



Autumn 2 December 2016

One week to go and still so much to pack in!

We have had a very busy few weeks, not as many visits out but lots of learning within school and of course, practicing for various upcoming events. I have been in and out of classrooms, which is always a joy. I have been looking at how the maths learning is progressing and have been very impressed with how increasingly focussed and on task children are and how positively they talk about maths. The process of embedding concepts at a deeper level appears to be having an impact on both children's confidence and their progress, which is really great. Long may it continue.

We have the most magnificent Christmas tree in the hall which all the children decorated on Monday - hence why it is so bottom heavy! We also had our lovely Christmas dinner this week; thank you to Mrs Patterson and her team.

I have had the privilege of watching both the Nursery and the Class 1 and 2 productions this week. Both were versions of the Christmas story beautifully narrated, acted and sung by the children. For those of you who came to watch, I am sure you were suitably impressed! We also raised £98.06 which will be added to the money collected for our Christmas jumper day on the 16th and to be given to the Children's Society. Thank you.

Nursery have their party on Wednesday morning and class 1 and 2 have their party on Wednesday afternoon. Y3 and 4 will have their party on Thursday afternoon when Y5 and Y6 watch a film.

I look forward to seeing you at the KS2 Church service on Thursday morning (9.30), you are most welcome to join us and any help to walk with us to Church would be great, just let your child's class teacher know. We then have our Christingle Worship on Friday morning at 9.10 and the Christmas sing-a-long at 2.30 on Friday afternoon.

Christmas dinner



Nursery performance



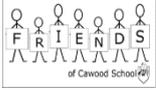
Class 1 and 2 performance
our Hoity Toity Angel Eileigh - Rae



Staffing

A welcome return to Janet Bath who has come back to school as a midday supervisor.

The Friends of Cawood School



The Friends are running

'Santa's Grotto' again this year. This is running from the 12th of December until the 15th. The Christmas hampers raised a wonderful £433 thank you who bought tickets and made donations, especially to Mrs Gray who donated the spectacular first prize hamper. The Friends have kindly agreed to fund the Riding Light Theatre production which is on Tuesday the 13th of December. This is a wonderful treat for the children and school is very grateful to the Friends for paying for this.

Dates for the new year

3rd January - Training day
4th January - Back to school
10th January - swimming event TBC
11th January - Young Voices KS2
30th January - Rock Climbing TBC
6/7/8th February - Robin Wood residential Y5/6
15th February - Y6 York Minster visit TBC
17th February - break up for half term

And finally.....

I can't quite believe that we are at the end of the term and my time at Cawood has come to an end. A huge thank you to all the staff, the children and to yourselves, for making me feel so welcome here. I have had a wonderful time and have been hugely impressed by the warmth, the friendliness and the kindness which is given to everyone, by everyone. The team here give generously of their time and skills and are totally dedicated to this school; it has been a privilege to work with them. And the children.....it has been an absolute delight to be around such well-mannered and kind hearted young people. They constantly astound me with how astute and bright they are and have risen to all the challenges we have presented.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year and all that it brings.

Kind regards,

Shan BJ

REMINDERS

- If your child requires medicine during the day we would firstly ask you to consider whether they should be at school, if they are well enough but require medication we now ask that you please make arrangements to come into school to administer it.
- We have a new system in school for recording any small accidents, bumps, grazes etc which means that you will be notified via book bags.
- The office team are working hard to set up the on line payment system 'Parent Pay' for school. It is anticipated that the launch will be early in the new year. We have taken a little more time over the setting up process so that the change is as smooth as possible for you.
- Please can you remind your children to take home all their belongings at the end of next week and then bring back their PE kit for the first day back (the 4th of January) as Premier Sports will be beginning their curriculum work during that week.
- A letter about after school clubs will be sent out early next term
- There will no longer be a hard copy of the dinner menu sent home but it is available if you follow the link on the school website.