

North Stainley C of E Primary School

Date: 24/11/23

Christmas has arrived at North Stainley School.

The Christmas fair gave us a great start to Advent. We have been reading the book of Luke and thinking about advent and all the celebrations around the Nativity story and the birth of Jesus.

As you can see from the calendar the majority of Christmas events are happening next week which will give us the final week for Christmas parties and winding down towards the holidays.

A few reminders for next week, the children are having a non-uniform day on Monday as a reward for their efforts in the Christmas Enterprise Project (see later in the news letter). On Wednesday are 2 performances of the Nativity, these include all of the children across the school. Thursday is the Pantomime and Friday School Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day.

Pam Acheson will be coming into school on Thursday 14th at 5.30pm to meet with parents along with Richard Noakes the CEO of the Leeds Diocesan Learning

Diary Dates Autumn Half term 2

- Monday 11th December non-uniform day for all children .
- Wednesday 13th December Class 2 Forest school
- Wednesday 13th December Class 1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas performance afternoon and evening performance.
- Thursday 14th December Pantomime Dick Whittington (whole school visit)
- Thursday 14th December 5.30pm Meeting with executive Head Pam Acheson.
- Friday 15th December School Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 19th December Class Christmas Parties
- Thursday 21st December 2.30pm School closes for Christmas Holidays



"our values are like roots holding us firm."

"dig deeper for stronger roots.."



Purple Ribbons: were awarded to Mia, Daisy, Sammy, Elizabeth, Toby and Henry on Friday the 1st of December.

This week purple ribbons have been awarded to Ted, Peggy, Ollie L, Tom, Finley, Ollie P and Rafferty.

Please see class webpages for further details of these awards.

White Ribbon:

On the 1st of December the white ribbon was awarded to Sammy for his amazing leadership skills during the Enterprise Project.



Today Luke has been awarded the white ribbon for being an excellent role model and helper in school. Congratulations to them both.



Vision Award:

On the 1st of December Beauden was presented with the Vision award. Beauden has shown both friendship and empathy to a younger child in our school, so much so that it was commented on by a number of members of the school community.



We always like to celebrate achievements from outside of school.

Today Poppy was proud to show us her gymnastic certificate level 7. This is her first certificate in gymnastics. Well done Poppy!



House points so far this term:



Snapdragons: 274



Poppies: 371



Clover: 324



Sunflowers: 351

Christmas Enterprise Scheme.

This year the Christmas Enterprise project was even more ambitious than in the previous year. With Sarah Lloyd Wood taking the lead on planning and implementing this project, the children were grouped together in houses to work on the design and production of their merchandise. Sarah Blenkinsop and a member of her team from Golden-Frog came into work with the children on marketing and advertising their goods. Finally we had a production day on the 28th of November. Thank you to the volunteers who came along for a wonderfully chaotic day of cooking, planting, packaging and labelling, in preparation for the school Fair on the 2nd of December. Thank you to Margaret Fawcett, Viv Roberts, Kellie Renton, Gemma Ryder-Burr, Jane Mansell, Richard Blenkinsop and Sarah Platts.



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Well done to PD Decorations (Clover)and Loon Bandits (Snap dragons) for earning 10 house points each for the resilience and effort they showed whilst making their goods.

Well done to Flower Power (Poppies) who made the biggest profit of £50

In total the Enterprise project made a profit of £160, FONSS have matched this to make a GRAND TOTAL of £320 to pay for new playground equipment. This was as a result of the School's Council having written letters to request support for buying this equipment. They never imagined that they would have this much money to spend!!



Christmas Fair

Thank you to FONSS for once again organising a fabulous Christmas Fair!!

As well as raising £780 for the school.



Class 1 News

Its very special and magical in Class One. With the help of a little friend from the North Pole, Christmas has well and truly arrived! From decorating the classroom and the tree to lots of Christmassy stories and activities! Even in Forest Schools this week the children have been out looking at signs of Winter and enjoying some very fresh crisp air. It even got a little too much for two sleepy little ladies...

The children have also been extremely busy getting ready for this years nativity. Here are a few sneak peaks at us in action. We can't wait to perform Honky Tonky Donkey for you all next week!



Class 2 News

In Design and Technology, Class 2 have been thinking about how they could pick something up without touching it with their hands. They have evaluated the design of litter pickers and cooking implements and discussed how they worked. The children then learnt how to make a simple lever and used them to make moving pictures. They are now designing and making their own litter pickers which is a real challenge! They are solving problems, adapting their designs and showing great aspiration and resilience.



Class 3 News

In the build up to the end of term there have been many things happening. However, in Class 3 we have managed to continue with all our curriculum work and we are still enjoying our class book (Holes) and the activities associated with it.

In DT we have looked at the Dyson Air Multiplier and we are now designing our own products. We have been thinking of everyday items and considering what we can improve about them. We will be building our prototypes soon.

In Science, we are continuing to work for the Material Matters company. The problem this week came from Topps Toys. They wanted us to test materials to see if they could conduct electricity or not. Here we are busy at work with our fair tests.

