Newsletter

Friday 20th December, 2019

Dates for the diary

20th December, Achievement Assembly at 3.00pm

20th December, 3.30pm, break up for Christmas

**7th January 2020**

**Pupils return to school**

13th January 2020

First horse riding lesson for Silver Birch Class

15th January 2020

Forest Schools, all day

24th January 2020

Whole school, Space Day

29th January 2020

Forest Schools, all day

12th February

Forest Schools, all day

14th February, 3:30pm

Break up for half term

24th February

Pupils return to school

11th March

Silver Birch Class at YMCA ‘Murderous Maths Show’

11th March

Forest Schools, all day

18th March

Maple Class at YMCA

‘Magic of Maths Show’

25th March

Forest Schools, all day

3rd April, 3:30pm

Break up for Easter

21st April

Children return to school

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2019. The year has flown by and school has seen many positive changes in this time. I don’t underestimate your support in helping us to achieve this – thank you for all that you do as parents and carers to support school.

This week we held our nativity followed by the Christmas Fair. Many people found me after the nativity to say how brilliant the children were. Their singing was beautiful and they all performed exceptionally well – I was very proud to see them all and hope you were too. The Christmas Fair was organised by the PTA and there was a wide range of stalls to view. Overall, just over £400 was raised. Well done to all the PTA for the event and thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Last week at a Christmas Service, I heard a pastor describe Christmas as a time to share ‘joy’. He talked of the little things that we can do for each other to help bring joy to our loved ones, especially at Christmas. It can be small things like: giving someone a hug; playing a game with a sibling; keeping the bedroom tidy and being helpful to others. However we achieve it, the principle is simple. The true pleasure of Christmas is in giving joy to others.

Wishing you, and all your family, a Christmas filled with a joy.

Mr Davies



Christmas Craft Open Afternoon

It was so lovely to welcome parents and carers in to school on Friday 6th in the afternoon to help your children with some Christmas Crafts. I hope that you had an enjoyable time.

**Silver Birch Class**

Silver Birch Class have studied Shackleton’s journey to the Antarctic. Hours of research has enabled the children to develop a deep understanding of the conditions Shackleton would have encountered. The children also thought about the length of the journey and considered the items they would need to survive such a trip. The children’s writing demonstrates their good understanding of this topic and they have proudly presented it in a new double page format.

Ellie’s Fund Recycling Scheme

Starting in January, school will become a collection point for plastic items that can’t be added to your blue recycling bins at home, however, these plastics can be recycled!

Ellie’s Fund is a charity that collects these items to recycle but, it also raises much needed funds for brain tumour research, specifically on brain tumour projects in North Yorkshire.

Sadly, brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children in the UK.

I hope that in doing this, we can be proud of the support we offer to a deserving charity, as well as taking our responsibility to reducing plastics in land fill seriously.

Please bring items to the collection point near the gate. A list of items that can be added to this collection point is attached for you to keep safe at home.

I hope this proves to be successful and we can extend the scheme to the wider village community to encourage them to bring their plastics to a collection point too.

**Maple Class**

Maple Class have been learning to compare 2 different continents. They spent time learning about Africa and could share a range of knowledge of African animals and their habitats. The children have compared this with the Artic and Antarctica. The contrasts between the different continents enabled the children to develop a good understanding of the adaptations of animals to suit their environment.

Christmas Services

St Stephen’s Church, Snainton

Sunday 22nd December, 9:30am – Communion Service

Christmas Day, 9:30am – Christmas Service

Methodist Chapel, Station Road, Snainton

21st December, 4pm – Christingle (followed by tea)

Christmas Day, 10:30am – Christmas Day Celebration

**Oak Class**

Oak Class have had a busy half term with lots of opportunities to bake and make different craft items, using a range of new skills. The children (and me) have enjoyed the Christmas gingerbread trees this week and I’m sure you will enjoy them at home too. For some of the children in Oak Class, this is their first Christmas at our school. I hope the children have enjoyed making new decorations to bring home and have shared their songs with you too. The children very much look forward to working together in Oak Class in the New Year.