



December 2018

New York Primary School

Well what a wonderful build up to the festive season we have had over the last few weeks with many varied Christmas events to put us all in the Christmas spirit. A huge thank you to all staff and children for working so hard to prepare for the wonderful Christmas Performances across school. Thank you for those who provided costumes and props and those who supported us by attending each performance. Your children spoke and sang with confidence, expression and enjoyment! I enjoy the difference between the two performances of EYFS/KS1 and KS2 and in speaking to many of you afterwards - you do too. We will continue to stick to a traditional nativity performance with our younger pupils. The Diorama competition was a great success with many winners across school. Thank you to those families who supported this event. We had visitors in school that day and I was proud to show them the entries - They were very impressed! The Craft Fair was very well supported and this year there were over 12 craft activities to choose from. As usual the biscuit activity was very popular but I am not sure if many made it home! I was particularly impressed with the paper Christmas Tree and how many pupils remained determined to complete the intricate design using cutting, ordering and sticking skills. The result was stunning. We have ended our Autumn term with a week of class parties, carol singing and a Christingle, yet we have retained structure in school and continue with Maths and Literacy in the mornings. Your children are a credit to you and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year (Tuesday 8th January).
On behalf of staff, pupils and governors I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.
Mrs Shaw

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 95.4% which is slightly below our target of 96.5%

w/c	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
19/11/2018	95.8%	2LM	98.4%
26/11/2018	94.1%	1KR	97.6%
3/12/2018	94.7%	4BD	99.0%
10/12/2018	95.2%	1KR	100%



Carols on the Yard

On Wednesday 19th December we invited parents, families and friends along to our Carols on the Yard. Every year we look forward to this event and this year did not disappoint.

We hope that you enjoyed singing along with us and are now in the Festive Spirit.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to all families and friends who came to our Christmas Fair—the grand total raised is raised £1303.67.

Choir

Our fabulous school Choir have been busy in the run up to Christmas. Firstly they recorded a CD which should be available in the New Year, Then we were asked to sing at Rake Lane Hospital to entertain the patients followed by entertaining shoppers at the Victorian Christmas Market in North Shields. The pupils were delighted to hear that their singing was complimented on to Mrs Shaw by many people, one lady even saying that she had not been feeling very 'christmassy' but after hearing our children sing she certainly was now! Finally this week we were asked to send 15 members of the choir to sing for half an hour for St Oswalds Hospice at Marks and Spencer, Silverlink. Well done all members of the choir what a busy term this has been you definitely have earned a rest over Christmas!



Christmas Crafts

We had another fantastic turnout for our Annual Christmas Crafts this year. Thank you to all our families and friends who joined us and got Christmas crafting. We are already looking for ideas for next years craft sessions!



Christmas Performances

We held four wonderful Christmas performances which were superbly supported by friends and families. Well done to all the children for learning their lines and songs. Thanks to all who supported with costumes and props.

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Special visitor

On Wednesday a special visitor came and visited EYFS & KSI and left them all with a book for Christmas #readingforpleasure



EYFS - Bedtime Stories

On Wednesday 28th November we hosted a bedtime story in the foundation stage children for Nursery and Reception children. We all came back to school in our pyjamas, carrying our teddies in time for a bedtime story. We were treated to hot chocolate and biscuits and some of our favourite stories read by Miss Hollywood, Mrs Cole and Miss Eiles.

EYFS - Welly Waddle & Nursery Rhyme Week

On Thursday 22nd November Foundation Stage children headed out for their Nursery Rhyme Welly Waddle to end our participation in World Nursery Rhyme week. The weather was not great ... however, that didn't stop as - we loved the extra puddles for jumping in! On our walk to Hilltop we found many of our favourite rhymes to sing and act out along the way. Thank you to all of our fabulous families who joined us - without your help and support we wouldn't be able to do as much as we do!



Year Five—Greek Invasion

Year 5 continued their Greek topic this half term and invited parents in to taste Greek food and watch Greek dancing, finding out what else their children had been learning about since the Y5 Greek assembly. They also continued to learn about Myths and how the Greeks performed plays in their amphitheatres.



New York Sporting News

Handball

On Thursday 6th December, year 5 celebrated their handball topic by attending a handball festival at Tynemet College. All five teams entered won a game and the improvement in their skills, communication and teamwork from the first session was amazing. We were so proud of the true New York attitude and behaviour shown from all children.



Football

On Friday the 23rd November 20 Year 3 children participated in a 6 aside football festival at Foxhunters playing field (home of Whitley Bay Juniors Football club). They competed against other schools and were extremely enthusiastic throughout the whole event. Their behaviour and attitudes were exemplary and a good afternoon was had by all.



KS2 Athletics Parallel

A group of Key Stage 2 children competed in the Sports hall Athletics Parallel Challenge last week finishing in the top two schools in North Tyneside. As a result they have qualified for the county finals which are to be held in January. We are extremely proud of the fantastic teamwork, determination and a great competitive spirit all children displayed .

OPAL - Greggs

A big thank you to the Greggs volunteers who have helped us to improve our outdoor areas and create props for our Christmas shows this half term. The OPAL team loved helping out and getting nice and muddy!

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 13th December Jane and her kitchen team prepared and cooked our Annual Christmas Lunch for all our staff and children. It was delicious!



Christmas Dioramas

Well done to all to all these talented children who won their Year group diorama competition.



Christingle

On Thursday 20th December we held a beautiful Christingle in school. The whole school attended this lovely assembly which was led by Year 6. Well done all.

Parties!

This week we have seen all year groups across the school enjoying their Christmas Parties. Thank you to all the parents who provided snacks and party food. These parties are a lovely way for our children to celebrate all of their hard work in the Christmas events we hold



Dates for your diary

- Friday 21st December - Children finish for Christmas
- Monday 7th January - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 8th January - Children return back to school.

She's getting married in the morning...

Congratulations to Miss Robinson who is getting married over the Christmas holidays. When she returns her married name will be Mrs Prince.



Punctuality

Reminder to all families that punctuality in school is just as important as attendance. A number of families are late into school missing vital learning. Please make sure your child is on time for school to maximise their education opportunity - thank you.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

& Happy New Year