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8TH DECEMBER 2023

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It's been a busy week but with festive spirit in school this week. As it is coming towards the end of term, we have assessment week in school. We have also been getting ready for our Farmers' Market this week. In the class news you will see what each class has made. We will share more photos in next week's newsletter with a total of how much money we raised! Here are a few photos to give you a flavour.



What's been happening in school this week...

Robins (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

We have had a very festive week this week in Robins Class!

We have spent lots of time rehearsing for our Christmas production, the children have worked really hard it is looking fantastic. We can't wait to perform for parents. We have also been busy creating some wonderful decorations for the Farmers Market. The children have really had to concentrate and carefully follow instructions to create the fairies, toy soldiers and candle holders.

Jays (Year 3 and Year 4)

Jays have also been busy making bags for the Farmers' Market. We chose to make tie dye bags. First of all we had to scrunch up some cotton bags and fasten some of the scrunches with elastic bands. This would create the fancy patterns and designs. Next, we had to soak parts of the bag in different colour dyes. The process took a few days as we had to let the bags dry and then wash, dry and iron the bags again so that they were ready to sell. We hope you like our jazzy designs! We have also been practising our singing, ready for the Carol Service at St. Mary's on Monday. In between all this, we have all worked really hard to complete our termly assessments too! What a busy week—well done everyone!



Owls (Year 5 and Year 6)

This week we have had a very festive feel in Owls. We started the week with Year 6 preparing for and hosting our Christmas Film Night – they did a really good job and created an evening that everyone enjoyed. The children in Owls have also spent a lot of time this week producing items to sell at our Farmers' Market. They worked hard to create items made from old plastic bags, linked to the text we are currently using in our English lessons, 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul. The children produced some amazing items, including festive wreaths, pots, book marks and coasters. We also made some lovely decorations using wood offcuts and pebbles to sell. On Friday morning, we worked hard to decorate Christmas pudding biscuits and reindeer buns to add to our stall. The Owls children were also a great help with setting up for the Farmers' Market and running the school stall. We have also spent time this week rehearsing for our Carol Service, which will be held next Monday afternoon at St. Mary's Church. Our ukulele lesson this week also had a Christmas theme – we learnt about John Lennon's popular Christmas song 'Happy Xmas (War is Over)'.

In addition to all of our festive activities, the Owls children have also been working hard to complete end of term assessments this week in Reading, SPaG and Maths. Everyone in the class has tried really hard and has put a lot of effort into achieving their best. Well done!



Cross Country News

Congratulations to Mabel, Joseph and Theadora who have all qualified for the West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals at Temple Newsome in February 2024. What an achievement! We wish them the best of luck for February.

Wreath Making event

On Thursday evening, we held a Wreath Making Evening for parents and the community. We had a lovely evening together and there were some very impressive wreaths produced. Thank you to those who joined us. We hope you enjoyed your evening!



Notices

- Thursday 14th December (afternoon) -Christmas Shopping Event - If you have any unwanted new/nearly new items that you would like to donate to our PTFA Christmas Shopping event, there is a large green bag in the school reception area. Items such as toys, gifts for mums/dads etc. would be useful. **We are particularly short on men's gifts** so any donations would be appreciated! Thank you for your support!
- We raised £133.25 as a final total for Children In Need. Thank you to everyone for their contributions.
- We will be holding the Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice on Monday 18th December. Please can pupils come to school in PE wear appropriate for running on the school field. Pupils can bring their party clothes for the whole school party in the afternoon.

Diary Dates

- Monday 11th December 2pm—Christmas Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
- Tuesday 12th December 9.30am - Robins Christmas Nativity
- Wednesday 13th December 2.15pm - Robins Christmas Nativity
- Thursday 14th December pm—Christmas Shopping Event
- Monday 18th December am—Reindeer Run
- Monday 18th December pm - Whole School Christmas Party
- Wednesday 20th December pm—Whole School Christmas trip to Pantomime at Victoria Theatre
- Thursday 21st December 9am Christingle Assembly. Christmas Jumper Day—wear your Christmas Jumper to School for a suggested £1 donation to Overgate Hospice
- Thursday 21st December 3.20pm - School closes for Christmas
- Friday 22nd December—School closed to pupils
- Monday 8th January 2024—School reopens