



# Oxenhope

## Church of England Primary School

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



11<sup>th</sup> December 2009

We are now right in the middle of preparations for Christmas and everyone at school and many of you have had the pleasure of watching our Infant Nativity. Well done to all the children and the staff for a brilliant performance.

Also this week the choir took part in this years 'Young Voices' concert at the MEN arena in Manchester. The 25 children formed part of a 7,000 strong choir which was an amazing spectacle. As ever our children did us all proud. A big thank you to Miss Taylor for working so hard with the children over the term to ensure the children had a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

### An amazing effort!

Last week's Christmas coffee morning was a tremendous success. Thanks to all the hard work of the 'Friends' and all of your generosity the event raised a staggering **£1,100**. I am told this is a record! I have a very important meeting this afternoon about some very exciting future developments. Hopefully I will be able to tell you more in January but without the money the 'Friends' have raised none of these projects would be possible.

A special thank you to Mrs Mackley who donated the proceeds of her lovely homemade crafts for us to send to the school at Atalaya in Peru. She raised a magnificent £60 which will buy many, many pencils and exercise books for the children Mrs King visited in the Summer.

### Sports news

This week a number of children took part in 'sports hall athletics' at Oakbank. Many of the children who took part had been at Young Voices until 11:15 pm the night before. Oxenhope children certainly have stamina!

On Saturday some of our children will be taking part in the Bradford Sports Hall athletics event at the Richard Dunne Centre. Many thanks to Mrs Driver for organising these events; we'll certainly miss her when she's gone.

### Countdown to Christmas

This Sunday we have been invited to take part in the 'Lights of Love Concert' at Manorlands. This gets underway at 4:00 pm. Please come along and join in.

### Christmas parties

Butterfield, Devonshire, Priestley and Macmillan parties take place on Tuesday afternoon. Bronte, Lister and Hockney parties take place on Wednesday afternoon.

The children can bring party clothes to change into after lunch. Party food will be provided by school.

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## **Christmas Carols**

Many of you have returned slips to say that you would like your child to take part in this event. Please note that your child needs to be accompanied by an adult. Please meet at 6:30 pm in the Rose garden.

## **End of term Service**

This takes place at St Mary's at 9:30 am next Friday. Please come along and join us. As ever we would appreciate it if you could accompany us on the walk from school to church. Please see your child's teacher if you can help us.

Please note that there will not be an achievement assembly next week,

## **Meet the new teachers**

Miss Crolla and Miss Davis will be in school on Monday. We thought this would be a good chance for you to meet with them. We will be serving tea and coffee in the Hall straight after school. Please join us if you can.

## **Safeguarding measures**

You may have noticed that the car park gates have been closed at the start and end of the school day. This has been done to ensure that we do not have any vehicles entering the school grounds at the same time as children, parents and carers.

In addition to this we have been advised to risk assess arrangements for children at the end of the school day. It would be helpful if you could clarify your arrangements for collecting your child by completing the slip below. Please could you also note that unless we have a signed letter we will not allow any child to leave the school grounds unaccompanied.

Many thanks for your help with this.

## **Awards**

During our last Achievement assembly of the term many children received brand new certificates. This includes the new 'Star of the term' award and 100% attendance certificates. In addition to this the attendance trophy was awarded to the class with the highest attendance of the term.

## **School Meals**

We have been informed by Facilities Management that as of the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 school meals for Primary Schools will increase to £1.45 a day, £7.25 a week.

## **Stars of the term**

- Bronte :- Harry Ellison and Jasmine Allmond  
Lister:- George Ellis and Nuala McAleavy  
Hockney:- Naomi Smith and Jasmine Williams  
Butterfield:- Zoe Noble and Freddy Berry  
Devonshire:- Dempsey Armitage and Sam Williams

Priestley:- Kourtnai Hahn and Ben Walker

MacMillan:- Emma Barber and Matthew Cooper

**Lunchtime superstars**

Rhianna Thomas, Abigail Powell, Elizabeth Denby, Brittany Hudson

**Class Attendance for term :-** Hockney

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns

Headteacher

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**Arrangements for collecting your child from school.**

Please complete the slip and return it to school.

Name of child; \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Regularly collected from school by: \_\_\_\_\_

Also collected by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/ Guardians signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to your child's teacher.*