

Netherton J&I School

Parents Newsletter



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Headteacher News :

Dear Parents,

Christmas Productions

Christmas has well and truly arrived in school as we have all embraced the Christmas spirit with some super Christmas performances from Early Years, Years 1&2 and Years 3&4. I thoroughly enjoyed watching them all as I hope that you did too!

It really is a pleasure to be around our fabulous children at Christmas time as they perform their nativities for proud parents and bring the joy of Christmas to our whole school community. We are really lucky to work in schools at this time of year, while it may be very busy and hard work, it is all worth it in the end as it magically seems to all come together on the day! The children were all amazing!

Years 5&6 performed their dress rehearsal this morning to the whole school and will be doing their shows for parents next Monday - you will be so proud as it sounded amazing today!

Well, what can I say - we certainly do have some shining stars at Netherton!! There really was some fantastic singing, dancing and acting in every performance from children of all ages. We have again have had some super solos, duets and group songs again this year! Well done to all children involved in the Christmas productions - you should be very proud of your efforts, bringing smiles to every audience.

A big thank you also to all staff for supporting our children to 'shine' from the creation of costumes and props to the teaching of acting and singing and supporting at the shows. A brilliant team effort once again by all.



A final thank you to parents/carers for supporting the children at these events and helping to raise money for our Friends of Netherton PTA group through raffle ticket sales. This is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the PTA for taking the time to come and sell and fold lots of tickets!! We look forward to the Year 5&6 performances next week.



Panto

Children from EY2-Year 6 enjoyed a real treat on Monday morning this week as they all watched the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at Wakefield Theatre Royal. A fabulous time was had by all. Many thanks to our PTA who fully funded the cost of the coaches which is £1,695 to enable everybody to attend this lovely event!



EY1 Christmas Treat

Whilst everyone was at the panto our nursery children enjoyed watching Cinderella with some special food treats provided by our lovely kitchen team.

Parent Governor Election

Following the recent parent vote, we are pleased to announce that Mr. Joel Hinchliffe received the majority vote and has been elected as our new parent governor. We warmly welcome him to the governing body. We would also like to thank Mrs. Karen Speight for her application and for her continued support of our school.

CAP - Thank You

I received a lovely letter by email this week from CAP thanking our school community for our Harvest Collection for CAP. See below:

I wanted to thank you all at school for your support with the Harvest in the Autumn through St Andrews. Please would you pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone concerned, as these donations are so vital to us as we try to help people in as many ways as we can. It means so very much to us to know that people want to help in this way.

Interim Reports

Before the end of term, you will receive your child's interim report via the hub, containing details of their attainment and progress. Please be aware that you may receive these on different days/times due to staff workload however you will have them by the end of term.

We hope you find the information to be a useful update of how your child is doing in school. If parents would like to discuss any concerns arising from the interim reports, then please make an appointment with the class teacher in January.

Reminder - School Closures:

A reminder of our school closure procedures during the winter months.

Whilst we make every effort to keep the school open, there may be times when we have to close, either for a full day or during the day. We understand that the majority of our children live within walking distance and can get to school in most circumstances. However, some of our staff live further afield and have difficulty getting in during heavy snow, making it difficult to maintain our pupil to staff ratios. There are a number of other health and safety issues we also need to consider to ensure the safety of everyone whilst they are in school.

In the event of an unplanned school closure due to heating failure, severe weather, major absence of staff and so on, the following procedure will be implemented.

- Check your *Parent Hub* app messages - we will let you know if school is going to be closed for the day as early as we can. We will also let you know if school closes during the day by *Parent*

Hub app. (Please ensure we have up to date mobile numbers.)

- Listen to Pulse 1 & Greatest Hits Radio West Yorkshire who will be providing winter weather school closure coverage again this winter.
- A list of school closures will also be displayed on the Wakefield council website:
<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-closures/>

If the school closes during the day, staff that live near to school will stay with children who cannot be picked up quickly; please travel safely on these occasions and remember the children will be in good hands.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Parties

Monday 15th December - Early Years am

Tuesday 16th December - Years 1 & 2 pm

Wednesday 17th December - Years 3 & 4 pm

Thursday 18th December - Years 5 & 6pm



Community Events

Tuesday 16th December - Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church at 6pm.

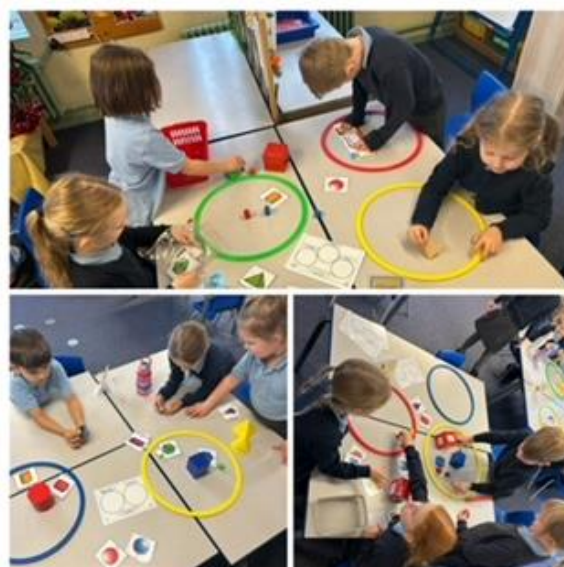
On the 23rd December Santa will be going round the village with his helpers, setting off from the top of the village at about 4.30. There will be a Google map link to follow him around that will be shared in the Facebook event. Donations are for the hospice this year.

School finishes for Christmas on Friday 19th December and returns on Monday 5th January 2026.

Class News:

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about 3d shapes this week. They practically sorted these into group brilliantly! Mrs Cunliffe



Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed learning about a balanced diet in Science this week. The children tasted foods from the different food groups. Miss Reid



Year 4

Super presentations in Year 4 this week! In RE, the children are learning about how Christmas is celebrated across the World. Miss Brook





Endeavour Award



EY2:

Robyn Gill

Class 1:

Theodore Hill

Class 3:

Inge Kattenberg-Renberg

Charlie Davitt

Class 5:

Charles Blackburn

Charlie Berry

Class 2:

Rosie Reid

Jack Mellor

Class 4:

Kate Rowher

Masie Williams

Elsbeth Gibson

Matthew Walkden

Class 6:

Lacie Bottomley



Star of the Week



Early Years 1:

Max Lodge

Jasmine Burgess

Asher Drotsky-Perera

Joel Timmins-Griffin