



## **SAND HUTTON NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM WEEK 5**

Dear Families,

### **Dates:**

**Next Birthday Party, classes 1 and 2 at SH and both classes at WH: 11th December**

**Advent Foodbank Collection: everyday until the end of term**

**Early finish: 2pm Friday 18th December**

Lots to mention as we hit December. Thank you to those who have already contributed to the foodbank collection, we will continue to pass on your gifts throughout advent.

Despite the current situation, we continue to be as festive as possible. Thank you to our PTA at Sand Hutton for their hard work towards the Santa Experience. Thanks to the kitchen staff for our Christmas lunches, which will go ahead although sadly we won't be able to welcome other adults on site. And last but definitely not least, thank you to all staff for supporting as many Christmas activities as possible, including our much loved Christmas Craft Days. Mrs Naylor will be producing another service online for Christmas, as she did for Harvest. Please send consent if you are happy for your child to be seen as well as heard. I understand that it has recently been announced that Nativities can go ahead. However, as I am sure you understand, these things take a great deal of time in preparation, and we had already planned our online version. Let us hope we can return to our churches for Easter!

Children are allowed to send Christmas Cards although we would ask that they are placed in the box in the classroom and they will be distributed after the allocated period of term in quarantine.

We had a wonderful set of birthday parties last Friday. I had a super time with Class One at Sand Hutton and the next one is coming fast on the heels of the November one so that it doesn't clash with classroom Christmas parties. We will be partied out!

In something more akin to normal, we have booked our Robinwood visit for September 27th for Year 5 and 6 pupils in the year 2021. We will send details in the new year for deposits and payment schedules. Something to look forward to! We feel very excited that we can plan for our residential visit in the usual way.

Finally, we are so pleased to have come out of the current lockdown with much reduced numbers of cases in York and Ryedale. Please continue to do all the things which have contributed to keeping us all safe and both our schools operating without interruption. We feel very blessed to have been so fortunate and hope that we can all be fit, healthy and free

from isolation as we head towards Christmas with families. Thank you as always for all your efforts.

I will hand over to news from the classes now...

Beverley Pawson,

Head Teacher.

### **Class 1**

This week Class One have been getting into the Christmas spirit. They have built an elf workshop, a Santa shop and have been roleplaying the story of the nativity. Outside they have been exploring 3d shapes and even made some of their own.



Reception are working on their listening skills and using these to hear the sounds in words. Maybe they could play listening games at home too? Good luck with I spy something Christmassy!

Best wishes and stay safe

The Class One Team

### **Class 2**

Class 2 loved having a big Birthday Party last Friday. They were very excited but it was lovely to see them enjoying themselves. Thank you so much to Bertie's mum for the delicious cake. In English we have been learning some exciting new vocabulary and one "discerning" child said it was "the best cake, ever!" How "astute" of him!

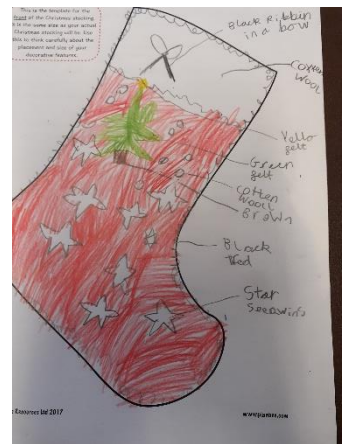
We have been working on writing exciting openings to the story of Aladdin. Remembering to vary the opening of the sentences and using powerful adjectives and vivid verbs has made their work thrilling to read.

In Maths the Y2s have been finishing their work on addition and subtraction and will now be working on money. The year 3 and 4s have been working on multiplication and division.

Learning about why Christians celebrate Holy Communion gave us the perfect opportunity to try lots of different types of bread before discussing the significance of bread in Holy Communion.

Work on their Christmas Stockings project has produced some exciting designs.

In Science the children have worked at being pedologists (someone who studies soil). They have been watching this muddy water slowly clear and settle over the course of several days.



Best wishes,

The Class 2 team

### **Class 3**

Last week we had an amazing party afternoon to celebrate the birthdays of 6 pupils. The children had lots of fun and played many games which they had recommended. A massive thank you to Bertie's mum for providing us with a LOT of cake.



This week we have been thinking lots about our own learning and how we can improve. I am extremely proud of the way every pupil has set themselves a new goal and is working hard to achieve them.

We have also been busy opening our very own YOYO advent calendar and learning lots more about the Christmas story, using our maths skills to 'escape the room' and working on new skills in PE. We have even managed to squeeze in a quick practice of the Nativity and have begun producing images to accompany it. Watch this space!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

The Class 3 Team