



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, a Voluntary Academy Newsletter 22nd December 2017



Have a lovely Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2018!

It has been a really busy and special two weeks and these are some of the things that the children have been involved in.

Nativity Early Years

Fossdale and Ribblesdale performed 'The Nativity' for parents last week. The children worked really hard to learn all their words and the songs in 3 weeks. It was a lovely performance.



KS1 play

KS1 performed 'This way to Bethlehem'. They performed really well, spoke their lines clearly and sang beautifully to the delight of their watching parents and carers.



Message from Mr Pye

Dear Parents

We come to the end of a very lengthy and busy term. The last few weeks have flown by with a number of important events.

The Christmas Fair was a great success (many thanks to everyone who organised and helped with it). We enjoyed a wonderful Carol Service led by Key Stage 2 yesterday and both the Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativities were performed with tremendous skill and enthusiasm and were a joy to watch. We are all looking forward to a well-earned rest, so we can come back refreshed in January.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all staff to thank you for your continued support, your many cards, gifts and kind messages and wish you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Mr Pye

Christmas Mass times

Everyone is welcome to the Masses for Christmas.

Christmas Eve

St. Stephen's 5.00pm – especially for children with a Nativity.

St. Margaret Clitherow, Threshfield - 8.30pm

St. Stephen's – Midnight

Christmas Day

Broughton Hall – 8.30am

St. Stephen's – 9.30am and 11.00am

St. Margaret's – 11.00am

Christmas cards

All the children at the school made Christmas cards for patients at Airedale Hospital. Miss Duncan and Miss Watmuff delivered them to the patients with Fr. Waldron from Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Miss Duncan said, "The children made the cards for patients who would be in hospital over the Christmas period and would appreciate the message. When we handed out the cards the patients were really grateful and touched so that so many children had taken the time and effort to complete them. It was a beautiful and touching experience that brought joy to many patients."



Carol Concert

Year 5 children sang carols at the Christmas parish lunch. It was a beautiful performance that was really appreciated by the parishioners.



KS2 Carol Service

On Thursday KS2 were joined by family and parishioners for a carol service. It was a joyful celebration where everyone sang beautifully. Thank you to Mr Douglass and Mrs Jones for their musical accompaniment.

This week's 'Thunk'

If Father Christmas ran the world what differences would you see?



St. Stephen's app

In the New Year we will be launching an app which can be downloaded to your mobile from the App Store. Through the app you will be able to receive messages, the latest newsletter and photos. This will help to keep you informed about what is happening in school and reduce costs. More details will follow next year.

Severe Weather

Where possible and safe to do so the school will open. If the school is closed due to the weather or other conditions we will use Teacher2Parents text messaging and the website to inform parents and staff.

Please ensure that the school has your current mobile number so that you can receive the messages.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. We have various hours and days available from Monday to Friday and 11.30am to 1.00pm. The salary range is SCP 7-9 £7.58-£7.76 per hour dependent on experience. Please ask at the school office or see the school website for further details.

Dates for your diary

December

Friday 22nd – Close for Christmas holiday

January

Monday 8th – Inset Day

Tuesday 9th – Children return to school

Tuesday 23rd – Skipton Music Concert (Wensleydale)

February

w/c 5th – Internet Safety Week

Achievement Assembly

The award for Catholic value each week can be for any of the values. These are forgiveness, tolerance, justice, truth, humility, dignity, service and integrity.

Congratulations to the following who embodied the value for the weeks ending 24th November and 1st December.

Ribblesdale: Sulaiman and Rosie

Malhamdale: Poppy and Ibrahim

Airedale: Isabella and Ava

Wharfedale: Niamh and Kayden

Nidderdale: Kian, Maddy and Eliza

Wensleydale: April and Cora

Well done to everyone who worked hard at being the best they could be this week.

The Golden Book

Ilaria (Wensleydale) and George (Ribblesdale)

Mass Times at St. Stephen's church

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Sunday 6.00pm

The first Sunday in every month is **Family Mass** at St. Stephen's church. Please come along and join us.

Wensleydale
Kaitlyn and Georgia

Wharfedale
Jenna and
Hannah

Nidderdale
Gabrielle H, Aidan
and Thomas

**Stars of
the week**

Airedale
Bella and Lexii

Malhamdale
Sophia and
Amber

Ribblesdale
Grace and Betsy

Attendance Award

Marcus in Wensleydale won the attendance award this half term and wins a trip to Treetop Nets.

Volunteer readers!

If you have a spare morning or afternoon Malhamdale and Airedale would appreciate it if you could come and hear them read on a weekly basis. Please see Mrs Moon for details.

