



Headteacher's Comment

This will be the last Hawksworth Herald issue for this year! I would like to thank all parents for your support during 2017 and on behalf of all Governors and staff I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (School will be closed on Wednesday 20th December 2017 due to a staff training day and school will reopen Thursday 4th January 2018).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Seth (Class 4) and Alice (Class 2) all the best in their new school as they are moving from the area. The family have always been so supportive of the school and we will all miss you.

Church Service

The Christmas Service at St Paul's Church, Esholt was a great event and many parents have said it was one of the best they had seen performed by school in recent years. The service had everything - acting, readings, children singing traditional carols with a contemporary twist, carols sung in an acapella style, carols sung with actions and dances. It was so pleasing to see so many parents, grandparents and governors attend. The children were brilliant providing everyone with a sensational seasonal experience! Their singing was pitch perfect and they spoke their lines with such clarity and confidence – well done children! Father David also did a marvellous job of ending the service with a blessing and a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. I would like to thank Father David and his team for allowing us to use St Paul's and spending the afternoon preparing the Church. I would also like to thank the staff for all of their hard work especially Mr McGuire, Mrs Oliver and Mr Roche for writing the script, providing the music and doing such a good job of preparing the children. Well done also to Mrs Malir for playing the piano during rehearsals and Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Dowling for preparing the Year 5 children – a great team effort! Below are a few photographs of the service.



Thank you Mr Bellamy for providing these brilliant and vibrant photos! I have uploaded more of them to our school website gallery and twitter feed.

Class 2 enjoying their skipping workshop from Skipping School Ltd – Mr McGuire had a go too!



Snow!

On Tuesday the children had a great time playing in the snow! Miss Ward was out on lunchtime duty and took some fantastic photographs of the children with the school Ipad. I have uploaded all the photographs of the children at play to the school website.



Building update

During the last two weeks the team from A and S landscapes have been working in all weathers and have nearly completed the canopy. The team will continue to work on Saturday to complete the installation but the safety surface will be installed approximately Tuesday or Wednesday depending on the weather. This area will provide additional space for our Reception children and will greatly enhance the EYFS outside provision. Mrs Malir and Mrs Williamson have both been working tirelessly visiting other schools to see how other schools have developed their outdoor areas and they have also been working on ordering new resources for the area. The large area surrounding the canopy was originally going to be grassed but I am looking into other alternatives so this area could then be used by children all year round.



Meet the Governor



Every week there will be an opportunity to find out about one of our Governors. This week it is Martin Baker:

I was appointed Foundation Governor in February 2016.

Before taking early retirement in 2014, I taught music for nearly 30 years in a large 11-18 Comprehensive school in South Yorkshire where I was also an Assistant Head Teacher responsible for Inclusion and Safeguarding. In 1995 I founded the Penistone Schools' Area Choir to represent Barnsley at an International Choral Festival in Germany. PSAC became known as one of the best children's choirs in South Yorkshire, touring both in this country and in Europe. I was also Assistant Organist and Master of the Choristers at Bradford Cathedral for 20 years and had the privilege of playing for many radio and television broadcasts, including the live broadcast of the Royal Maundy in 1997.

I have been the Director of Music at St Oswald's in Guiseley since 2004 and moved to Guiseley in 2015 to follow a freelance career playing, accompanying and teaching organ, piano, singing and theory of music.

In my free time I enjoy fishing, playing golf, walking and going to the gym.

I consider it an honour to be a Governor at Hawksworth and I look forward to getting involved in the life of the school community.

Christmas Camp Update

Velocity

Star Pupils

Class 2

Noah Hillerby - for great reading and comprehension skills

Alice Thornton - for being a fantastic member of Class 2 who will be missed greatly at Hawksworth!

Class 3

Stars of the week: All of Class 3 for their enthusiasm and hard work this term.

Class 4

Stars of the week: All of Class 4 for their church performance.

Class News

Class 2

Class 2 have been carrying out assessments in reading, writing and maths this week. We wrote a recount of our Warburton's visit and have been practising working out lots of different calculations. We enjoyed learning the songs for the Christmas service at St. Paul's Church and Mrs Oliver thought the children sang beautifully on the night.

Class 3

This week Class 3 have finished their assessments for the half term. We also began to look at the water cycle in Science and conducted an experiment to show the processes of evaporation and condensation - making it rain in class! We also finished reading our fiction book 'There's a Pharaoh in our bath!' which gave us some

good ideas on writing our own fiction tales for our assessed write. I would like to offer my congratulations to not only Class 3, but all the children from Hawksworth who took part in our Christmas service. The children worked extremely hard to learn a lot of songs, readings and scripts in a very limited time frame and performed superbly. Not only this, but their professionalism to organise themselves in a small area we had not rehearsed in, and the discipline to remain quiet and focused when others were performing made all the staff very proud. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of Class 3!

Class 4

This week Class 4 have completed assessments in Science, reading, spelling and grammar, during which everybody worked extremely hard! In Literacy, we have been working in pairs to type up our non-chronological reports about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and have chosen suitable images to accompany the text using Google searches. We also spent part of the week rehearsing for the Christmas Service and our hard work certainly showed on the night! Mr Roche was **incredibly** proud of everybody who took part in the service - you were all absolutely superb and a real credit to Hawksworth. Well done and a big thank you to all of you!

School Attendance

Our school Attendance target is 97%. Well done **Class 3** for achieving 95.56% attendance this week!

Class 1 91.92% Class 2 94.23% Class 3 95.56% Class 4 95.33%

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

Eagles	63
Falcons	68
Vultures	80
Condors	75



Kestrels Before and After School Club

'Learning through Play'

Q. What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

A. Claustrophobia!

Still on the Christmas theme Kestrels have been busy making Rudolph the red nose reindeer, some fabulous gingerbread men, Christmas trees made with craft sticks and some wonderful Christmas cards.

Father David's – Messy message



Village news

Mrs Goodwin wishes to thank all who supported the *Celebration of Christmas* evening - £208.25 was raised for the Candlelighters.

Collective Worship

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM THE HAWKSWORTH STAFF



