

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



We would like to welcome all children back to school and wish everyone a Happy New Year! Last year at the end of term we had some amazing events, including our school fair, pantomime, KS1 nativity and KS2 production to name but a few.

All of our children are split into Houses with school – Lucas, Fairfax, Rupert and Cromwell. To start of the festive period, we held a House singing competition. Each House chose 2 songs and performed them in front of our Governor judging panel. The children were fantastic and put such a lot of effort in to the singing. All of the songs were amazing and we even had some acapella songs and harmonisation. Well done to LUCAS, whose rendition of We Three Kings and Walking in a Winter Wonderland won them the contest



This week we had the official opening of 'The Waller Suite', our new extension. Gail Brown, CEO of Ebor Academy Trust, and Jen Waller came to Tockwith to officially open the extension, with year 4 and some of our governors there to watch. The children love the new area and we are happy to have an area that is in memory of Norman.



What an awesome KS1 we have!! This week has seen them performing their nativity 'Humph the Camel' at Tockwith Church to the school, Tick Tock Daycare limited and

also all of their parents, carers and grandparents. The children have been practicing at school over the last few weeks and this week wow'd the audiences with their incredible acting roles, narrating and singing. Many thanks to Miss Kilvington, Miss Cunningham and Mrs Williamson for their patience and determination in ensuring the children all knew their lines and where to stand. Thank you to the teaching assistants for guiding the children on where to walk and to the children for putting in unlimited enthusiasm for the nativity, for standing in for the friends when they were taken poorly and for enjoying their nativity!



On Friday we held our PTFA Christmas Fair in the school hall. There were so many different stalls to visit including the chocolate tombola, snowball bowling, play your cards right (higher/lower), sweet stall, teddy tombola, face painting and tattoos as well as the snowman nose game and some toys and books for sale. There was also a cafe with tea's and coffee's and kindly donated cakes and biscuits as well as the raffle! The final part of this fair was of course, Santa's Grotto – an amazing transformation of the Den into a magical Christmas wonderland! We had an incredible turnout, with parents, carers and children enjoying the stalls and refreshments. Thank you to everyone who came along and either helped set up, manned a stall, baked a cake or came along and enjoyed the fair itself, your support really is appreciated. The fair made over £1000 before costs which is an amazing amount – thank you again to everyone for your support. We wish you all a very merry Christmas!!



After weeks of practice, today our children in KS2 put on two amazing performances to parents, grandparents, carers and family members. We had some excellent lines read out clearly and confidently and a great performance by our 'Papa Panov'. Thank you to Mrs Perry and the KS2 teachers for their time taken to teach the children the

lines and songs. The children did a beautiful job and we also had some lovely solo performances. Well done to everyone involved.



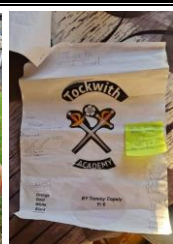
This week we had our annual Christmas lunch and what a feast it was! Mrs Hobson and her team made a delicious meal of roast turkey with all the trimmings or a vegetable tart followed by a festive biscuit. Staff and children tucked in and enjoyed the lunch whilst wearing their festive outfits! We raised over £70 for the Christmas Jumper charity so thank you to everyone who supported us with that.



We also had Mrs McBride and Mrs Jackson in school creating Christingle's with the children. A Christingle begins with an orange, which is used to represent the whole world. A red ribbon is placed around the outside of the orange. This is a symbol of Jesus' love and how he gave his life to save humankind. Four sticks are stuck into the orange to represent the four seasons: winter, spring, summer and autumn. Thank you Mrs McBride & Mrs Jackson for your time and effort with the children creating these.



Tommy, a child in our current Y6 class, has spent his own time creating an amazing piece of artwork that he has donated to our school to be displayed outside school. He has worked with his father to create, plan, carry out and finish an amazing replica of our school logo – all from old pallets! What an incredible achievement and such a kind, thoughtful thing to do – a true inspiration to the other pupils. Thank you Tommy



Today we took all of our children into Leeds to visit the Carriageworks Theatre to watch the pantomime Cinderella. The children were brilliant and behaved in a way that truly reflects Tockwith. Thank you to parents and carers for allowing their children to be kept out later than usual, we hope they aren't too tired tonight!



Check back with us next month to see what the new term brings!