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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS 20th DECEMBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of term, I would like to share some news and information with you. We have had a lovely (and very busy!) last few weeks with a wide range of festive activities, including some excellent Art and Design work for calendars and cards. I have included some brilliant examples from Nursery and Reception above.

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Mrs Lavelle
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS SHOWS AND 6W Class Assembly

The Christmas Shows were fabulous as usual and it was lovely to return to full audiences for these events. We are very proud of all of our children for their involvement in these. A big thank you to all of our staff and volunteers for their hard work in bringing these shows together.

We also very much enjoyed Mr Walsh's Class assembly today and were very impressed with their maturity and hard work during this half term's English and History topic. Well done 6W!

SCHOOL CHOIR

As already mentioned on Class Dojo, I have been so impressed by our School Choir. They have sung beautifully at three different venues within our community this December: Chester View Care Home; Ouston Community Centre for the Neuro Active UK group (who



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support people with brain injuries and strokes) and Holy Trinity Church, Pelton. They have represented our school so well and we are very proud of them all.

SALVATION ARMY TOY APPEAL

A very big thank you for your response to this appeal. As a school community, we have helped to supply over 230 bags of gift to families in need within the local area. This is very much appreciated and the Salvation Army have asked me to pass on their thanks and best wishes.

TEAM WINNERS

Our Red Team are the overall winners for the Autumn term! As their prize, they will have a Non-Uniform day on **Friday 6th January 2023.**

RECYCLING

Just a quick update on the small electrical recycling project we are part of with Durham County Council. We have a box in school where you can send in small unwanted or broken electrical items for re-cycling.

Since the project launched, Durham County Council have **recycled 16 tonnes** of small electrical items (That's about a tenth of the weight of the Statue of Liberty!).

This will continue next year so please send these items in when needed or drop off at the School Office.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Please find attached information about some activities in our local area plus guidance about Winter Illnesses.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

For December the overall attendance figure was 92.3%

Attendance in each class for December was as follows:

Reception: 88%

Miss Curles Class: 94.5%

Mrs Exley's Class: 95.4%

Mrs Baum's Class: 95.2%

Miss Stebbings Class: 94.8%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 95.7%

Miss Allen's Class: 91%

Mr Storrar's Class: 93.4%



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Mr Walsh's Class: 88.4%

Mrs Dadswell's Class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners for December and I will bring the bear to their classroom after the holidays!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

4th January 2023: STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

5th January 2023 – Children return to school

17th February 2023 – Miss Allen's Class Assembly at 9.10am and Mrs Exleys Class assembly at 2.30pm

17th February – Break up for half term week.



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