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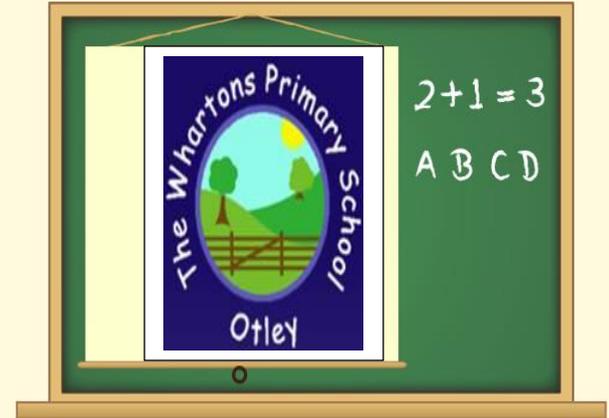
Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks of term have been magical.

The children and staff have worked hard to make the festive season really sparkle this year.

We have all enjoyed celebrating and performing together, showcasing many talents and having great fun on the way. It has been fabulous sharing some special moments with families too.

I hope, like myself, it has helped foster that Christmas feeling.



Assembly Themes

Our assemblies for the last couple of weeks have been dedicated to learning about the Christmas story and the many different Christmas traditions which are unique to each family, culture or country.

Well done to the children received certificates in Friday Celebration assembly for their great efforts.

We love to share the children's achievements both in school and out in the community.

Christmas Fair

Last Saturday the Parents Association organized a grand Christmas Fair at school.

It was lovely to welcome everyone back into school for the return of this bustling community event.

There were plenty of stalls for children and parents to browse, alongside organised games, tombola's, free craft activities, glitter tattoos and of course a visit to Father Christmas and his elf helper.

Thank you so much for the incredible organization and effort from the PA and support from staff on the day. Even with free entry and crafts the Fair took over £1500 before costs.

Thank You everyone!



Victorian Fayre and Christmas tree Festival

The choir were in fine voice last weekend as they shared their talents with the local community at two festive events. Firstly the annual Victorian Fayre which as always was quite an event and attended by thousands of families, despite the rain.

Mr Williamson aided by Mr Young and Mrs Rumsey lead the school choir in some fabulous Christmas songs and carols which they performed brilliantly on stage. The rain stopped and it was crisp and cold.

Secondly the children visited All Saints Church and entertained the visitors to the amazing Christmas tree festival with their carols.



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Every year the Parent's Association source a wealth of reasonably priced gifts for the children to buy themselves for their families with pocket money.

It is such a thrill for the children, no matter how young, to choose a secret gift for their loved ones; one which they have personally picked out and paid for. I know that parents and carers also appreciate the gifts so much more because there is real thought, from their children, which has gone into choosing, even if that choice is more novelty key rings! Good Luck.

Class Parties, Christmas Dinner and Jumpers!!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the last week of term which finished with Christmas food, festive jumpers and party fun. On Thursday there were fun and games in the hall throughout the day as KS1 and Reception children enjoyed their Christmas Party in the morning and Year 5 and 6 partied during the afternoon. There was plenty of glittery clothes and sparkling dancing punctuated by enthusiastic games and a fair amount of noise and excitement

On Friday after Year 3 and 4 had worn themselves out at their Christmas Party in the morning it we all were treated to a delicious Christmas dinner. There was a fine array of Christmas Jumpers to brighten the day too. What a way to finish such busy and exciting term.



Whole School Pantomime Trip

A fantastic day was had by all on Wednesday this week, which really added to the joy of the season. The annual Christmas pantomime trip this year was to see the festive production of Stick Man at the Leeds Playhouse. Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made this trip possible.

The whole school were transported by double decker busses to the centre of Leeds which was an exciting start to an adventurous day.

As always the children were impeccably behaved and I was really proud of how sensible they were in the busy environment.

All the children from our youngest to the Year 6 children were fully immersed in the production, of what is a simple, well-known and well-loved story. The actors though enhanced the performance with jokes, singing and dancing. There were 'He's behind you!' moments as are expected from a pantomime and audience participation which children at the Whartons engaged in with relish!

The whole experience is something I know the children will remember for a long time. The opportunity to visit a bustling city centre theatre and engage in a live performance is a real occasion.



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Diary Dates

[Fri 16th Dec](#) - School closes

for Xmas Hols

[Tues 3rd Jan 2023](#)-

Training Day

[Weds 7th Jan 2023](#)-School

Reopens

[Tues 10th Jan](#) –EYFS & Yr 6

Height, Weight & Vision
screening

[Tues 7th Feb](#) – Parents

Evening

[Thurs 9th Feb](#)-Parents

Evening

[Fri 10th Feb](#)-School Closes

for Half Term

[Mon 20th Feb](#)-School

Reopens.

KS1 Christmas Party production

Last week the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 really brought the festive feeling to school and started our countdown to Christmas.

They performed a modern twist on the traditional Nativity story with party celebrations, catchy songs and 'super cool' dancing.

It was amazing to watch our youngest children, who have only been in school such a short time, not only learning all the words to the songs but also taking their place on the stage in front of a large audience and performing dances and actions; all in time and fabulous!

The Year 1 children also rose to the occasion taking on many of the main acting parts, speaking with confidence and acting with feeling and in some cases great comic timing!

Year 2 children also did an amazing job at holding the whole show together with their fabulous storytelling and confident narration. Thank you to all of the children for bringing the Christmas spirit alive on stage.



KS2's Carol Concert

The KS2 Carol Concert last week at Bridge Street Church was truly magical.

The church was packed with families and the atmosphere from the beginning was so beautiful.

Mr Fisk, Mr Hampson and the rest of the KS2 staff had created an intricate and multidimensional production which was a real spectacle. The traditional and modern carols linked together different story strands from a Victorian Christmas.

There was the bustle of a Victorian market with the children setting the scene of street vendors and excited children all preparing for Christmas. A traditional Nativity mini play was woven into the festivities and also the poignant story of the little match girl, to remind the audience and children to remember to care for others whilst enjoying the magic of the season.

As always, we want to thank Bridge Church for their amazing hospitality and for sharing our carol concert with us. Reverend McCullough finished the evening off by thanking everyone for coming and expressing how moved he had been by the children's fantastic storytelling and singing.



A final Note:

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Julia Dickson