

Newsletter December 2016

Waddington All Saints Primary School



Happy Christmas to you all

Key Stage one and Foundation Stage have made us really proud once again with their sell out performances of 'Shepherd's Delight' this week. We have been reminded once again that we have such talented children and very dedicated staff at this school.

The choir have also, once again, been out of school singing carols to delight the people living in the residential homes of Waddington. The choir are already hard at work practicing for another 'Young Voices' event in January.

The PTA Christmas Fair on 25th November was really well attended and they were thrilled to announce that they raised £1,250. Congratulations also to the School Council, whose charity day in November raised £407.37 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Thank you for all of your support with these events and to the PTA and School Council for all of their hard work.



Friday 16th December (12 – 12:10pm)

Year 5 Outdoor Instrument Performance - everyone welcome.

Monday 19th December

Carol services: Key Stage 2 will take place at in the school hall at 9am.

FS / KS1 Service at the church in Waddington beginning at 9.40am.

Christmas lunch.

Tuesday 20th December

We have decided to make the last day of term a non-uniform day. We will not charge for this, but please ensure that clothing is suitable for school.

Children break up from 2.30pm

Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to working with you all in 2017



2016 was the year that...

In January, we had one of the 'Lincoln Barons' come to visit our school surrounded by pictures of our pupils with other Barons from the trail around Lincoln in 2015. The children in year 3 & 4 also had a Viking experience day which was great fun.

February saw the Science Fair and children and families worked on projects to do with 'Flight'. They had a great day sharing their learning with each other and there were prizes for some of the contributors. The children also cooked up a storm as they took part in the 'Great All Saints Bake Off'.

March brought springtime visits to Rand Farm and to Doddington Hall. We are thrilled that governors have once again allocated money to ensure that children are able to take part in visits and experiences at no additional cost to parents. We also took part in World Book Day, sharing our favourite authors and stories. The swimmers also did really well in the finals and made us all very proud.

Year 3 & 4 entertained us with their performance of 'Oh What a Knight' and we had fun watching members of the Music Service playing P-Bones to the school. After two wonderful Easter services and a holiday, Year 6 took to the hills of Derbyshire in April on their residential visit to Castleton. This visit was once again a great success and gave the children life experiences that they will never forget.

In May the children in Year 6 and 2 took part in a totally new set of tests and assessments which reflected the government's desire to set even higher combined standards for primary aged children within English and Maths.

In June we celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday. There was also the Lincoln Children's Festival and in school a MiniBeast Parade and picnic for Foundation Stage.

July saw an amazing production of Disney's 'Lion King' by pupils in year 5 & 6. The PTA also hosted and ran a very popular Summer Fair.

This term we have launched Role Model of the Week cards and a Twitter Feed to help parents to keep up to date with the excellent learning taking place in classrooms and school.

The School Council, have led some highly successful **charity work** and this year have supported: the Lincoln branch of the RSPCA, Camo Day for SSAFA, Lincoln Food Bank and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

In addition to all of this we have given children: trips and visitors, sporting experiences and competitions, excellent care and support and a school to feel proud of.



Nothing is forever...

Next year, All Saints Primary School will be 30 years old. On 1st January 2017, not only will I have led this wonderful school for a full decade, but there are many staff, still at this school, that have been with me the whole of this time. There is one person however that has worked at this school since the very first day that it opened. That person is Janet Hollis - who is to retire at the end of next March. During her time here she has served in many roles; leading the office and the lunchtime team, but also supporting learning in class and governors at meetings. Her contributions through countless challenges and changes has been amazing. She has become the rock that has kept this school strong; reliable, dedicated, hardworking and caring. It is the end of an era and she will be greatly missed by us all, but we are excited for her too.

