



# North Stainley C of E School Christmas News letter



*News from Mrs Wallen We have been 'growing blossoming and flourishing' across the school this term. The children have been aspirational in their learning; not just in the core areas of Maths and English but also in the wider foundation curriculum, amongst other topics they have completed learning in Geography, History, Science and RE. The children have also had the opportunity to work out with our sports coach during Friday PE sessions and class 2 have had weekly swimming lessons in which many of the children achieved or exceeded the expectations for their year group. Please read on through our news letter to find out more about what has been going on this half term!*

*During Advent the children have been learning about and understanding their own feelings of spirituality. This has proved to be the perfect time of year to learn more about spirituality, with the miracle of Christmas and the wonder that surrounds it.*

*Some children recognise peace and tranquillity as the feeling of spirituality others awe, wonder, nature and living things or being together as a community. The children have all created a piece of art work representing their personal feelings of spirituality at Christmas time. Some of this art work will be displayed in St Mary's Church over the Christmas period.*



## **Our School Vision**

We are our school we have our roots and foundations in love.

Our school is us we will grow, blossom and flourish.

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace .*

*From everyone at North Stainley CE School we would like to wish you a Happy Christmas filled with Love, Peace, Hope and Joy.*



# Christmas Fair and Christmas Enterprise project.

In the summer we were approached by Ripon Walled Garden (Ripon Community Link) about running a young entrepreneur challenge, the proceeds of which would be donated to this worthwhile charity. The KS2 children took up the challenge with great enthusiasm.

With the support of FONSS, who agreed to the children having stalls at the Christmas Fair, the children set about learning all about completing an entrepreneurial project. They learnt something about financing, planning, marketing and producing. Each company were given a small amount of start up money and then the aim was to look for donations or to recycle/ upcycle materials to create their product. Working in pairs or small groups (with the support of parents) the children came up with some creative ideas, the stalls highlighted a diversity in products: baking for humans and dogs, second hand stuffed toys and books, sewing, bracelets, Christmas decorations and wooden planters. The children continued to work hard when selling their goods at the fair.



In total the children raised over £200. The group that made the most profit from their business were the 'Planter Gang' who raised £70.

Members of the Ripon walled Garden came into school and were presented the cheque by the winners Thomas and Ollie.



Very well done to everyone who took part!!

FONSS A huge thank you to the members of FONSS who have worked so hard this year in planning and raising money for the school. We are really grateful as so many of the children's enhanced learning is supported by this funding. Please see the FONSS web page/ news letter for more details.



*Remembrance Day on the 11th November. Was marked in the traditional way, the Worship Ambassadors led a procession to the Church where they read a poem, prayers and held a 2 minute silence. 2 of our children with parents who serve in the armed forces rang the Church bell. In the previous week the Charity Ambassadors had sold Poppies for the Royal British Legion, raising £61.*



*Children In Need The School Council ran the Children in Need event this year with a colouring competition and a SPOTACULAR day! This annual funding raising event is always a firm favourite in school, where the children can enjoy supporting this worthwhile cause.*

*Anti bullying week began with odd sock day and through out the week the children visited learning around bullying.*



*This years message was 'Reach Out', and pupils across school learned about the meaning, different dynamics of various bullying situations and how to reach out. Children came to understand that they must report bullying immediately whether it is against themselves or others.*

*Wellbeing Ambassadors from each of the cluster school's met at West Tanfield this half term and finalised a wellbeing policy written by children for children. Next time we will be putting together plans for wellbeing days in all of our schools. Please look out for this wellbeing policy on our website.*

*If you have any concerns around bullying in our school please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wallen or Ms Wilson (Safeguarding leads) or any other member of staff should they not be available.*

*After School Activity Clubs are a firm favourite amongst our children who often set off home, only to return to club 5 minutes later persuading their parents to let them take part. Clubs this half term have included Christmas club, Young Foodies, Backyard Building and Sports club.*

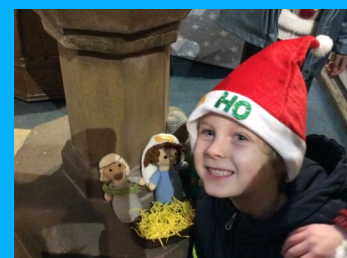
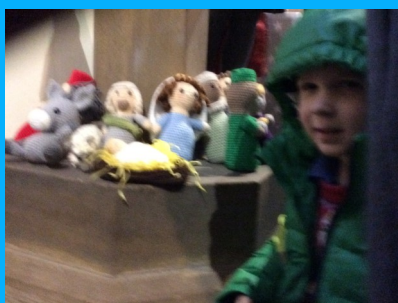
*From Natasha and Elisa.. A massive well done to our young foodies who have impressed us throughout this half term with amazing skills and superb behaviour. We have had a very difficult time choosing the Young Foodie' Stars this half term, but the winners are; 1st Luke, 2nd Charlie, and 3rd Mia with a special mention to the runners up Benjamin and Olive. Well done everyone!!*



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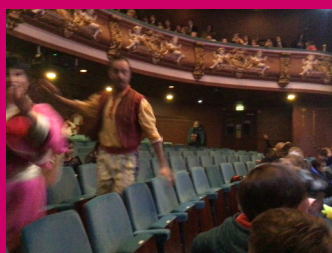


*Then there was the Nativity with the Angel Who Nearly Missed It All .*



*Class one's visit to St Mary's Church to prepare the crib for Christmas.*

*The children were literally on the edge of their seats at the Panto this year. Aladdin turned out to be real riot with characters joining them in their seats and Miss Gregory having a starring role!!*



Class One have been so busy that they have had to have a whole page to themselves!!



EYFS have been working through the topic of "Fantastic Fairytales" this half term, you can see them here trying porridge that was just right, as well as further exploring the refurbished outdoor area!

In RE, Class One have been looking at *Why Jesus is special to Christians*, and have done some role play about the different miracles Jesus performed!



On December 1<sup>st</sup> the elf arrived and was soon named Candy Cane! He has been up to plenty of mischief and the children (and staff!) have enjoyed decorating the classroom full of Christmas decorations and magic!



## Class 2 Newsletter Autumn 2

Class 2 have had a very busy half term! In Science, the children have been investigating magnets. They have been developing their scientific skills and planning a fair test to find out which magnets are the strongest. In Design and Technology, the children have been looking at the design of Viking and Anglo-Saxon purses. They have designed their own purse and made a prototype out of paper.



## Class 3 News Letter Autumn 2

This half term has been a busy one in Class 3. In R.E. we have been considering why if God is everywhere, people go to places of worship. There has been much discussion about this and it has led to us thinking about different religions and all the different places people actually go to in order to reflect. In PSHE, we have been looking at our human rights and how they might have an impact on us and those around us.

In science, we have been studying the physical and behavioural characteristics of animals and how they help it survive in the environment they live in. In geography, we have continued to think about how we can be efficient with and conserve, our food, water and energy supplies.



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# End of Term Awards

White Ribbon Awards this term have gone to Sammy, Luke and Annie.



Children with 100% attendance!!



Children who have made the most progress in their math's passports.



Children who have earned a pen license this term.

