

7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance This week's attendance is 89.73% unfortunately this is well below our target of 97%.

Jack and the Beanstalk Reading Initiative The winner of our reading initiative this week is Robert and last week's winner was Charlotte.

Author Day On Wednesday all the children travelled to the Robinson Institute to meet the children's author, Billy Bob Buttons the author of sixteen very popular children's books. Throughout the day, he delivered workshops, focusing on Planning a Story, Adventure Writing and Characters.

Hear my Voice well done to the children who took part in this programme. Their performance on Thursday of the song they composed and recorded was 'awesome' said one of the spectators.

Christmas Play We have the pleasure of inviting you to our Christmas performance on:

**Wednesday 12th December at 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm**  
**Over 60's performance Tuesday 11th December at 2.00 pm**

Christmas Hampers FOLS will be making Christmas hampers on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to raffle at the Christmas Play. **Donations of any Christmas produce would be most welcome.**

Theatre Visit Remember we will be leaving school promptly at 8.45 am on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. **Please ensure your child is in school at 8.40 am at the latest.**

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be a non-uniform day. If you would like your child to join in the fun they can come to school in a Christmas jumper or just wear festive colours.

Recorder club The last recorder club for this half term will be Monday 10th December. After the successful participation this half term, it will begin again on Monday 14th January **Time: 3:30- 4:15.**



Carol Service

We would like to invite parents, grandparents and friends of the school to our Carol Service at: Lealholm RC Church Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Time 2.00 pm. Instead of a collection plate if you would like to donate a small gift (no batteries) for a child, we will take these to the Salvation Army in Whitby for distribution.

Parents can take their children home after the service, once they have collected their belongings from school.

### Team Point updates

Juniors: Red – Chloe, Yellow – Daniel, Blue – Hannah, Green – Xavier

Infants: Red – Ava, Yellow – Emma, Blue - Robbie, Green – Chloe

Christmas Lunch Tuesday 18th December. All the children will join us for a traditional Christmas Dinner this year along with Staff and Governors.

As usual, the children sit in 'family' groups of six or eight children and we would like them to decorate the tables and bring additional treats to make the lunch more festive.

The children have organised their groups and decided on something they would like to bring. These are such things as a tablecloth, place mats, place name cards, napkins, chocolate mints (no nuts or crisps), drinks or a table decoration (no candles).

Christmas Party Thursday 20th - We encourage the children to bring a change of clothing for the party, which needs to be in a named carrier bag. We would also appreciate a plate of party food from each family, such as:

Sandwiches – favourites are ham, cheese, tuna

or egg

Sausage rolls

Sausages or cheese and pineapple

Vegetable sticks and dips

Pizza slices

Cakes and buns

Tray bakes

Forest Schools Over the course of this half term, the Y4 children have participated in Forest Schools. They have thoroughly enjoyed their time getting the opportunity to explore the forest; making dens, creating jewellery from natural materials and enjoying a delicious hot chocolate are just some of the activities they have been fortunate enough to participate in. Due to the Christmas Play being next Wednesday (12th December) the Y4 children have now completed their sessions for this term. After the Christmas holidays, the Y5 children will take part in Forest schools for the first half term of the spring term.

Northumberland Theatre Company (NTC) Present 'The little Maid Who Danced to Every Mood' a Scandinavian adventure story suitable for all the family. At Glaisdale Robinson Institute on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December, time 6.30 pm (doors open 6pm). Tickets on sale now - call 01947 897945 / 07472 622243 / or email: [valleynews@basementpress.com](mailto:valleynews@basementpress.com) (Tickets: £9 adults, child £6, family £25). Any profits will go to Glaisdale School.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

### Holiday Dates 2018-2019

Friday 21st December	Close for Christmas Break
Monday 7th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 8th January	School opens for Spring Term
Friday 22nd February	Close for half term 3.30 pm
Monday 4th March	Return to School
Friday 12th April	Close for Easter Break 3.30 pm
Monday 29th April	School Opens for Summer Term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	Close for half term 3.30 pm
Monday 3rd June	Return to School
Friday 19th July	Close for Summer Break 3.30 pm
Monday 22nd July	Staff Training Day

