



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It doesn't feel like we should be at the end of our first term this year...our first day in September seems like it was only last week...but what a great term it has been and the progress and love of learning across school has been amazing! We are all looking forward to seeing what next term will bring...

What a jam-packed end to the half term we have had; nativities, pantomime and cinema visits, Christmas performances, Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner, Christingle service and a Santa dash! We have been so fortunate to offer the children these wonderful, festive enrichments and I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to the staff across the Federation who work tirelessly to make these events happen - we really do have a great team across our two church schools.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy this festive time with your nearest and dearest, see you all in 2024!

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Key Stage 2 Production of the Snow Queen at Haydon Bridge High School

We were immensely proud of our Key Stage 2 children from both schools on Friday, as they performed their Christmas production of 'The Snow Queen' to over 90 people for the first showing and a whopping 185 people in the second showing!

Performing on a stage, with microphones, a sound system and lighting can be quite daunting but it was quite clear to see the confidence, resilience and dedication each and every member of Key Stage 2 brought to the production with dancing, singing, acting and a bit of Christmas sparkle! Check out the pictures on Facebook - we can't wait to see what the next production at the High School will be next Christmas!

Class News

Tyne Class

Tyne class has enjoyed a jam packed last week of the half term. We have written letters to Santa and have also done some fabulous cvc word writing. We have been acting out the Christmas story, making crafts and have enjoyed the panto, Christmas lunch and a party. Wow! What a week! We are definitely ready for a well deserved rest. Well done everyone!

Thames Class

Wow what a busy term Thames class have had! Year 1 have been working hard to consolidate their understanding of addition and subtraction. Year 2 have started to look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In English we have been working hard on the structure of sentences and are using different conjunctions to extend our sentences and amazing adjectives to make our sentences more interesting. This week we enjoyed our visit to the Queen's Hall to see Snow White. We had a fantastic party to end the year. We can't wait to see what next year brings. Have a fantastic Christmas!

Rhine Class

Rhine Class have had an extremely busy few weeks on the lead up to Christmas. We have had our wonderful Christmas Performance 'The Snow Queen' which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We have been to the Centre for Life to take part in scientific investigations and ice skating. We have been to the cinema to watch 'The Grinch who stole Christmas' and held our Christingle service. We have had Christmas dinner and our end of year Christmas party. The children have also enjoyed the antics of the 'naughty' elf who has been very mischievous. On top of all this, they have completed all their end of term quizzes and have done incredibly well with these.

Nile Class

The children in Nile class have been looking at chronological order this week. They have looked at sequencing the events for the Christmas story and how to sequence steps in a set of instructions. The children have focused on how they can use time fronted adverbials as sentence starters when writing in chronological order.



Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Jayden

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Nile Class

Etiquette Award - Emily T

Environmental Award - Jack Bd, Ellie

Kindness Award - Matthew, Cole

Role model Award - Thames Class



Attendance: Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an exciting learning journey

Tyne - 100%

Thames - 97.5%

Rhine - 93%

Nile - 97.9%

Whole School - 96.1%

Our target for attendance is 96%

Opening Schools Facilities - National Press Release

The Department for Education has worked with their partners, RISE, to facilitate opening schools facilities further to get children and our communities more active and engaged in physical activity. At Henshaw and Greenhead Primary Schools, we have been successful in our bids to develop our sporting clubs and after schools facilities and have been chosen as a case study of how developing after school clubs has a huge benefit to young children. Last week, our football team and one of our Reception cohorts took part in a photoshoot to promote our great work through a national press release. Here are some examples of the photographs taken.



St Oswald's Hospice

We will continue to support the wonderful work of our local charity, 'St Oswald's Hospice', in the coming year. Thank you for your help so far with our fundraising efforts, where



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all profits will go towards supporting families in our local area who desperately need this provision. St Oswald's sent a goodbye celebration video with the children, which was a lovely way to mark the end of the Shaun the Sheep trail. Look out for our next fundraising event, a film night, after Christmas!

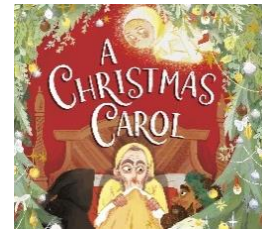
A quick message from our local library

Haltwhistle library are running a series of holiday activities tomorrow, including a dance production and workshop based on 'A Christmas Carol'.

Aptly named 'The Three Jolly Ghosts of Christmas', it is a brand new contemporary take on the classic tale touring Northumberland Libraries this Christmas holidays and coming to Haltwhistle on 23rd December at 10.30am.

(Please see the poster on the last page)

Tickets are 'Pay As You Decide' on the day, but places need to be booked using the following link:



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-three-jolly-ghosts-of-christmas-tickets-730676000587>

Teacher training Day

Today, school will close for the next two weeks for the Christmas holidays. **On Monday 8th January**, we start the term with a Teacher Training Day whereby school is closed to children.

We look forward to welcoming the children and their families back to school on **Tuesday 9th January** for the start of Spring Term.

From all of the staff across the West Tyne Church Schools Federation, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

A final thought...

It is through our family that we first learn to compromise, and come to an understanding that even if we don't always agree about things, we can still love and look out for each other. **Sara Sheridan**



The Three Jolly Ghosts of Christmas

Saturday 23 December, 10.30am | Haltwhistle Library

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scan the QR code to
book tickets!



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