



A message from Mrs Jones

Well what a busy half term.

I thought I would use this newsletter to share with you some of the fantastic things we have been doing with your children on the run up to Christmas and I think you'll agree we have really gone for it this year to make up for the last few years. We are so happy to be able to offer these opportunities as I know some school's haven't embraced to festivities quite so much. So thank you to all our wonderful staff for going the extra mile to make sure our children receive the best!

Have a great Christmas!



Nativities

How lovely it was to welcome parents and carers into school to watch the Reception and Y1/Y2 Nativity performances. These take lots of effort from the children and staff and ours were amazing, the children did us proud.



Visiting Church

On Thursday we all walked through Oxenhope and visited St Mary's to take part in our wonderful Christmas Service. Thank you to Mrs Brown for putting this together and helping our children to understand the true meaning of Christmas.



Secret Santa

It was lovely that we could bring back Secret Santa this year. Thank you to all the staff and the Friends Association for putting this together so the children could buy presents for loved ones. Every child even received a free present from school.



Manorlands

Our lovely year 6 children sang for Manorlands patients and staff.

Lindisfarne

Year 4 sang to the residents of a care home to spread laughter and joy



Thank you

Thank you to Oxenhope pharmacy for boosting the community, year 6 wrote letters and drew pictures for the staff. They gave them chocolates and sang to them too



Christmas Learning

Our curriculum is dedicated to Christmas at this time of year and the children have been developing lots of skills and gaining knowledge around the Christmas theme. Year 6 have learnt about the Christmas truce, Year 5 have been looking at home coming by Michael Morpurgo, Year 4 have focused on the lives of the elderly and the social issue of loneliness, Year 3 have investigated stories and myths about the snow covered mountains, year 2 enjoyed the polar express, year 1 have learnt about Jesus and the Christmas story and Reception have learnt about celebrations.

Social Injustice Projects

To help children think about the joy of giving over Christmas all the children have taken part in a social injustice project. Some of the activities included, collecting toys for children, raising money for a charity which helps lonely people at Christmas, making cards for cards for the elderly, baking biscuits for the homeless and for the nurses at Airedale and making bookmarks for people in hospital.



Winter Wonderland

A big thank you once again to the Friends for creating the Winter Wonderland in the nature area. The children had a scavenger hunt, hot chocolate and biscuits and Santa even turned up with presents and a story.



Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Parties.

The children had non-uniform day to celebrate Christmas jumper day and to have their Christmas dinner in we really enjoyed this.

Then we even provided them with a Christmas party on the last day – everyone loved it!





Parent's Questions

Will the school be closing if there is another lockdown?

The short answer to this question is 'we don't know'. At the moment there is no plan to have another lockdown or indeed to close schools however, as we saw last year after Christmas, things can change in an instant.

We don't know how the new variant will affect school as we are receiving guidance and information at the same time as the general public.

What I can say is that if we get any new information you will be the first to know. We may ask for time, patience and understanding on your part so that we can get it right. We have got contingency plans already in place and we will get in touch as soon as possible if we need you to do anything.

My advice to you is, keep an eye on all communication forums for our school, seesaw, dojo, email, text and the website as that will be where all our information goes. If you do not hear from us the school will be open on Wednesday, the 5th of January as planned.



Safeguarding Section

As we have seen in the news this week, safeguarding is critical and the responsibility of everyone. Over this Christmas period please make sure you contact the police or children's social care if you are concerned about a child.

It's better safe than sorry and you can report anonymously if you needs to.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, act!

Our Named Persons for Child Protection are Alice Jones, Gillian Dyson, Caroline Auty, Joanne Brown, Laura Smales and Oliver Thurlby

Useful phone numbers:

School – 01535 642271

Social Services Initial Contact Point 01274 437500

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

West Yorkshire Police – 101 or 99

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You are likely to know someone inflicting domestic violence or abuse

1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will be the victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime

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Help someone this Christmas by speaking out



Call **NEXTLINK** in confidence on **0800 4700 280**
If you are concerned someone is in danger call the police on 999

www.southglos.gov.uk/domesticabuse