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Newsletter Week 14 – The Big Tinselly Christmas One!

Nativity

A huge well done to the fabulous nascent thespians in EYFS, Year 1, 2 and 3 for a wonderful Nativity earlier this week. Miss Watson, Mrs Goude, Mrs Tennant and their team also deserve a massive thank you for all their hard work with rehearsals, props etc. I'll miss the singing drifting out of the hall next term, but I'm sure those of you who came will agree, the children did themselves proud.

FOBS thank you

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful FOBS team for all their hard work over the term – they have pivoted at very late notice on the Christmas Party (further information on the replacement event to follow next term), supported our Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols, ran a hugely successful Social Event (the front of school looks beautiful and I can't wait to see the bulbs come up in Spring) and still managed to ensure every child in school has a Christmas gift after the Christmas lunch yesterday. I can't thank them enough for their support – and you all too, for all your baking, raffle ticket buying, donation giving.... I could go on... our children are so lucky to have such a supportive parents and friends group.

Christmas Lunch

Mrs Baker pulled off a culinary triumph yesterday with this year's Christmas lunch – it was delicious! Catering for 96 pupils and 20 adults was a challenge, and she knocked it out of the park – we all had a great time, well done Mrs Baker!

Bedale Art Project

Hawks went to Bedale High School earlier this term to spend a day creating decorations from clay and firing them in the High School kiln. We've loved taking part in the High School's outreach events this term, and have more planned for the rest of the year for Years 4 and 5.



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Duke of Burneston

The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed some rather natty jade green hoodies being sported by our incredible Year Sixes. They have attained the Bronze level of their Duke of Burneston awards through a range of fabulous activities – they have led many lunchtime clubs which have been well attended by the younger pupils, they have baked up a storm (and raised over £500 for the British Heart Foundation at the same time – awesome work Emily and Lola!), they have researched family histories and done many other things besides. I think we can agree that they have more than earned their Young Leader hoodies – what fantastic role models they are for our younger ones – I am beyond proud of them!

Remembrance Service

There were exciting developments in our work with Reverend James last month, with the first attendance at the village Remembrance Day Service by Hawks class. They created meaningful artwork, thoughtful poems and they took full part in the service, doing readings and prayers. Owen played the Last Post on his French Horn, which was particularly poignant. It was great to build our links with the community, and we look forward to developing these further over the coming years.

National Parks Project

We were soooooo excited last week to meet with one of the villagers who works for the National Parks and has chosen our school to take part in a four year project. We are in the planning stage at the moment, but it will definitely involve trips, experts and lots of opportunities for our Robins and Hawks classes. We will be in touch next term with more information.

Reuse Santa

Thank you to all of you who sent in toys and games for the NYCC Reuse Santa Appeal. We collected an entire van-load (thank you Mr Easton's van...) which will have made Christmas all the brighter for many children across North Yorkshire.

Football Kit

Huge thanks to the mystery benefactor who bought us a whole new football kit – we looked very smart as we powered our way through the cluster football event!



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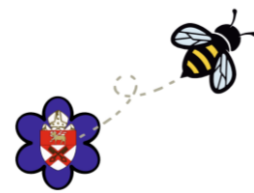




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Thorp Perrow

If you get the chance to visit Thorpe Perrow over the holidays, don't forget to check out the visitor centre in the Birds of Prey area – you will find artwork and writing from the whole school there! We were honoured to have been asked to help with the centre redesign and our children, as usual, rose to the challenge.

Sad to see you leave

It is with a heavy heart that we wave goodbye to Scarlett and Mrs Souter today. We will miss them, and we wish them the very best of luck as they move on from our school.

Welcoming new staff

We will be welcoming several new members of staff in January: Miss Metcalf will be Robins' new class teacher; Mrs Swatton is working alongside Mrs Gatenby in the office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Whitwam will be joining us working across school supporting our children with their learning.

Baby Easton

Mr Easton is doing his bit to support the number on roll too, with a baby Easton due at Christmas – we are beyond excited for him. There's nothing like a Christmas baby!

Attendance for this half term

Wrens: 95.1%

Swifts: 98.3%

Robins: 97.1%

Hawks: 98.6%



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And finally:

We wish you the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years! Thank you all for your support and kindnesses over the last term. Having taught since the last century (only just!) I can honestly say I have never known a time like this in education. Knowing that we have your positivity and understanding makes everything so much less arduous. One of the many special things which makes our school such a wonderful place to be is the relationships we have with you. In addition to this, we have a dedicated and talented team who work so incredibly hard to make your child's time in school the best that it can be. Our governors are a key part of Team Burneston, driving strategic improvements and supporting myself and the staff. I'd like to say that we are out of the woods Covid-wise, but I'm sure next term will bring further challenges. And I'm equally sure that we will continue to rise to those challenges. Whatever 2022 brings, we are in it together! Should any updates occur over the holidays, as they are wont to do, I will be in touch. Otherwise, we will see you, bright eyed and bushy tailed, on Wednesday 5th January!

Don't forget you can also check out our Twitter account (@BurnestonSchool) to see what we've been up to! You don't have to have a Twitter account yourself, you can just google it, or follow via the school website (<http://burneston.n-yorks.sch.uk/>).



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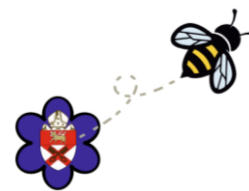




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Dates:

When	What	Who
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET	All
Wednesday 5 th January	School opens	All
Friday 7 th January	Deadline for parent governor ballot	All
Wednesday 9 th February	Y4 History Enrichment day Bedale High	Y4
Wednesday 16 th February	Trampolining Bedale High	TBC KS2
Thursday 17 th February	Schools closes for half term	All
Friday 18 th February	INSET	All
Monday 7 th March	Bewerley Park	Y5/6
Wednesday 23 rd March	Big Drama Day, Bedale High	Y5
Monday 4 th April	Puppet Workshop	All
Monday 4 th April	Parent/carer consultation week	All
Friday 8 th April	Break for Easter	All



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