

Autumn Term
Friday 14th
December



A Note from Mrs. Boxall and Mr. Norris

We are bursting with pride following the Big Sing on Monday! The Town Hall in Grassington was full for both the afternoon and evening performances. Thank you to parents, grandparents and friends who attended this event. The children were fantastic; it was very evident that they were having a lot of fun, as they confidently performed in front of such a big audience. Well done to all of them! Thank you to Mrs Turvey who has spent so much time during the last few weeks rehearsing the children. The federation choir also deserves a mention singing quite a complex carol with enthusiasm.

Next week is extremely busy - Christingle Services, Nativity plays, Christmas lunches and parties are all scheduled (please refer to the diary dates in the newsletter). It is a very exciting and important time of year for our children, but as we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season, they must not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

As we approach the end of term, we are pleased that Mrs Besharati has had the opportunity to visit all four schools, to say hello to the children before she takes up her position in January. The interim head teachers, staff and governors have had several meetings with her too, to ensure a smooth transition in January. We know that one of her priorities at the start of term will be to meet as many parents as possible.

Have a restful weekend and we hope that your Christmas preparations go smoothly!



Christmas Fair

The Friends Christmas Fair was a lovely event. Thank you to everybody who helped in any way. As well as raising valued funds for school it was a great opportunity for the school community to come together and enjoy the festivities.

A Note from Anne Vetch, Chair of Governors

I have just come back from the Federation 'Big Sing' at Grassington Town Hall. What a splendid evening it was! The singing was brilliant – I could hear every word - and the children had mastered some really tricky musical phrases. I was most impressed. They managed to raise the roof, and their enthusiasm, their working together and the way the older children looked after and helped the younger ones, were a joy to behold. Thank you to all the children, the staff and especially Mrs Turvey for making it all happen. It made me feel very proud to be part of the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with the schools and the Federation for all their hard work and support over the past year and wish everyone a Merry, Peaceful and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CRACOE & RYLSTONE VC C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday News



Achievement Certificates go to....

Class 1: **Sylvan** for progress in phonics and motivation to learn demonstrating the Christian Value of Determination.

Class 2: **Lauren** for always striving to be the best she can be and being a positive role model for other learners, showing the Christian Value of Perseverance.



A Note from Class 1

Class One have had a very festive start to the week with our 'Big Sing'. I am very proud of all of the children especially the Reception children who are new to the school and performing not just to our school but the Federation. Wow!

Following the festive theme we have had fun this week working on the book, 'The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas'. We learned the story, made a list and then compared the story to another three stories written by three same author (The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet).

The Reception children have been busy working practically with numbers up to 20 and have enjoyed wrapping up presents and posting letters to Santa in the Santa's workshop. Every week this half term the children have been making playdough and having some 'dough disco' time.

Year One and Two have reached the end of their work on addition and subtraction. Year 2's are now consolidating their skills and Year 1's are now moving onto place value within 20.

Next week is our nativity – at 2.30pm in the Village hall: children should all have a slip in their reading records listing extra clothing (if any) that they need to bring in preparation for the 'big day' – so exciting! Is there any kind parent who could loan us some bales of hay/straw for our stable?



A Note from Class 2

Another busy week of learning and fun in Class 2. We have been continuing to show how positive we are towards our learning even though it is coming to the end of the term. In English, we have been using the 40th anniversary of Raymond Briggs 'The Snowman' as the inspiration for our writing. We have been analysing text and really using our observational skills whilst watching the film. We then used character and setting to compare and contrast them both. The hot chocolate and marshmallows really did help us along the way, mmmmm!

In Maths, Year 3 have been continuing with the formal method of subtraction but of 3 and 2 digit numbers, Year 4 have focused on problem solving and reasoning with subtraction of 4 digit numbers, Year 5 have been using arrays to demonstrate their understanding of factors and the relationship between multiplication and division and Year 6 have worked so hard on long division that we have moved onto common factors and multiples.

In and amongst all this fantastic learning we have been rehearsing for our Christmas Service that will be held on Monday afternoon at St. Peter's, Rylstone. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 5 have also had a wonderful time at 'Rewind to Christmas' at Netherside Hall today - they loved every minute learning about the true meaning of Christmas whilst working with other Year 5 children from our cluster of schools. Mrs Webster was very impressed by their enthusiasm and positive attitude and behaviour - a very proud Class 2 Team!

Cracoe, Rylstone and District Annual Children's Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party, with a twist will be held at Cracoe Village Hall tomorrow from 3-5pm. Party tea of sandwiches and refreshments will be provided but any sweet or savoury food donations would be greatly appreciated!



Diary Dates

Saturday 15th December	3-5pm Cracoe, Rylstone and District Christmas Party, Cracoe Village Hall
Monday 17th December	Christmas Service at St. Peter's Church, Rylstone. Everybody Welcome
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 20th December	2.30pm Class 1 Nativity supported by Class 2 singing followed by mulled wine and mince pies in Cracoe Village Hall
Friday 21st December	Non Uniform - Party Wear
Friday 21st December	School closes for Christmas Holidays