



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ Christmas Fair total - thank you for your support!
- ◆ Organisation for the last week of term.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Christmas Parties on Monday - please send clothes for Monday afternoon;
- ◆ Pantomime Visit—Tuesday;
- ◆ Christmas jumper day / last day of term on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Christmas Fair. The fair was incredibly busy and people's patience as they moved between stalls was very much appreciated. This year's Christmas Fair raised a fantastic **£637.26** for the Friends of the School - the largest total we have ever raised at a Christmas fair! Thank you very much for everyone who took part and to the Friends of the School for organising the event.

This week we hosted our annual Christmas performances to packed audiences of family and friends. It began on Tuesday afternoon and evening with children in Key Stage 2 performing 'Stable Boy' followed by our Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children performing 'The ABC Nativity' on Wednesday morning and afternoon. During all of the shows, I thought our children performed brilliantly; were clear with their lines and entertained from start to finish. We have received lots of positive comments about how well the children did, the great costumes they were wearing and we thank you for joining us. Thank you also to those who contributed to the door raffle which raised **£265.00** for school funds which will be used towards children's Christmas parties.

Moving on to next week, we begin on Monday afternoon with the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas parties. Children from all classes are invited to bring a change of clothes with them to school for their party afternoon. As the parties involve lots of active games, could you please ensure children wear appropriate footwear and all food and drinks will be provided by school.

On Tuesday afternoon next week, we are visiting Durham Gala Theatre for the Christmas pantomime of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. Thank you all for your payments for this event. The performance starts at 1pm, so it is very important we make a prompt departure from school at 11.50am. Children will have an early lunch in school before boarding the coaches to the theatre. Can I please request children wear school uniform and most importantly, have a coat with them. There is no need for children to bring drinks/sweets for the pantomime, as refreshments will be provided by the school. The pantomime will finish at around 3.30pm, so we hope to be back at school for as close to 4.45pm as possible. Children will be brought back into school when we return and dismissed from the main school hall. Please ensure adults are at school for 4.45pm to collect children.

Wednesday next week is Christmas Dinner day and we are all looking forward to a traditional lunch of turkey with all the trimmings, provided by Mrs Madden and Mrs Thompson in our school kitchen. Children who bring a packed lunch for their daily meal are welcome to swap to a Christmas lunch in school. Please see Mrs Campbell in the school office if you would like your child to choose this option.

Finally, Thursday next week is the last day of the term and children are allowed to come to school in Christmas jumpers. We will be collecting for the Butterwick Hospice, so if you would like to donate £1.00 towards this cause, please feel free to do so. Also, we traditionally hold Toy Day on the last day before Christmas, so children are allowed to bring a toy or game to school, to play with during the day. Can we please request no phones, tablets or electrical games that require 'plugging in' to operate or any other expensive technology, as we cannot take responsibility in school for things that are lost or damaged.

We look forward to a magical last week in school before the Christmas holidays.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines
Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



Pictures From Our Christmas Performances This Week



Thanks you for supporting our Christmas performances this year!



Children's Achievements In School

Every Friday, teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

Mrs Wheatley's Nursery



Mrs Hardy would like to congratulate **Edie Fenly** for showing wonderful confidence when performing in the Christmas nativity. Well done Edie!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Astrid Davison** for fantastic singing and actions in the Christmas nativity this week. Well done Astrid!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Lily Stoker** for her brilliant singing during the nativity and being a great member of the nativity band. Well done Lily!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Ethan Wright** for his outstanding effort in his writing to produce a fabulous diary entry. Great work Ethan!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3/4 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Rhyannon Stothard** for a confident performance in the Christmas show, great understanding of the use of commas and always having beautiful manners.

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Fearne Abbott** for her amazing use of language choices and use of imagery in her poetry. Great work Fearne!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like to congratulate **Lucas Carswell** for great work in RE, always working hard and doing his best. Well done Lucas!



Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.

