

## Autumn term 2: News round-up

What a wonderful week of **festive activities** we had!

Naomi and Joyce produced a delicious **Christmas lunch** for 116 pupils and staff on Tuesday, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday, all the children enjoyed **seasonal crafts** in the morning. Thank you to Mrs Crabtree for providing the materials for the lovely wooden Christmas tree decorations.

In the afternoon, Mr Parker returned to lead the **Christmas party** for children in years Reception to year 6. The children greatly enjoyed pass the parcel, the quiz and hand dancing! Thank you Mr Parker!

On Thursday we finished off the **craft activities** and enjoyed watching festive films

The **KS2 Pantomime** was fabulous and the **Infant Nativity** performances on Wednesday were delightful! The children sang and danced beautifully. Well done to all the children who really rose to the occasion and gave fantastic performances. A special thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the children felt confident 'on stage.'

Thankyou also to all parents who bought raffle tickets during all performances, the **PTA** managed to raise a fabulous £300. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their hard work over this term. Through their enthusiasm and commitment, they have managed to raise a great deal of money for our school—this is greatly appreciated.

We would like to draw your attention to some links which are on the **Safeguarding** section of the school website (under the School Information tab)

These include: [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants), [nspcc.org.uk/shareaware](https://nspcc.org.uk/shareaware), [net-aware.org.uk](https://net-aware.org.uk)

The **PTA Christmas Fayre** took place on Saturday 1st December. Thankyou to everyone who kindly donated items for the fayre.

Rehearsals have started for the **KS2 Pantomime** taking place on Friday 7th December at the Clarke Foley Centre in Ilkley, a letter with all the details has been sent home to years 3 4 5 & 6. Tickets (3 per family in years 3 4 5 & 6) and details of the crèche will be sent home next week.

The whole school had the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 5th December at 1.30pm. All of the children and adults who attended thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

With the **weather turning colder**, please ensure your child brings a named coat to school each day; gloves and a hat are also recommended.

The children in years Reception, 1 and 2 had an exciting **visit from a fire engine!** The children enjoyed exploring the fire engine, pressing the lights and siren buttons and learning about how the uniforms keep the firemen safe.

**Commemorative Poppies** were sold in school along with a range of other items. The year 6 children took these to the classrooms each day. Together we raised a fantastic £183.53.

The **teacher led clubs** have changed this half term, please see the clubs section below. Breakfast club, Cedar club and Sports club will continue as usual.

As part of our work on **British Values**, the children in years 2-6 had an assembly about the workings of Parliament. Years 3 and 4 had a workshop entitled 'My Vote Counts' and years 5 and 6 acted out a House of Commons debate on 'Banning Electronic Devices'. We also had on loan a **Parliament resources box** which the children explored together in their classes.

Thank you to those parents who attended our presentation '**Supporting your child in English and Maths**'. We hope you found the evening informative. If you could not attend the meeting, please speak to your class teacher for information.

As part of **Anti-bullying week** the children took part in a range of activities throughout the week to raise awareness around anti-bullying.

On Friday 16th we held a **bun / cake sale** for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who brought in yummy treats to be sold. We raised a total of £60.40.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November, to celebrate **National Nursery Rhyme Week**, parents of children in years Nursery and Reception were invited to come into school to join in nursery rhymes with their children. This was great fun for all involved and we even enjoyed a nursery rhyme quiz!