



## Roseberry Primary School News

Friday 15th December 2017

### Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances started with Reception and Key Stage 1's "Every Bit of Christmas." Using the Sainsburys' advert as a stimulus, the children shared their understanding of what Christmas is about today alongside the key elements of the Christmas Story. Reception provided the tableaux whilst the Year 1 and 2 children sang many favourite Christmas songs. I am sure those of you who attended either of the performances were as impressed as we were and we know that a number of you shed a tear or two! Well done to all of the children who took part - you were truly amazing. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff of our Key Stage 1 and Reception building - it really isn't easy to organise that many children!

In between the Key Stage 1 performances, we had a sing-a-long from Nursery. The children thrilled their audiences singing around the Christmas tree and showing how much sign language they have learned. It was absolutely lovely and the Christmas jumpers and reindeer headaddresses gave an extra special feel to the event. Well done to all the nursery children and of course to the staff who made sure that everyone was entertained and made to feel part of our school.

By the end of the KS2 performance, there were very few dry eyes—it really was that good! The children sang a range of songs, traditional and new, both in year groups, lower and upper key stages and as a whole key stage. Jacob Coe (Y6), Jessica Bunn (Y6), Skyla Owen and Olivia Wetherill started the singing with 'One voice' before the rest of choir and then the whole key stage joined in. Our particular favourites included: 'Halleluiah', which the children sang in a four-part round, and 'Sing' by Gary Barlow (we plan to send a video recording of the children singing his song to him as we think they sing it so beautifully). 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas' closed the show to tumultuous (very loud) applause. Congratulations, KS2—we were so proud of you. We would like to say a huge thank-you to Miss Dalley and the teaching staff of KS2.

We would like to thank all of our parents who attended any of the above - we know how much the children love to be watched by family and friends.

### Christmas Jumper Day

As a school, we have raised £153.53 for Save the Children as part of their Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you to all those who have made a donation, either in school or via the website. If you would still like to donate, please do so via the website address: <https://christmasjumperday.org/>



### Hadrian's Park

On Thursday afternoon, Year 2 visited Hadrian's Park in order to entertain the elderly residents with their singing. The children performed some of their favourite Christmas songs to an appreciative crowd! The smiling faces and clapping in the audience showed how well received the visit was! This is a regular event for our Year 2 children that we willingly do because we know how important relationships are between the young and the elderly and how much pleasure is gained from such relationships, especially at this time of year when many people can feel especially lonely.





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### St Columba's Tree Festival

Reception, Y2 and Y3 have visited St. Columba's once again this year to decorate Christmas trees. The theme changes every year and this year, the children had to decorate trees with items that represented themselves or their school. It was lovely to see the children hanging their decorations with pride before looking at the ways in which children from other schools had chosen to decorate theirs.

### Swimming

We received the following e-mails from the swimming teachers at Billingham Forum:

Dear Miss Dalley (3R)

I would just like to take this opportunity to say how I have enjoyed teaching your school this term. Your class have gained lots of confidence due to their fantastic listening skills and determination.

I am very proud of all the children in my class especially Conner, Jasmine and Cody although they didn't achieve confidence in water every day they have tried really hard and I hope they all continue with their water confidence whether it's at home or attending swimming pool venues.

A massive thank you to all the teaching staff that have helped with their development.

Dear Miss Stonehouse (3P)

On behalf of myself and Lynsay, I am delighted to send you this email. The Y3 children that came swimming were a delightful group of children to teach. They were always polite, always encouraged each other and were usually always smiling and it was great to see them achieve their certificates and I look forward to seeing them in the Spring Term. They are a credit to your school. I would like to thank you Mrs Kidson and the other staff who accompanied the children as you were all keen to help out with the swimming. It is really appreciated to have staff who are willing to get involved and it is a great help to the swimming teachers.

### Rights Respecting Schools News

The Rights Respecting Council will be having a steering group meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9:15 in the KS2 hall. We would like to invite parents and carers to join our steering group so that you can be more involved with our rights respecting work. A steering group is a group of people who meet together once a term to drive forward change within our school and the local community. We fully support the children's right to say what they think should happen and be taken seriously (Article 12) so we hope to see you there.

In this meeting, we will discuss how we can involve other local schools in our work and in addition, look at how we can make our campaigns for the local community more successful.

Please come along to our meeting and join us on our Rights Respecting journey.

In recognition of our Rights Respecting work, in particular, our work highlighting the refugee crisis with our children, Roseberry have been awarded a certificate to recognise the commitment and passion for speaking out for children's rights.

Once the certificate has been shared with the children, it will be displayed in the school entrance.



# Our Rewards Page



**Pupils of the Week:** Congratulations to our Pupils of the week, who were presented with their certificates in assembly this morning.

Nursery am	All of Nursery	Nursery pm	All of Nursery
R1	Crystal Robson	R2	Lexi Bowes
1R	Lilly-Rose Buckton	1P	Ollie Spellman
2R	Matilda Morgan	2P	Hollie Sharpe
3R	Connor Dodds	3P	Serryn Gibson
4R	Riley Carter	4P	Liam Gittins
5R	Abbie-May Sharpe	5P	Imogen Welford
6R	Brandon Warrior	6P	Cara Irwin

## Attendance

Congratulations to 2P and 3R who had the best attendance and won the cups this week.

*Overall school attendance for this week was 94.6%*

## Special Awards

No special awards this week

Class	Attendance
R1	81.0%
R2	84.2%
1P	84.3%
1R	91.3%
2P	91.9%
2R	89.2%
3P	94.2%
3R	95.5%
4P	92.6%
4R	93.5%
5P	88.5%
5R	90.2%
6P	92.9%
6R	92.7%



Class	Frequency
Nursery	38%
R1	N/A
R2	N/A
1R	35%
1P	34%
2R	N/A
2P	25%
3R	23%
3P	26%
4R	47%
4P	35%
5R	42%
5P	N/A
6R	51%
6P	43%

## Reading Challenge





## Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
Monday 18th December	Year 4 and Reception Christmas parties
Tuesday 19th December	Year 5 and Year 1 Christmas parties
Wednesday 20th December	Nursery/Year 2 and Year 6 Christmas parties
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term—school closes at 3pm
Monday 8th January	First day of term
Thursday 18th January	Winnie the Pooh Day (Nursery and Reception)
W/C 22nd January	Nursery and Reception Family Time—Winnie the Pooh theme
Friday 26th January	Year 3 Assembly and family time
Friday 9th February	Year 2 Assembly and family time
Friday 9th February	Last day of term—school closes at 3pm
Monday 19th February	First day of term
Friday 23rd February	Non-uniform day
Monday 5th March	2 weeks of swimming for 3R
Friday 9th March	Year 1 assembly and family time
Monday 12th March	Parents evening
Tuesday 13th March	Parents evening

## Right of the Fortnight

Date	Article	Right
18th December	Article 14	Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion
1st January	Article 7	Every child has the right to a legal name and nationality

## Term Dates

Autumn	Spring	Summer
30/10/17 – 22/12/17	08/01/18– 09/02/18 19/02/18 – 29/03/18	16/04/18 – 25/05/18 04/06/18 – 23/07/18

**Training Days: Our training days this year will be on:**

Thursday & Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

**School will be closed for children on these days**

## End of Term Treats

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Treat</b>	<b>Planned Date/ Week</b>	<b>What will be needed</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Toy Day	Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th December	A toy to play with
<b>Reception</b>	Christmas Cinema Experience	Wednesday 20th December	
<b>Year 1</b>	1R - Teddybear's Picnic	Thursday 14th December	Teddy bear
	1P - Popcorn and Pyjama Party		Pyjamas
<b>Year 2</b>	Polar Express Experience	Monday 18th December	Pyjamas
<b>Year 3</b>	Wheelie Party	Monday 18th December	Anything with wheels, e.g. pram, bike, scooter, skates
<b>Year 4</b>	4R— Christmas Campfire	Tuesday 19th December	Warm clothes
	4P - Christmas film, pyjamas and hot chocolate	Tuesday 19th December	Pyjamas
<b>Year 5</b>	5R - 'Christmas Day'	Wednesday 20th December	A toy to play with
	5P - Christmas film, pyjamas and hot chocolate		Pyjamas
<b>Year 6</b>	Pyjama Party and Christmas Film	Tuesday 19th December	Pyjamas