



**ALL SAINTS**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
KIRKBY OVERBLOW

## NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

**“AT ALL SAINTS WE ALL FLOURISH AND ACHIEVE AS A CHILD OF GOD”**

What a wonderful week in school it has been! I do hope you have been able to share in some of our Christmas festivities.

Thank you for supporting our two Nativity performances of *The Inn-Spectors*. The children spoke clearly and sang beautifully and enjoyed performing the play that they had rehearsed so hard for. Thank you to all the teaching assistants and teachers who supported the children and an extra special thank you to Miss Cromack who coordinated the whole thing! Also, a great big thank you to Sophie and Will (parents to Hettie, Kitt and Thea) for designing and creating the spectacular scenery. Thanks also go to the PTA who provided mince pies and mulled wine for parents as they waited outside church in the cold!

The newly restored Community Christmas Lunch took place on Thursday at All Saints Church and was very well attended. Our children sang old and new Christmas songs, the recorder group played, our new choir performed and Tessa played her flute beautifully. The community members thoroughly enjoyed our performances and the lunch that was kindly prepared by a whole group of willing volunteers. Thank you to Ruth Denwood and Carol Simmonds for coordinating the event, Peta Kendall for leading the choir, Mrs Creighton for cooking the turkey and our teachers for working with the children to make sure they were prepared and ready. It was an absolute pleasure to be involved in a village event of this kind.

As this will be the last newsletter of this term, all that remains is for me to say:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With every Christmas Blessing,

Amber Andrews

Head teacher

### **PTA/FRIENDS CHRISTMAS MAGIC EVENING**

Sadly our PTA have taken the difficult decision to postpone the Magic evening tonight due to family sickness. Hopefully the event will be rescheduled for February. Families may either keep their tickets for the rescheduled event or a full refund can be obtained from the school office. Huge apologies for the inconvenience and short notice.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRS OF GOVERNORS

Dear All

As you are aware, from the beginning of next term the Governing Bodies of All Saints and North Rigton will merge and at the first meeting of 2019 a new Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected. The Governors representing All Saints will be Becci Allan, Jo Townend, Jules Henry and Milena Vjestica. Stuart Lewis already represents both schools.

The past year has been very challenging for the school and we have greatly appreciated the support of staff, parents and Governors. It is hard to believe that at the beginning of 2018 we were still waiting to join the Yorkshire Causeway Trust and were at the start of the complex process of looking for a new Headteacher. Furthermore a fellowship with North Rigton was far from our thoughts.

We are delighted that Amber was appointed as joint Headteacher of the two schools and that her first term in this role has been so successful. We are sure that under her leadership both schools will continue to thrive.

After many years of close involvement with All Saints and with the formation of the Fellowship we feel that this is a good time for us to step down.

We wish you every success for the future and hope you all have a very happy Christmas.

Mary & Ann

### PTA 100 CLUB & HAMPERS

The winner of our 100 club draw this month was David Dewhurst. Well done David, £50 is on its way! If you haven't yet joined our 100 club you can still join at any time. Please see Miss Boyd for more details....

Congratulations too to our 6 lucky Christmas Hamper winners. The winners have been notified by text or phone and your prizes can be collected from school.

### CHOIR

Huge thanks go to Peta Kendall for setting up our KS2 choir who practise on a Thursday afternoon after school. The children sound amazing! If any KS2 children would like to join our existing choir members please email [petakendallmusic@gmail.com](mailto:petakendallmusic@gmail.com)

### RSPB VISIT – MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

The RSPB will be visiting school on Monday. With the help of our children, they will be mapping the habitats within our school grounds. Children in years 1 to 5 will be involved in the project so please make sure they bring warm clothing (coat, hat, gloves) that day.

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### **WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY - THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

Our Christmas parties will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Children may wear their party clothes all day, or can bring something to change into at lunchtime. Please bring your contribution (letters sent last week) into school on the Thursday morning.

### **LAST DAY OF TERM - FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

Our last day of term will be a non uniform day (Christmas jumpers welcome!) in return for a £1 donation to our PTA. School will finish for the Christmas holidays at **2pm** on this day and Kirkby Acorns will be open until **5pm**.

School will reopen on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

### **PYJAMA DAY – FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

To cheer us up on the first week back to school in January we will be holding a Pyjama day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January to raise funds for our Link Ethiopia project. Children may come to school dressed in their PJs/ Onesies and dressing gowns in return for a £2 donation. Please remember to bring outdoor shoes/trainers and warm coats too as we will still be going outside at playtimes and doing PE!

### **HIGHLIGHTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH THIS CHRISTMAS**

1. Sunday 16th. Carol Concert at 7.30pm with mulled wine and mince pies from 7pm  
Come and hear the village Christmas Choir sing their hearts out!
2. Sunday 23rd. Parish Eucharist at 11am with coffee and biscuits from 10.30am  
With Sunday Club for the children
3. Monday 24th    the CRIB SERVICE    at 4.30pm  
  
Midnight Mass        at 11.30pm