

Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin— The run up to Christmas is now very much underway, with so many things happening in and around school. The Christmas Fair last Friday certainly made the most fantastic start to December, with an astonishing **£2735.51** being raised! Enormous thanks to absolutely everyone who made that possible! This week has seen our choir's first Christmas outing—to the Penistone Farmers' Market and as always they were brilliant. The feedback from the visitors at the market was fabulous and the choir members certainly did us proud! I also had the privilege of going to another of Mrs Gratton—Rayson's wreath making workshops this week which was great fun (see details below). I can't wait for the KS1 Christmas performances next week and look forward to seeing many of you there! It promises to be a very special show! Wishing you a warm and happy weekend.

WREATH MAKING — Huge thanks to Emily Gratton-



Rayson for another wonderful wreath making evening on Tuesday. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to join in too—it was lovely to see so many parents / family members and staff there.



Emily's preparation for the event was incredible and extremely well organised. As always, it was a very special night which was lots of fun and the finished wreaths look amazing!

ATTENDANCE— Well done to Class 2 for achieving the highest attendance of 98.1 % last week, followed very closely by Class 4 with 98%. Class 3 came next with 97.5 % , followed by Class 5 with 95.9%. Finally Class 1 achieved 94%.



EXCELLENT LEARNERS - LAST WEEK



Last week's excellent learners photograph was unfortunately missed off the newsletter.

Apologies to Eva DC; Erin B; Thomas L; Dylan A; Elly E; Austin M; Kaitlin M; Louie H; Sam T and Macen W.



EXCELLENT LEARNERS - 8. 12.17

Meet our excellent learners who should be very proud of their achievements. The teachers choose one child for showing a positive attitude towards learning in any aspect of the curriculum, as well as a second child for being a 'hot shot writer' (HSW). The HSW award goes to children who have shown excellent effort and progress in their writing, along with an impressive application of writing skills.

Class 1: Seb S—For taking great care when printing a pattern for his Christmas card.

Evie E— For writing an excellent letter to Father Christmas! (HSW)

Class 2: Lucas K—For always being a helpful member of the class (HSW)

Freya B— For a fantastic independent recount of the class trip!

Class 3: Alfred D —For being a role model and having a great attitude towards all of his work!

Poppy S—For excellent fronted adverbial work (HSW)

Class 4: Daisy S—For her superb attitude towards her maths work!

Isabelle R—For her super dilemma on the Moon story

Class 5: Rowern P - For excellent outcomes in his art work!

Mediya PS—For an absolutely stunning flashback story! (HSW)



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL— Many thanks to the families who have brought back a shoe box for this year's appeal. Please note that the deadline for returning the boxes to school is

Monday 11th December. Thank you.

CHOIR VISIT— The choir sang beautifully at the Farmers' Market in Penistone this week. Thank you so much to Mrs Darigala for the extra rehearsals which she has put in over the last few weeks—all in her own time! The feedback from the visitors to the market was extremely complimentary about the choir and their performances raised many a smile! Thank you also to the parents / family members who managed to come along and support us! It was a lovely morning!



WARM CLOTHES—Reminder please re hats & gloves, the weather is v cold at the moment!

ROVING REPORTERS



Class 1 - There was an elf named Jingles, who went into Class 1 this week and taught them how to create Christmas cards. He actually left Class 1 an elf workshop which could help the children become an elf in the near future if they want to! In the workshop there is lots of wrapping paper to wrap up gifts. They have clip boards to tick things off when they have finished wrapping to make sure they get everything right! Jingles the elf gave them the task to write their Christmas lists to Santa. When Jingles came into Class 1 he also gave them another task which was to make a Christmas pattern. (By Lauren D and Oliver B)

Class 2 - In their maths work, Class 2 have been adding and subtracting money up to £2. In English, they have written recounts about their trip to the mine. Class 2 have explored going under, over and through the apparatus in PE. In their topic, they have been sorting the countryside and towns into Venn diagrams. Finally, their nativity extravaganza is coming together brilliantly! (By George And Sam)

Class 3 - In English, Class 3 have been writing a recount about the space centre which includes the use of fronted adverbials. They tried really hard to do exciting word problems involving their times tables in maths. The children tested their knowledge with a maths test on Wednesday. Class 3's topic work this week was about Neil Armstrong who was the first man on the moon. (He left a foot-print there.) They spent time working on some fabulous helicopters too. They have also been practising their Christmas song for carols around the tree— though they wouldn't tell us what it was! What a busy week Class 3 had. (By James M and Rosie B)

Class 4 - For maths this week, Class 4 have been dividing with remainders and fractions. In their English work, they have been writing a fabulous biography about Tim Peake. As well as this, the children have been using the Scratch IT programme to learn about inputs and outputs! In Spanish, Class 4 have been learning and singing Spanish songs. Finally, they have made Christmas bobble hats. (By Annabelle and Pearl)

Class 5 - First, when working on our literacy, we have been writing extended stories about something that had happened in class. It had to include a flashback. Something had to happen at school like an I-pad been smashed, and the teacher blaming it on the student. The teacher had to be a scary, horrible character in our stories! Secondly, in maths, it has been assessment week. Class 5 have been exploring tree drawing in art with Mrs Irwin, using our pencil sketching techniques and chalks. Also, in our Christmas crafts making, we each got a Christmas tree, either sparkly or plain. We then got jewels, 'bling' and stars to decorate our trees. Finally, Class 5 made videos about how either the internet works or how e-mail works! (By Mediya PS and Thomas K)

THE CHOIR— On Thursday, the choir went to the farmers' market in Penistone. They sang really well and raised over £55! Mr Waldron kindly donated some money for everyone to go on the bus. They all enjoyed it and had a great time. They did the school proud! (By Rosie S and Rosie B)



KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE—

We look forward to seeing parents / family members of children in Class 1 and 2 at the KS1 Christmas performance next Tuesday 12th December (2.15pm) and Wednesday 13th December (6.30pm). Please contact the school office if you have not yet ordered your tickets for the performances as spaces are now very limited.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE REMINDER—

We would like to invite parents and family members of children in Class 3, 4 and 5 to our annual 'Carols Around the Tree' event on Thursday 21st December at 10.15am. Come along and join in with the festive singing, whilst being served warm drinks and mince pies!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT— We would like to say a huge thank you to Connie TF (Class 4) who made and sold her own salt dough Christmas decorations and contributed all her money raised to the PTA IT project. What a fantastic and very kind gesture Connie! We are very proud of you!



MINING MUSEUM

VISIT— On Thursday, Class 2 went to the National Coal Mining Museum. We had a fantastic time learning all about mining in South Yorkshire. Class Two were incredibly brave and went underground in a cage to explore the mine. Miss Grobler even had to pick up poo! The children worked in teams to mine coal, and some pretended to be the boss! We've already done some fantastic writing based on our visit, and plan to carry on next week to!

Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ **KS1 Christmas performance—Tuesday 12th December @ 2.15pm and Wednesday 13th December @ 6.30pm**
- ⇒ **Wednesday 13th December—Choir Pop In at St Aidan's Church @ 2.15pm**
- ⇒ **Thursday 14th December—Choir singing at Tesco's Penistone (am)**
- ⇒ **Friday 15th December is Christmas Jumper Day / School visit to Penistone Paramount at 12.45pm to 3.30pm**
- ⇒ **Monday 18th December—Children's Christmas Fayre (pm) - further details next week**
- ⇒ **Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Lunch**
- ⇒ **Wednesday 20th December—9.15 / 9.30 am Half term mile on the trail is a Santa Dash! / also music performances in the morning (details next week) and KS 1 Christmas party (pm)**
- ⇒ **Thursday 21st at 10.15 am is Carols Around the Tree for parents / families of Class 3, 4 and 5 / KS 2 party (pm).**

Wishing you a lovely and safe weekend from all the staff and governors at Oxspring.