

# North Stainley C of E Primary School



*From Mrs Wallen-* Autumn half term 2 has continued to be a busy time of fun and learning. We started off with a beautiful service of Remembrance in St Mary's Church. The children contributed with thought evoking poems, readings and prayers that they had written themselves. The school and church were decorated with a number of school made poppies which really added to our understanding.

We had a visit from OFSTED in November, a little bit sooner than expected; all the staff worked incredibly hard and I was extremely proud of all our children who showed the inspectors just how special our school is. We have received a Good judgement and the full report can be found on the website.

Last week we had a school trip to the Pantomime everyone had an entertaining morning and our children proved to be model students. 'OH YES THEY DID!!'

As one of our school values, RESILIENCE, has probably featured most this half-term, our children and staff have battled on through the Noro-virus and colds and flu. This is particularly with reference to Class 1 who against all odds performed a fantastic Nativity. Well done to them!!!

## News from the top of the stairs.

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Taylor who has been our administrator for the past 3 years. Mrs Taylor has worked extremely hard for our school often going over and above expectations to ensure our school runs smoothly. I am sure that this is not goodbye and Mrs Taylor will regularly be seen in and around school. We do however want to wish her all the very best in her new job and want to say a heart felt THANK YOU!!

In January we will be welcoming our new administrator Mrs Katie Bentley-Briscoe into our school. I know you will join me in supporting Katie over her initial weeks in the role as she finds her way around the job.

Many thanks for all your support this term. I wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



Remembrance Day



**“our values are like roots holding us firm.”**



School Christmas Fair and Fundraisers. This year's School and Church Christmas Fair was a great success. With an innovative pop up café selling bacon sandwiches, a number of festive stalls, the chocolate tombola (always a favourite) and of course a visit from the Magical Man himself in a rather extraordinary Grotto!! Many thanks to the team of FONSS helpers who worked late into the night to make it such a triumph.

The Schools Year 6 Ambassadors have also had their fair share of fund raising events for worthy causes: With a cake bake and wear what you want raising £65 for Children in need and School Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children raising £41.



Christmas stockings class 3



**Sporting News:** As part of our commitment to sport for all, we will be entering teams from across the school, for a variety of competitive events this school year. Please be aware that all children will take part in one or more of these activities and that they will be selected to ensure full inclusivity with the expectation that the older children within the 2 year class system may get priority.

Success in the Ripon Swimming heats meant that our school got through to the swimming finals in Harrogate in November. Out of an initial 56 schools North Stainley came 16th. Quite an achievement with only 1 Year 4 girl to compete in all the races!!

Class 2 attended the Change 4 Life festival at the beginning of December. The class were able to take part in archery workshops, blind fold cups and domes, tag games and much more.

VI cricket came into school to do a workshop with Class 3. The children thoroughly enjoyed accessing this inclusive game and learnt a number of new skills and approaches to the game of cricket.

Breakfast and After School Club. Remember everyone! Our school day is supported by Miss Lewis, Mrs Platts, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Wright who provide wrap around the school day, care. This term there has been a Street Dance club on a Monday night with children of all ages making short dance sequences. A Christmas craft club and a cookery club that resulted in the children making Christmas Hampers.



“dig deeper for stronger roots..”



## Class news..

Class One have been very busy preparing for the Christmas Nativity! We have been singing, dancing and acting to be sure we were ready for the big day on the 19th of December! We hope you really enjoyed our performance because we were very excited to perform for you!



This half term Class 2 have been continuing to learn about The Romans. We have been learning about Boudicca and we made chariots this week, thank you to Mrs Lloyd Wood who came in to lead the project. We also enjoyed taking part in the Ripon Rural Schools' Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church. The children sang beautifully and were proud to represent our school. As a class we have been doing our own bit for charity. We have completed a reverse Advent calendar. Each day a child has brought in 1 item of food to take to the food bank in Ripon. The food was delivered this week and gratefully received.



Class 3 have been learning about citizenship this half term. With the General election being very prominent in their learning, class 3 decided to have an election of their own with each party being represented by a group of children. Manifesto's were written and campaigns organised, in preparation for the North Stainley election!!





This term White Ribbons have been rewarded to...

Harvey Lee who has shown consistent growth in confidence and independence since starting school.

Charlotte Houghton for representing the school at the swimming gala and for showing such resilience when swimming every Y4 girls race.

Boe Hudson for an incredible act of charity when donating her hair to the Princess trust foundation.

James G and Lexi for consistently showing true friendship through empathy and compassion this term. Amelia for being a superstar who is consistently showing all our Christian values in school.

