

# North Stainley C of E Primary School

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## Is it ever too early to Christmas?

We are all very excited about the Christmas Fair next Saturday the 2nd of December. At the fair, there will be a number of stalls selling lots of Christmas 'goodies'; the 'bacon sandwich café', run by the St Mary's Church; there will be Santa's in his grotto and last but not least the Children's Christmas Enterprise stalls. Key stage 2 have been working very hard on designing and resourcing products with the support of Sarah Lloyd-Wood and also learning about financing and marketing products with Sarah Blenkinsop and members of her team at Golden Frog Marketing. Sarah Lloyd Wood has been instrumental in arranging a production day on Tuesday when the 9 KS2 teams will be busy, crafting, creating and cooking in preparation for their stalls on Saturday. We have a number of volunteers coming in on Tuesday to support with this process and we are all looking forward to a busy but fun day!

KS1 are already well into rehearsing their Nativity in preparation for the 13th of December; this year we are looking forward to 'The Honkey, Tonkey, Donkey'. Miss Gregory will be in touch shortly to request support with costumes etc.

Please note that the Pantomime follows 'hot on the heels of the Nativity on the morning of Thursday 14th of December. FONSS have kindly agreed to fund ice-creams for the children a choice request form will be coming out to parents shortly, if you could return this to school ASAP it would be much appreciated.

### Purple Ribbon:

17th November: Sam Renton, Henry Burr, Charlie Grayshon, Esme Goldstraw, Ollie Lodwick, Edward Brooksbank and Edmee Lodwick.

24th November: Tilly Robinson, Beatrice Jameson, Florence Dunne, Olive Folorunsho, Abigail Gains, Luke I Anson and Archie Pearson.



## Diary Dates Autumn Half term 2

- Mon 27th November JAM
- Tuesday 28th November KS2 Christmas Enterprise making day
- Wed 29th November Class 3 Forest school
- Saturday 2nd December School Christmas Fair
- Wed 6th of December Class 1 Forest school
- Wed 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)
- 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 hold-*

*"dig deeper for stronger roots.."*

## Anti-bullying week

Throughout anti-bullying week, last week, Collective Worship and PSHE looked at a number of issues linked to bullying but specifically looked at understanding the meaning of discriminatory language and looking at the impact that name calling has on a person. We based our learning on the big question.

*Sticks and stones might break my bones but names will never hurt me*' Is this saying correct?

The responses to this were really informative and the children's understanding of the impact of name calling grew considerably. Our vision of love is something that we continue to promote across the school day and in everything we do. We have zero tolerance for bullying and as a result this is something we see very rarely in our school.

**Anti-Bullying:** On November 13<sup>th</sup> Class One smelt a bit wiffy.... It turns out they all had their odd socks on to start Anti-Bullying Week! This year's theme "Make a Noise" really motivated all the children across school to focus on what bullying is and what the difference is between 'banter' and bullying.



## Children in Need:

Led by the school Charity Ambassadors Esme S and Archie, we had a 'Spotacular' day on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November for Children In Need. The children came into school dressed in the spottiest outfits they could create, including spotty faces, legs and arms. We had a cake bake with lots of spotty baking which of course was a firm favourite for staff and children alike.

On the Wednesday Gallone Ices came to school, as part of our local community, raising funds for Children in Need! (Thank you Mrs Flintoft for arranging this.) Together the school raised £193.00 this year. Herbert D in Class 1 donated £39.00 towards our final sum, having saved up for a number of months to make this generous contribution.



## Class 1 News

**Maths:** In Maths, Reception and Nursery have been consolidating their numbers to 5 and counting to five using the cardinal rule. We applied this learning whilst counting out different ingredients to mix and make flapjack for the class. Great fun was had, as well as cross curricular learning such as hygiene, balanced diets, favourite foods and how the oven heats up the ingredients to help make the flapjack edible. The taste test went down well too!!

**Fine Motor Development:** We have re-introduced daily Dough Disco with the children in reception and Nursery and they love "Going to the Dough Disco", patting, squashing, poking and slapping the dough to build up their fine motor skills and muscles!

**Computing:** In KS1 we have been focusing on digital writing. We used the brand new Chromebooks for the first time the other day, with some children from KS2 coming in to assist us. We are learning what a word processor is and we have been asking the question: Is typing or handwriting preferable? We will be moving onto editing and changing the text next.



## Class 2 News

Class 2 have really enjoyed Forest Schools this week and have been collecting materials to use on the Christmas Enterprise making day. They also took a little time out to pose for photographs out and about in the woods.

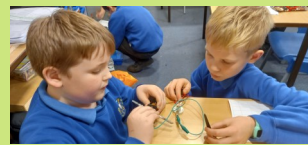
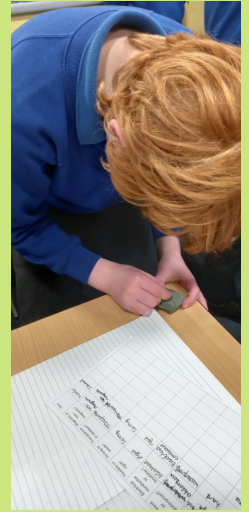


## Class 3 News

In Class 3 we are well into a new novel called *Holes*. We have already completed some super reading and writing activities based on this book.

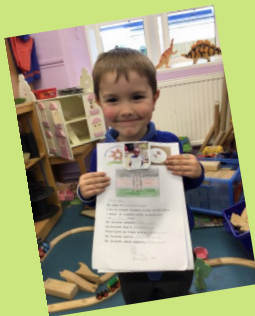
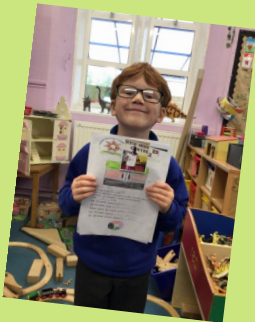
In our computing topic this half term we have worked hard planning and producing our own videos, we have had great fun whilst learning these computing skills.

We have been investigators in science working for a recycling company to assist them in sorting materials. In the pictures we are testing materials for their properties.



## New Hope Children's Centre and Oakridge School.

The children have been thrilled to receive replies to their letters from their friends at New Hope Children's Centre. North Stainley children, across the school, are now busy replying to these and planning a short Christmas video to send across to Kenya.



## Clubs:

We have a really good uptake of the activity clubs this term with the ever popular Cooking Club on a Monday, Christmas Club on a Tuesday, Sports Club on a Wednesday, Lego Club on a Thursday and Movie and Games Club on a Friday.

Lego club is proving extremely popular, here are the children completing some of the challenges.

