



December 2019

New York Primary School

As we draw to the end of a brilliant Autumn term, it is hard to believe just how much we have packed in. From sporting success, Inclusion and OPAL awards, Music performances to whole school productions, New York pupils have done us proud. During this term there has been so much quality teaching and learning and I know many of you comment positively upon how much your children talk about lessons in school. Visitors in to school comment favourably upon the respectful behaviour of our pupils and that makes us very proud. We continue to welcome parents into school to understand more and more about their child's education. We will continue with Book Looks, Reading events and STEM for families in the New Year. We continue to be very proud of all we achieve at New York and I would like to thank staff, parents and pupils for their effort and support in this.

On behalf of governors, and staff, we wish you a very 'Merry Christmas'.

Mrs Shaw

See you back in school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

### Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 93.2% which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole School	Winning Class	% (of winning class)
02/12/19	94.2%	2AP	97.9
09/12/19	93.2%	2AP 4BD 6RB	100%



## Choir at the Victorian Market

Thank you to all families who supported our Choir by bringing their child to sing at the Victorian Market. The Choir were invited to perform at the Victorian Market in North Shields on Saturday 7th December. We had a really good turn out and the children looked great in their festive headgear! We sang a range of older and more modern Christmas hits and carols and members of the public commented on how professional we were. The market was really busy and the children did a fantastic job to make sure their voices were heard. Well done Choir!



## Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all our families and friends who came to support our Christmas Fayre this year, making it one of the most successful so far. Your generous donations made a grand profit of £1734, which will be used to enhance the work we do in school with your children even further.

We have already started thinking about our Summer Fayre and what new stalls we can offer.



## Book Fair



Thank you to everybody who was able to support our most recent Book Fair! We earned more than £160 in Rewards and teachers have already had the opportunity to choose new books for their classroom. Our next Book Fair will take place in May next year and will be a special one where all books can be purchased on a 3 for 2 basis!

## Carolling

Our Choir have been spreading some festive cheer at local retirement and care homes for the elderly. It has been lovely to get out of school and perform in a range of venues.



## Christmas Crafts

On Friday 13th December, pupils were joined by their families to create a variety of Christmas crafts. It was wonderful to see so many families creating beautiful decorations, cards and wrapping paper to make their Christmas extra special. Thank you to everyone who supported this ever popular event; we are already gathering the sequins, paint and glitter for next year!





## Christmas Parties

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 have all thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties this week. We were so impressed by all of the children's dance moves and their enthusiasm to win our party games! A big thank you for all of your contributions towards Christmas party food. Because of your generosity, our pupils have been able to enjoy festive treats all week long!



## Christmas Performances

A huge well done to all pupils who performed in the New York Christmas productions this year. The speaking was loud, clear and expressive and the singing was wonderful.

Many of you have said that this year was your favourite! I am always so very proud of our pupils who flourish and grow in confidence on stage. These opportunities to perform enable pupils to develop many different skills and feel a great sense of self-pride as they listen to the applause and positive feedback from the audience. Thank you to all who supported in lots of different ways in making these events such a great success.

## Santa spotted at New York Primary School!

On Wednesday 18th December, our children in EYFS and KSI were enjoying singing some carols in the hall when, all of a sudden, we heard some jingling bells!

Father Christmas then appeared in our hall with a whole trolley full of gifts for us all! We sang some songs to him and listened to his stories about the North Pole before we were lucky enough to each receive a wrapped present to take home.







## Carols on the Yard



Who knew it would be the coldest day of the year on Wednesday 18th December for our traditional carols on the yard? I know that many of you really enjoy watching and participating in this annual event. I enjoyed watching families sing along whilst holding a cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows. The whole school sounded great and did not let the cold hinder their singing. Thank you to the many parents and families who braved the cold and joined us.

## Year 5/6 Robot Workshops

On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils participated in a Computing workshop where they learned how to program their own EV3 Lego Robots. We were hugely impressed with the resilience and innovative thinking shown by our pupils during these sessions and we loved this opportunity to further enhance our Computing Curriculum.



## Christmas Dioramas

On Thursday 12th December, we held our annual Christmas Diorama competition. This year we had a huge range of creative ideas and our friends from the local Police were absolutely blown away by the effort and imagination that was put into all of the entries. Thank you to all who entered and well done to all of the winners!

## Christmas Jumper Day

What a fantastically festive day we had on Thursday 12th December! We all came to school in our Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner complete with carols and crackers! Staff, children and even our friends from the Police all ate together on this very jolly occasion.







## Dates for your diary



- Friday 19th December - School finishes for Christmas
- Monday 6th January 2020 - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 7th January - Children return to school.
- Friday 10th January - Theatre Royal Pantomime afternoon.
- Monday 20th January - Year 6 Safetyworks trip PM
- Wednesday 29th January - Lego League Tournament
- Tuesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 13th February - Valentines Disco
- Friday 15th February - Break up for Half Term
- Monday 24th February - Children return to school
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 12th March - Book Look, 9.15 - 11am and 2 - 3pm
- Thursday 19th March - EYFS Mothers' Day Crafts
- Wednesday 1st April - EYFS Easter Welly Waddle
- Thursday 2nd April - EYFS and KS1 Easter Assembly
- Friday 3rd April - KS2 Easter Assembly
- Friday 3rd April - Children break up for Easter

### Community Update

Our Community meetings continue to go from strength to strength and we look forward to meeting up again in the New Year. If you wish to join us to discuss any issues regarding the New York Estate please look out for the fliers with details of our next meeting in the New Year.

