

Welcome to our...  
School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy term in school, the children have all worked really hard and they are making good progress. It is great to see children enjoying learning so much and relishing a challenge. The children and staff have also produced some brilliant Christmas performances and taken part in Inspire mornings, tree projects and sporting activities. Throughout all of these their behaviour has been excellent and they are an absolute credit to themselves, their families and to school.

What have we been up to this term?

Multi faith Tree Planting To celebrate national interfaith week people from all faiths, cultures, traditions and age groups gathered together to plant a tree in the park. Class 2 attended the event and got the opportunity to meet the mayor.



What have we been doing in school? Foundation stage were joined by their parents in school today for a Christmas themed Inspire day. They took part in lots of craft activities and Santa came to visit. Year 3 created some amazing models of air raid shelters and war time gardens with families during their Inspire morning. Year 5 made some mummies and canopic jars during their Inspire and Year 6 have taken part in a fantastic animation day with a lady from the National Media Museum. They made fantastic animations of 'The Snowman'.



Yorkshire Tree & Green Tree Award For the past five years Yorkshire Tea

have been working in partnership with the Woodland Trust to provide free tree packs to schools which has resulted in over a million trees being planted in the UK. To celebrate the achievement Yorkshire Tea took over Thorp Perrow Arboretum, to unveil a photography exhibition with a difference – an immersive display projecting the faces of those involved in the tree-planting project onto trees. We were delighted to be asked to be part of this amazing event because we have played such a vital role in planting trees. Projections featured children, teachers and our Governor and Woodland Trust volunteer Mr Parkinson. We have also been awarded a gold award by the Woodland Trust for getting involved in green activities including tree planting, visiting local parks/ woodlands and recycling. The *Green Tree Schools* initiative, offers the opportunity to bring the great outdoors, wildlife and green issues into the classroom and we are very proud of this achievement. We are now working towards the platinum award!





Fundraising and Book Bus A big thank you for all your generosity this half term. We have raised lots of money for a range of good causes including school through movie night, Santa's grotto and non-uniform days, as well as commission from the book bus. A special thank you needs to go to the lovely mums Farrah, Nabila, Viral, Saima, Javairya, Sumaiyah and Sajida who cooked up a storm with amazing curry dishes etc at movie night. We also have to say how proud we are of a pupil in Year 4 who decided he would like to raise money to help the homeless so he completed a sponsored bicycle ride around Clumber park raising an amazing £150 for CAP.

Sporting Success We have taken part in a range of sporting events with our local pyramid schools. Children in Year 5 displayed brilliant teamwork and determination during the boys and girl's athletic events at Cathedral High School. We also had a great result from the indoor football event, the boys came 1st and brought the trophy back to school. The girls played well and came 4th, well done everyone.



School Priorities The school development plan for the year has been set and signed off by the governing body so I can now inform you of our school priorities. We are going to maintain a focus on reading this year as we have seen a rise in attainment as a result. We also want to continue promoting the love of books and reading for pleasure. We are going to focus on problem solving and reasoning in maths and challenging more able pupils to achieve greater depth standard. We are also placing a focus on times tables and a great resource to support children is TT rock stars that can be accessed from home. As a school we pride ourselves on how we provide a wide and varied curriculum. Recently this has become more of a focus with OFSTED so we will be reviewing our curriculum offer to ensure we are doing all we can to provide the best learning experiences for our children.

Traffic and Parking Can parents please take care whilst driving and parking near school. There have been numerous concerns raised about parents parking irresponsibly sometimes on the pavement close to school. Could parents also refrain from parking in the staff car park and the disabled bay.

Dates to Remember!

Monday 6th January – School Opens after Christmas

And finally... Everyone at school would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas with your families and best wishes for a brilliant 2020.

To see regular updates of the great things happening in school follow us on Twitter @WakefieldMetSch and @MrsClark17

