



Hotspur

Bulletin

Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your wonderful support at performances this week. We had a great turnout on Monday for Nursery and Reception and then on Wednesday and Thursday for KS1's Wriggly Nativity. The performances were excellent with great singing, acting and dancing. Thanks to all the members of staff that worked with the children to prepare the performances. We also had Y4 children singing at St Silas' on Wednesday. We have now started our seasonal parties, visits to the theatre, and of course we have our community singing next Friday at 11 o'clock. We have assembled a fantastic band to play for the singing.

Miles Wallis-Clarke

Headteacher



Platinum Artsmark

We were very pleased this week to be notified by Arts Council England that we have been awarded a Platinum Artsmark. This is their highest award that recognises the quality of cultural learning that goes on in a school. For our case study we used the 132 Malcolm Street project. Additionally we referred to our vocal leadership project and work in dance and music with Sage Gateshead.



**Artsmark
Platinum Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Christmas Performances

Nursery & Reception and Y1 & Y2 each performed their Christmas shows this week. There was a huge turnout of support for every performance and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



Events Next Week

Monday

- Y1/Y2 Party

Tuesday

- Y5 Northern Stage
- N/R Party

Wednesday

- Y1 Northern Stage
- Y5/Y6 at Heaton Manor

Friday

- 11am Community Singing

Golden Children This Week



Friends of Hotspur

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fair last week – we raised a fantastic **£1,620!** The Friends of Hotspur invest all money raised back into school. In the past this has included contributions to the refurbishment of Room 6 and the study centre, the invention shed, outdoor play equipment and the annual theatre visits for Year 1 and Year 5, as well as purchasing National Trust and metro passes to enable school visits to take place throughout the year.



Visits

Next week Year 1 and Year 5 will be at Northern Stage to enjoy Christmas performances of *Me...* and *Alice in Wonderland*. Please ensure children have appropriate clothing to walk to Northern Stage.

Year 5 and 6 have also been invited to a performance by Heaton Manor students of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* on Wednesday afternoon. A coach will take them to Heaton Manor and return to school before the end of the day.



Ouseburn Learning Trust Children's Choir, for children in Years 4 to 8, will resume in January 2018.

Ouseburn Young Voices rehearsals begin on Tuesday 16th January. Rehearsals will be from 6:00pm - 7:30pm at Heaton Manor. There will be a small charge of £20 for the term, this should be paid by cash or cheque at the first rehearsal. There will be 10 rehearsals, excluding half term 13th February, finishing on Tuesday 27th March.

If you are a parent who is able to volunteer support in any way please register using the form below. Children wishing to join the choir can sign up using the 'Singers' form.

Year 3 at Walker Dome

Today our Year 3 classes attended a Multi Skills session at Walker Dome as part of Healthy Active Lifestyle. Everybody involved had a fun and energetic morning.

