



All Saints' Newsletter – 15th December 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well our final week in school has certainly been jam packed with Christmas fun! We've had the PTA Christmas Fair (I very much enjoyed my role as Chief Elf at the Grotto!), our delicious Christmas lunch, worn our Christmas jumpers, had our Christmas parties, completed Christmas crafts, enjoyed Christmas orchestra and choir concerts, as well as taking part in many of our own productions! I don't know how we've fitted it all in, but we're certainly all feeling very festive!



Our choir, led by Mrs Binney, lit up the King's Hall on Sunday with their lively festive repertoire at the King's Hall Open Day. The audience were treated to a range of carols and songs and enjoyed the Christmassy atmosphere they created. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the show and for supporting them so enthusiastically – they were a wonderful representation of our school.

Year 3 also enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Kings Hall to watch a performance of *The Snowman* film, accompanied live by the Bradford Youth Orchestra. The afternoon was full of festive fun, as they listened to the orchestra play live, along with a demonstration of their instruments. To finish, the children were able to join in singing *The Snowman*, *12 Days of Christmas* and *I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday!*



The Two Rivers Orchestra wowed us with their skills this week and thoroughly tested our knowledge of musical instruments at their Christmas Concert! A big thank you to them for joining us.



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This morning we were treated to a wonderful Carol Concert by The Ilkley Singers from St Margaret's Church Choir. They got our last day off to a very joyous and Christmassy start and we enjoyed joining in with some of the songs. I am sure they have inspired many of the children to join a choir after their accomplished performance.

Nativity Performances



Last week our Reception children wowed us with their very first performance at All Saints' Primary School with their retelling of the nativity story. They sang with huge voices and impressed us all with their wonderful dancing, speaking and drama. Well done on completing this important milestone with such enthusiasm and brilliance. We look forward to seeing them in many more performances as they move through school.

Our Year 3 and 4 children held the annual 'Carols by Candlelight' retelling of the nativity story in All Saints' Church on Tuesday evening and our Year 1 and 2 children performed their 'Carols and Mince Pies' telling of the nativity on Wednesday. Both performed to a packed church and told the story beautifully through their wonderful singing, confident readings and actions. A huge well done to them all for such engaging performances.



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Year 6 Christmas Stockings

Our Year 6 children have designed and sewed their own Christmas stockings as part of their Design and Technology project this half term ready to be hung on Christmas Eve. They look fantastic and their sewing skills have been transformed. Thank you to all the volunteers who have supported the children with this and threaded many a needle in these last few weeks!



Neverland Performance

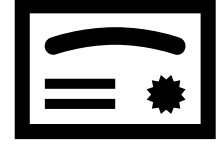
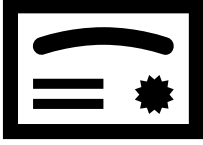


We were treated to another engaging performance by the Saltmine Theatre Group, at All Saints' Church, based on the famous Peter Pan Story. The performance included all the well-known characters including Wendy, Peter, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook and reinforced the message that we need each other and there's room for everyone to play their part and no one is written out. A huge thank you to Judith Osborne, one of our foundation governors, for organising the event with support from the Spooner Trust.



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Headteacher Awards

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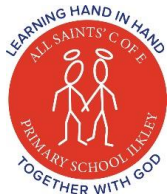
KS2



Congratulations to all our Headteacher Award recipients who have continued their excellent attitudes, displayed our school values and hard work right up until the end of the term! We are all incredibly impressed and proud of your achievements and contribution to All Saints' Primary School. Well done!

Extra-Curricular Sports

Another round of the Y5/6 IGS Winter Football League has been held, with both our Year 5 girls and boys representing us in their respective matches against Sacred Heart. **A smaller, combined Y5/6 squad will now be selected for the remaining league fixtures and communicated shortly.** A huge thank you to all the children who have taken part in matches so far – it has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm to get involved!



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Girls

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The Year 5 girls came up against some tricky opposition for their fixture but fought superbly throughout the game, staying in contention right until the closing moments. After falling behind 2-0, the girls regrouped at half-time and Sophie C soon scored a great breakaway goal to bring the score back to 2-1. We continued to press forward until a late third goal for the opposition put the result out of reach. The way the girls listened to their half-time team talk was great to see, and their resilience was fabulous.

Team: Alex, Bea, Emily S, Annie, Poppy, Matilda, Sophie C, Kitty, Harriet

Mr P's Player of the Match: Sophie C (5Q)

Boys

All Saints 3 Sacred Heart 3

After the original was postponed at short notice, the Year 5 boys finally got their run out on Wednesday this week – and the match was definitely worth the wait! Right from kick-off, the pace of the match was high with the action heading from end to end in rapid succession. Wilf opened the scoring with a superb, powerful finish from the left of the goal and we were able to maintain the lead until half-time. Following an early second-half equaliser, we took control with two more goals – the first from Henry M and then a second from Wilf that was so good that we wish it had been captured on video to share with you all! In the closing stages, Sacred Heart continued to press and, despite some heroic defending and goalkeeping, they managed to score two late goals to secure the draw. Well done to the boys for participating in such a high-quality and highly entertaining match!

Team: Henry H, Charlie, Nicolas, Ben K, Seb, Max, Ben K, Alex, Stevie, Henry M, Wilf, Dhruv

Mr P's Player of the Match: Wilf (5C)

Future Events

Cross Country Races

Please note the new date for the Ghyll Royd race, which was recently postponed.

3 Feb: Ben Rhydding

2 Mar: Our own event! Held at Ilkley Lido

24 Feb Ghyll Royd

16 Mar: Relays at Nell Bank (KS2, invitation only)

Year 5/6 Football League

10 Jan: Boys

17 Jan: Girls (then B/G alternate weeks)



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Office requests

If children are being collected by someone not on the authorised collection list, please could parents provide permission for this in advance by contacting the office.

Community News

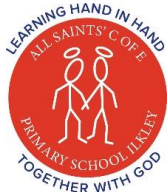
We have received a request from the Children's Commissioner, Rachel De Souza, for children and parents to complete her 'Big Ambition' survey, the deadline for which is Friday 19th January.

Children and parents can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition or by using the QR code in the flyer attached to this email.

I hope you have enjoyed this very Christmassy edition of the newsletter and it just leaves me to wish a very Merry Christmas to all our children and families and to say a huge thank you for all your ongoing support over this last year. It has been very much appreciated. Enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 3rd January in the New Year.

Helen Dunn



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DIARY DATES

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4PH Class Collective Worship and class visit	9.01.24
Year 3 Parent lunches	15.01.24-26.01.24
4H Class collective worship and class visit	16.01.24
5C Class collective worship and class visit	30.01.24
5Q Class collective worship and class visit	6.02.24
Year 1 St Valentine's Performance	9.02.24
Cross Country, Ben Rhydding	3.02.24
Parent Consultation Evening	20.02.24
Parent Consultation Evening	22.02.24
Cross Country, Ghyll Royd	24.02.24
6J Class collective worship and class visit	27.02.24
Cross Country, All Saints' (Ilkley Lido)	2.03.24
Year 4 Parent lunches	4.03.24 -15.03.24
6B Class collective worship and class visit	12.03.24
Drama group performance	15.03.24
Reception Spring Show	22.03.24
2F Class collective worship and class visit	16.04.24
Year 6 parent lunches	22.04.24-3.05.24
2BD Class collective worship and class visit	23.04.24
Year 2 May performance - Pentecost	3.05.24
1M Class collective worship and class visit	7.05.24
KS2 SATS	13.05.24-16.05.24
1MS Class collective worship and class visit	21.05.24
Year 6 Residential	10.06.24 -14.06.24
Year 5 and Reception parent lunches	17.06.24-28.06.24
Year 6 Leavers' Service	18.07.24