

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of November and our Christmas festivities will soon be upon us! We have lots of exciting events planned for the children so please check the diary dates and the timings to ensure you can enjoy being part of these. Christmas Jumper Day and class parties will also take place in the last week of term. Details will follow shortly.

Children in Need

Last Friday's Children in Need 'Be Spotacular' day, raised a huge £465 for Children in Need. Our giant Pudsey Bear was certainly 'spotacular' as you can see! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and supporting the children to raise such a huge amount – it certainly tested School Council's maths skills adding it all up!



Plumber Drummer

This week, we enjoyed a fantastic performance from the 'Plumber Drummer'! It was great to see all the children across school in the hall enjoying the concert together – there was plenty of clapping, cheering and singing along! Drumming is a growing area of interest in our music lessons and we've certainly been inspired further. Thank you to Mrs Binney for organising.

Adults should be able to find more about the Plumber Drummer (Nathan!) on social media.







<u>Headteacher Awards – 23rd November</u>



KS1



KS2



A huge well done to those receiving a Headteacher Award this week. It was wonderful to hear from staff in the celebration assembly about all the fantastic learning and behaviours the children consistently show. Well done everyone!



Fire Engine Visit

Year 2 are studying the Fire of London in history. They have looked at what the fire fighters used in 1666 and how difficult it was to put the fire out. As a comparison we have looked at fire-fighting today. The children had great fun using the hoses and learning about the different equipment fire fighters have today.





















Class Collective Worships to Parents

3S and 3W have each led a collective worship to their parents and their fellow key stage pupils. These allowed both classes to celebrate all their achievements and dedication towards their learning since the start of the school year. The morning then continued with parents being invited back into the classrooms to participate in some art with their child. The task was to create some work inspired by Stone Age cave paintings. We have been very impressed with the artistic skills of our parents!

Thank you to all the parents for participating in the activities so willingly, and to all the children in Year 3! You did a brilliant job and your teachers are very proud of you.

Extra-Curricular Sports

The Y5/6 winter football leagues have begun, organised through Ilkley Grammar School. 8 teams are taking part in each league (boys and girls) meaning 7 league matches before teams get separated into different finals nights around Easter time.

Boys

Match Report by Ewan in 6B

On Wednesday 15th, the boys' football team went to the 4G at Ben Rhydding to play their first league match of the new season. We were up against Burley Oaks and all were fired up about playing their first game for school. Early on, Burley scored which made the team feel a bit deflated, but nevertheless, we pushed for an equaliser. After half-time, we got off to a great start with lots of possession and a few chances on goal. We continued to fight for that equaliser but unfortunately let our defence slip and Burley got a second goal. Despite feeling a bit dejected, the team still pushed on until the final whistle. In the end, it was 2-0 to Burley but the team will go into their next match more determined than ever!

Team: Ismaeel, James, Jasper, Benedict, Tom R, Thomas G, Charlie, Oscar, Thomas C, Ewan (c), Edward

Mr P's Player of the Match: Oscar (6J)

Girls

Our Y6 girls followed with their first fixture last night (Weds 22nd) and managed a 2-2 draw in a high-quality match against some tough opposition (again Burley Oaks). The match was very competitive throughout and we were unlucky not to pick up the win after leading 1-0 and 2-1. Both our goals were scored by Hattie but it was definitely a magnificent all-round team performance with skill, effort and enthusiasm shown by every single player.



Team: Tilly O, Carmen, Faith, Sophia, Rosa, Erin, Hattie (c), Maggie, Tilly S

Mr P's Player of the Match: Erin (6J)

Future Events

Cross Country Races

After the recent cancellation of the Ghyll Royd race, we are still waiting to hear if it will be rearranged.

3 Feb: Ben Rhydding 2 Mar: Our own event! Held at Ilkley Lido

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

Year 5/6 Football League

29 Nov: Y5 Boys 6 Dec: Y5 Girls

Squads are set for these fixtures and will then be reviewed for the remaining league matches after Christmas.

Community News

Attached are two community flyers, including the Christmas Services at All Saints' Church. For all budding photographers, I have also received a request from the Youth Committee of the Rotary Club, Ilkley, for any outstanding entries for their Photography Competition (for children) which closes on 30th November. All information can be found on the Ilkley Wharfedale Rotary Club website Ilkley Young Photographer of the Year - Rotary Club of Ilkley Wharfedale (rotary-ribi.org)

Just a reminder, we are also collecting Christmas Gifts for Refugee Action this December. Please bring any gifts into school by Friday 1st December, when they will be collected.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Helen Dunn



DIARY DATES

DIARY DATES	Date
Reception Nativity	5.12.23 9am
PTA Christmas Fair	9.12.23 2-4pm
Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	12.12.23
Carol Service Year 3 and Year 4, All Saints' Church	12.12.23 6.30pm
Year 1 + 2 Carols and Mince Pies, All Saints' Church	13.12.23 2pm
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
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