

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 PTFA Christmas fair, KS1 nativity and KS2 production to name but a few.

At the end of November children walked down to Tockwith Church to take part in an 'Experience Church' session. The children were split into groups and took part in various activities through the session. The activities included discussing what names and nicknames mean to us, how to look for special things in the everyday, the virtue of patience and waiting for things, unexpected ending and what we can give to other such as hugs and our time. The children had a wonderful time in the sessions and many thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time to work with us and educated the children on the meaning of advent. It was lovely to see our governor Mrs Marriner in the church helping the children.



At the end of November, children from year 2 travelled to Read school to take part in a dodgeball competition. The team represented the school incredibly well with great spirit, nicely winning each match they played.



At the start of December our school choir travelled to Harrogate Convention Centre for a Christmas Concert. The children arrived at the Convention centre just after lunch and took part in an afternoon rehearsal with several other schools, an adult

choir and a full orchestra. The children had their packed lunches and then the evening concert started. What an incredible experience for our children, to sing with a real, full orchestra and several hundred other children. They children were brilliant and were a real credit to the school.



Our children in reception, year 1 and 2 have spent some of December rehearsing for their nativity. They performed the nativity at Tockwith Church to three packed audiences! Reception and Year 1 children looked amazing in their nativity costumes, with Year 1 and 2 telling the story. Bringing their own little touches to the story, they entertained us... who can forget the kings bringing Frankenstein rather than frankincense! Special thanks go to Mr Langley who helped to transport the stage to and from school- thank you!



An assembly in December was rocked by the Tockwith school Y5 and Y6 bands! The children 'rocked out' on stage with their teacher Mr Crilley and put on an awesome performance to parents and the remainder of the school. It takes a lot of courage to perform in a small group to such a lot of people and our children did an amazing job. Thank you to Mr Crilley and the children for this fabulous assembly.



A few months ago, children from years 3, 4 and 5 attended a cross country event. Many of our children came in the top 10 of their heats and were therefore invited to the Cross Country final that took place this in December. 14 children travelled to Selby College to take part in the event. The children were brilliant and tried their

best among stiff competition. Several of the children came in the top ten of the final – we are proud of all of them for taking part and trying their best!



Towards the end of December we had a VERY exciting day for Tockwith Primary. We had York Mix radio join us for a Reindeer Rush event in aid of St Leonard's Hospice. York Mix radio hosted an assembly for the children and they loved it!! The children watched a competition between teachers to see who could turn into a snowman first – with the help of a little toilet roll, I think team Goodacre and Williamson just pipped team Kilvington and Stanton to the winning post! The children then went out onto the playground to try and 'catch Santa'. All children ran around the playground a couple of times in their reindeer antlers. What a fab event and such fun for all of the staff and children. Many thanks to parents and carers for their support and for the sponsorship money – we don't have an exact figure yet but we have had a lot of envelopes handed in!



At the end of the term we held our PTFA Christmas Fair and what an event that was!! With games including 'Throw the snowball down the chimney', 'Play your cards right', 'Ping Pong onto the Snowman' and stalls such as Chocolate Tombola, toy stall and face painting - the children had an awesome time. We had a cafe in Y2 which had a roaring trade and also Santa's grotto where children met Santa!





In the last week of term our KS2 children had their Christmas Concert – The Little Christmas Tree. A story of friendship and inclusiveness and the children performed fantastically – some beautiful solo singing. We had an amazing turn out of parents in support of their children and it was fantastic to see the hall so full!

