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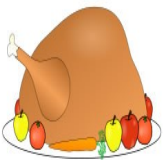
We held 2 'Sharing in Learning Open Afternoons' for KS2, Reception Class and KS1 this term. These afternoons gave parents the opportunity to come into school to work with their child and to see what was being taught in class.

Thank you to parents who attended. Your support is very much appreciated.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!

On 11th December we all enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch cooked by our Taylor Shaw staff. A huge thank you to them for such a delicious meal!

Wearing our Christmas jumpers and singing along to Christmas music helped us get in the festive mood!



Christmas Parties

Children have thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties this week. There was plenty of dancing, party games, treats and fun to be had!

Children enjoyed their refreshments too and were each given a selection box as a gift from school.

On 20th December our Advent Window was opened at the Baby and Toddler Kingdom store in Bondgate Street. Our artwork for this was of Ruben, one of the Zurbaran paintings. This links to the unique heritage of Bishop Auckland as well as the traditional Nativity Story. Well done Year 6 for their fabulous display and thank you to the Y6 singers for their joyful singing at the opening of the event.



After School Clubs

After School Clubs will not resume in the New Year until these are finalised. Information will be sent to parents once we return to school.

Year 1 Dance Festival

On 10th December Year 1 took part in a dance festival at Bishop Barrington School. The children were coached by Ashleigh Ross and performed a hip hop routine.

The children enjoyed performing their dance and it was amazing to see how well they had learnt their moves!

Well done Year 1!

Escomb Choir

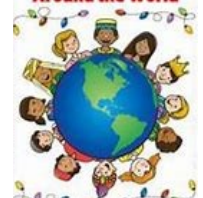


The choir have performed at various events over this festive period. On 30th November they sang at Witton Park Methodist Church Christmas Fayre. They were also invited to sing at an Angel Trust event at Hardwick Hall. This was a fantastic and magical experience for our children and staff. On every occasion the audiences commented on how talented how young singers are and how well-mannered and behaved they are. We are very proud of our school choir! Thank you to parents who bring their children along to the events outside of school time—your support is much appreciated! It is through taking part in community events that our school continues to be held in high esteem.

Children of the World Christmas Performance

On 13th December we held our Christmas performance at Cockton Hill Methodist Church. This year as always all our children were fantastic! They showed what true little stars they are! We hope that parents enjoyed the performance as much as we did!

Thank you to BA Methodist Church for hosting us and for parent's support.



The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Disco on December 19th. Thank you to Rob Proud for all the fun dancing games and helping to create a wonderful party atmosphere!



We wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year! We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

6th December 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	Maya D
Year 1	Lois L
Year 2	Oscar D
Year 3	Jamie S
Year 4	Cody E
Year 5	Charlotte D
Year 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week

Oscar D and all of Year 6

Star of the Week Award

13th December 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	Whole Class
Year 1	Whole Class
Year 2	Whole Class
Year 3	Whole Class
Year 4	Whole Class
Year 5	Whole Class
Year 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week

Every single child in school for a magnificent Christmas Performance.

Star of the Week Award

20th December 2019

Class Nominations

Reception	Whole Class
Year 1	Tom D
Year 2	Evie D
Year 3	Aela S
Year 4	Zaine B
Year 5	Eden S
Year 6	Jessie B

Superstar of the Week

Tom D and Jessie B

Class

Attendance

Autumn Term

Reception	95.7
Year 1	97.0
Year 2	96.5
Year 3	95.8
Year 4	96.0
Year 5	95.8
Year 6	98.3

Overall Winner

98.3 %

100% Attendance

Reception	Year 2	Year 5
Talia B	Harry C	Fynley B
Alexander L	Seb G	Jacob C
Jake N	Isla R	Chloe D
Lucas O'D	Riley R	Lucy H
Will P	Olivia S	Jack R
Evie R	Robbie S	Spencer S
Amelia W	Issac T	
Joseph W		<u>Year 6</u>
	<u>Year 3</u>	Jessie B
<u>Year 1</u>	Freya B	Jayden B
Chloe C	Kate D	Finlay C
Tom D	Sophie H	Kam C
Beth H	Nancy T	April G
Katie H	Mason T	Connie H
Lucas K		Daisy J
Luke Mc	<u>Year 4</u>	Ross J
Elijah O	Finley H	Ethan R
Olivia R	Daisy H	Connah R
Sophie R	Finley P	Aimee S
Hugo T		Jack S
		Abi T
		Aimee T
		Anna T
		Poppy W