

# Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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**From Mrs Irwin**— Many thanks to the parents, carers and family members who came to watch our KS1 performances this week of Mary's Knitting. The children were quite simply amazing and we all felt so incredibly proud of them. They performed with such confidence and enthusiasm and were in no way fazed by the large audiences! Special congratulations to all of our reception (F2) children who were so fantastic in their nativity debuts—they are an absolute credit to their parents / carers! Huge thanks also to the staff team who worked so hard in putting on such a lovely performance! I can't believe that we are now coming to the end of the first term! Next week is a busy week filled with lots of Christmas events and activities. See overleaf for a final reminder of the key dates and information for next week. Wishing you an enjoyable and happy weekend.

## ROVING REPORTERS

**Class 1**—Class 1 spent time this week preparing for their Christmas play. In addition, they have also created some awesome reindeer hats to wear at their Christmas party next week. The children have written some Nativity stories as well as their Santa lists. Class 1 have played some brilliant maths games to help them learn their numbers.

**Class 2**— In maths, Class 2 have been sorting out money. They have also been writing some brilliant poems in literacy. Finally they have been making their Christmas cards on the computer.

**Class 3** - Class 3 have been calculating some impressive division problems! Their literacy work has been based on the story about the bear and the hare and the children have been trying especially hard to use adverbs in their stories. Finally, Class 3 have started designing their advent calendars on the computers.

**Class 4** - Class 4 have been working on their perimeter and area skills in their maths work whilst writing a biography about Charles Dickens. They have also been learning about sounds in science.

**Class 5** - In Class 5, the children have been working on word problems this week and have written some impressive adventure stories. In maths they have been learning about coordinates. Finally, Class 5 have made Christmas cards and calendars in art.

**ATTENDANCE**— Class attendance for last week is as follows: Class 1—99%; Class 4—95%; Class 2—93.6% and Class 5 93.4% and Class 3—92.3%. Well done Class 1!



## EXCELLENT LEARNERS

— Meet this week's excellent learners and authors of the week who should be very proud of their achievements!

**Class 1: Evie**—For trying so hard with her writing about Baby Jesus;

**Rowan**—For fantastic improvement in handwriting! (AOW)

**Class 2:** For Greta and Lilah—For their beautiful duet in the play! ;  
**Henry** —For a lovely attitude to his learning this week.

**Class 3: Sienna**—For brilliant maths learning; **Jenson** —For great progress in his writing! (AOW)

**Class 4: Sam H**—For super excellent area and perimeter work!  
**Henry** —For fabulous diary writing. (AOW)



**Class 5: Sonny C**—For superb maths work ;  
**Eddie S**—For excellent creative writing! (AOW)

**SANTA DASH** - We would like to invite parents, carers and family members to join us for our annual **Santa Dash end of term mile along the trail next Thursday 20th December. The children in years 3 to 6 will run at 9.05am followed by reception, year 1 and 2 at 9.15 am.** The children can come to school dressed in their running clothes, as well as any suitable festive decorations to their attire! **Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will then need to bring their party clothes to change into after the run in preparation for their Christmas party on Thursday afternoon.**



## PUPIL PARLIAMENT—

We hope that you enjoyed reading your PP news which was sent home on Thursday. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Angela Smith MP to our school last week to talk to the MPs about her work and how she represents our community in The Houses of Parliament. Mrs Smith answered a range of questions very openly. It was fascinating and so enjoyable listening to her stories of life at Westminster as she is very approachable and explains things so well.



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT—

We are delighted to report that our members of Oxspring brownies (Lily T, Ila, Kaitlin, Evie, Leah, Amy and Poppy) kept their promise by serving their community this week. They delivered handmade gifts and sang carols for the older people in the village. Fantastic news girls—we are very proud of you all!

# WHY WE LOVE CHRISTMAS

## End of term key dates and information for your diary:

- ⇒ Monday 17th December—Visit to Penistone Paramount—whole school (pm). We will be having an early lunch before setting off to the cinema. Children can be collected back at school at 3.45pm.



- ⇒ Tuesday 18th December— Xmas lunch.
- ⇒ Tuesday 18th December—This date is also ‘Santa Stories and Snuggles’ event at 5pm to 6pm for Reception (F2), Year 1 and Year 2 pupil. The children are invited to come in their cosy PJs/onesies and bring their favourite teddy bear, as well as a cuddly blanket. Throughout the hour members of staff will be sharing a selection of Christmas themed stories with the children and they will be offered a drink and a festive treat.



- ⇒ Christmas parties—The children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be taking part in their Christmas party on Wednesday 19th December (pm). The children can come to school dressed in their party clothes (but can we please ask that they wear warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc over their party clothes for the morning playtime). The party food is provided by school (buffet), packed lunches are not required.

- ⇒ The children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their Christmas party on Thursday 20th December (pm). Following the Santa Dash, the children can then get changed into their party clothes. Warm coats etc will also needed as above for morning playtime please. Again the food for the Junior party is provided by school so no need to bring packed lunches that day.

- ⇒ Carols around the tree—Thursday 20th December 2018— We would like to invite the parents / carers of children in Year 3, 4 , 5 and 6 to come along to our annual carol concert at 10.15am in the Hall. Refreshments will be served on arrival, followed by festive songs and Christmas carols.



- ⇒ Please note that school is closed on Friday 21st December for an INSET day. We return to school on Monday 7th January 2019

- ⇒ Finally, please note that for the next half term after Christmas, the Art Club on Monday will be for the children in Years R to Y2, maximum no 15. The children in Years 3-6 will be invited to attend a Spanish Club on Mondays. The other clubs will continue as per this term. Further details will follow in the New Year.

Please remember that all clubs are reviewed on a half termly basis so are not set in stone.



***Wishing you a very enjoyable weekend from all the staff and governors.***