help. In PE with Mr Hall we enjoyed a unique session of 'Classroom Golf' and in Science we have continued our investigations into how shadows behave. We have also been rehearsing for our performances at the Christmas Church Service.

School Attendance

Our school Attendance target is 97%. Well done **Class 2** for achieving **98.46%** attendance this week!

Class 1 98.00% Class 2 98.46% Class 3 96.30% Class 4 93.00%

House Points Congratulations to **Vultures House** for receiving the largest total of house points this week.

Eagles	44
Falcons	43
Vultures	72
Condors	39

Kestrels Before and After School Club

'Learning through Play'

Q. Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A. A mince spy.

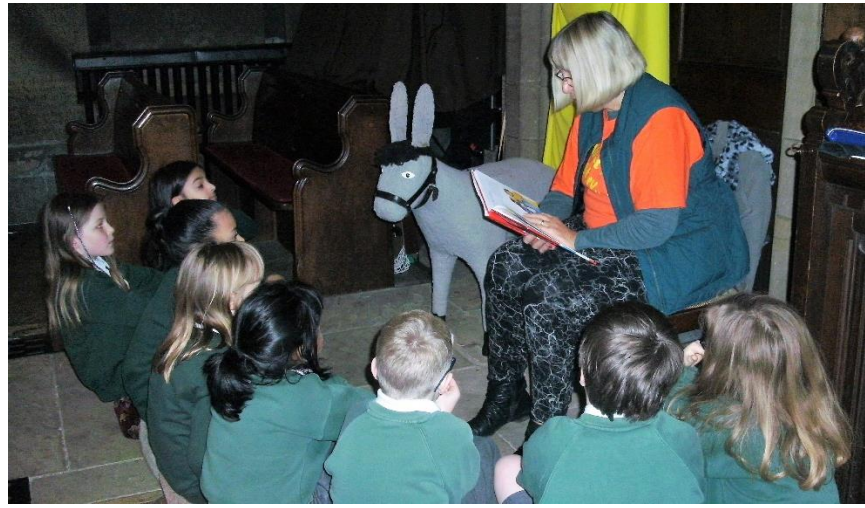


This week we have made lots of exciting crafts for Christmas. The children have enjoyed making an elf, a reindeer, a Santa puppet, a pretty fairy and a snowman to hang on the tree. They have also made their own Santa Christmas cards.

Collective Worship

Our theme for this half-term is: *Thankfulness*.

Class 3 visit



Father David and his team did a great job of retelling the Christmas Story to Class 3. They successfully brought the story to life through drama, visual 'word pictures', artwork and a range of interesting, interactive activities.

Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair was a huge success and raised much needed and appreciated funds so we able to continue to enhance school provision for all the children. Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the event and spend their money – we raised approximately a £1000 - which is a great amount. Special thanks to the members of the Friends who worked so hard in organising the event.

Father David's dates

Sat 9 Dec 4pm: Yorkshire Bell Ringers Carol Concert – St Oswald's

Sun 10 Dec 09.30: Toy Service – St Oswald's
(Please bring new toys to make Christmas special for disadvantaged children)

Mon 11 Dec 7pm: Denison's Christmas Carol Service – St Oswald's
(For those bereaved over the past year, or those still feeling the pain of bereavement)}

Tue 12 Dec 2pm: Parent & Toddler Christmas Party – St Oswald's

Sat 16 Dec 7pm: Fairfax Singers in Concert – St Oswald's
(World-renowned Fairfax Singers – all proceeds to the Organ Fund – tickets available from St Oswald's Church or Fairfax Singers)

Sun 17 Dec 4pm: Lantern Parade – From Parkinson's Park

Sun 17 Dec 6pm: Nine Lessons & Carols – St Oswald's

Mon 18 Dec 7pm: H.U.M Gospel Choir Concert for AVSED – St Oswald's
(Great for families – all proceeds to Aireborough Voluntary Services for the Elderly)

Wed 20 Dec 7.30pm: Guiseley Brass Band Concert – St Oswald's

Sun 24 Dec 3pm: Nativity Service – St Oswald's

Sun 24 Dec 4.30pm: Carols & Candles – St Paul's Esholt

Sun 24 Dec 6.30pm: Christingle – St Oswald's

Sun 24 Dec 11.30pm: Midnight Mass – St Oswald's

Mon 25 Dec 8am: Book of Common Prayer Said Service

Mon 25 Dec 09.30am: Family Service

Have a great weekend!

Mr Dale Norris
Headteacher



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