



# Toft Hill Primary School



13th December 2019

## December

Tues 17th—KS1 & YR Christmas Productions 9.30am and 1.30pm

Weds 18th—KS2 Christmas Productions 9.30am & 1.30pm

Thurs 19th—whole school visit to Darlington Pantomime

Fri 20th—Parties

Fri 20th—school breaks up for Christmas

## January

Tues 7th—school re-opens for teaching purposes

Weds 15th—Y6 resilience training

Mon 27th—31st—Y6 Lockerbie residential

Fri 31st—Swimming Gala @ Woodhouse Close Leisure Complex

## February

Mon 3rd—Multi Skills @ St Johns for either Y1 or Y2 (to be advised)

Mon 3rd—Thurs 6th—Y5 Bikeability training

Mon 10th—Fri 14th—Book People book fair at lunchtimes

Fri 14th—School breaks up for half term

Mon 24th—school re-opens for teaching purposes

Fri 28th—Cross Country @ Bishop Auckland College, Y3—Y6

## March

Mon 16th—Fri 20th—Shakespeare week

Mon 23rd—Tennis @ Bishop Barrington either Y3 or Y4 (to be advised)

## April

Fri 3rd—Schools break up for Easter holidays

On Tuesday Y4 visited Bishop Barrington and took part in a dance festival. They have been practising a whole class routine in school for a couple of weeks. They had a really good time and enjoyed showcasing their dancing skills to the other schools in attendance.

Reception have been learning all about kindness and how it can make people feel so on Wednesday the class visited the Fields Care Home in Etherley. They have been collecting gifts to give to the residents in the form of a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. This was to teach the children that Christmas is not all about receiving presents but giving them to others as well. The residents were really happy to see the children and were very grateful for all of the lovely gifts that were presented to them. Thank you to all parents of Reception children who sent in biscuits, sweets, etc for the children to hand over.

## Achievers for this week:

We did not have an achievers assembly this week as it was Christmas Jumper Day. Photos are available to view on our website.

Attendance: Y1 and Y6—98%

Government Target: 96%



Thursday was Christmas lunch day. The kitchen staff worked really hard to serve 163 children and 17 staff in the space of an hour! It was absolutely delicious. There was Christmas music in the background and crackers on the tables, the atmosphere was lovely and reminded us all that the big day is not that far away now.

Christmas jumper day was a huge success. The children looked marvellous in their brightly coloured, festive clothing. We had a parade in the hall during assembly, where everyone could showcase their designs then the teachers played judges. They picked out 3 winners from each year group for the best jumper. The winners are:

R: 1st—Isobelle, 2nd—Arthur, 3rd—Hollie

Y1: 1st—Oscar, 2nd—Woody, 3rd—Harvey

Y2: 1st—Autumn, 2nd—Daniel, 3rd—Evie

Y3: 1st—Charlie, 2nd—Tilly, 3rd—Abigail

Y4: 1st—Ella, joint 2nd—Evie and Grace, 3rd—Damian

Y5: 1st—Amelie, 2nd—Vinny, 3rd—Isobelle

Y6: 1st—Max, 2nd—Eve, 3rd—Owen

Well done to you all!

The children's performances take place on Tuesday (KS1) and Wednesday (KS2) next week. May we politely request that parents and family members do not arrive too early to watch the shows. We need time to get the children dressed into their costumes and prepare the hall after registration and lunch. Doors will open 10 minutes before each show. Thank you.

We will be holding a raffle before each performance next week (tickets £1.00 per strip). We would be very grateful for any donations to make up Christmas hampers. All proceeds from the raffle will help us buy more I Pads for the children to use in school. Thank you in advance.

Just a reminder that school re-opens for teaching purposes on Tuesday 7th January after the Christmas holidays.