



# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

## News from the Classes

What a great week we have had in **KS1**. We have embraced the festive season and been busy making calendars and Christmas crafts.

In Geography we are continuing to look at Australia, comparing it to the UK and identifying physical and human features.

A huge well done to all the children for a fantastic Christmas Play, we were all very proud seeing you all on stage. Watch out West End!

**KS2:** "Cinderella Rockerfella", what a fantastic show, we were so proud of everyone. There were definitely challenges that needed to be overcome and children really working hard to overcome their worries. What fantastic singing, actions and storytelling. What Mrs Grace thought was the best thing in the whole production was the way the children supported each other. They sorted the problems and carried the show on themselves. Absolutely Brilliant! Thank you to all for being such a lovely audience, having audience reaction helped the children to lift their performance. Thank you also for all the support with the costume requests, everyone certainly looked the part. Your kind donations amounted to £166 which will go towards the Village Hall costs, lighting and Licence fee etc with the remainder to School Fund.



You might have noticed that on Wednesday the finger nails were looking a bit grubby. This is because we have finally managed to make our version of the bronze Benin heads. Hopefully they will dry quickly so they can be painted next week and then come home.

## Fridays - Reorganisation and a new Focus

We have decided to review our Friday organisation and build into our timetable opportunities for our children to work together on team building activities such as Forest Schools (see additional detail on attached letter). Therefore, Key Stage 2 children will be in their own schools on Fridays and we will plan a timetable of Forest School activities with Mrs Barber where our Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 in both schools can work together. This may be in blocks of 3 or alternate weeks. We will let you know when we return to school after Christmas.

## Thanks - Poppy Appeal

Our donations to the Poppy Appeal this year amounted to £31.52 which is fantastic - thank you!

## Spring Term Menu

Please find enclosed the Menu for next term, for your information.

## Next Week's Christmas Activities

- Carols round the Tree, Monday at School, 6pm

Thank you for the various items that have been brought in for the raffle hampers. We would also be very grateful for any donations of mince pies that you are able to give towards the refreshments and it would be

appreciated if these could be brought into school on Monday morning please. Thank you to Lizzie and everyone for your help so far and let's hope for a good night on Monday to get us all in the Festive Spirit!

- **Christmas Dinner on Wednesday and Party on Friday**

The children will have their Christmas dinner on Wednesday and a combined dinner/party food on Friday. Party food lists are now up in reception (for KS2) and the KS1 classroom.

**Children are allowed to come to school in their party clothes, or Christmas Jumpers if they wish, on Friday.**

### Next Week

<b>Monday</b>	Glaisdale Play Dress Rehearsal, afternoon – please return slips! Carols Round the Tree, School 6pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pantomime Trip, morning – <b>please be at School promptly to leave at 9am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>Friday</b>	Christmas Party, afternoon Break up – children return to School on Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January

### News from Glaisdale

Glaisdale School is now decorated ready for the various Christmas activities that will be taking place next week. They enjoyed a wonderful whole school afternoon making paper chains and Christmas lanterns. There was a lovely Christmas atmosphere with all the children helping each other and enjoying themselves.

Both classes have, this week, been very busy rehearsing for their Christmas Play. The performances are in the Robinson Institute on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm.

Miss Amy Webster will be leaving at the end of this term to take up new employment in York which allows her to fully follow her writing interests and utilise the studies that she undertook at university. Although she will be sorely missed in both our schools by staff and children, we wish her all the best in her new venture. Good luck, Amy.