



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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## Message from Miss Caygill Head of School

Dear parents/carers,

We have had our first taste of snow this week, which the children really enjoyed. Please can children bring in a change of footwear (for indoors) when they come to school in wellies or boots.

We would like to **thank the PTFA** for the super Christmas Fair last weekend. I know they all put a lot of work and time into the event to support all the children across school through their successful fund raising.

Our learning has again this week been taken to other places. A special well done to the children in Class 2 who represented our school in the football tournament at the Wensleydale school on Wednesday. It was great to see the teamwork and support from all the children involved. Class 3 have enjoyed their visit to Hawes Museum on Thursday where they were continuing their learning around the Victorians. This followed on from their successful Victorian Day in school last Friday. Class 1 are looking forward to their special Christmas balance bike day next Tuesday, which was a super event last year and we hope the weather is fine for this.

We have a special opportunity for parents to come into school to on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December for our "Book Look" (see information below). We also have a number of upcoming events where parents can join us in school. Our Friday assemblies continue to be well attended and are a real celebration of everything happening in school. I hope you have a super weekend celebrating the Christmas lights switch on as we move closer to Christmas.

Miss Caygill

## This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



**Class 1 - Bonnie** for a super attitude in Nursery and showing good skills when tidying up.

**Quinn** for excellent presentation skills and letter formation across all his learning.

**Class 2 – Samuel** for showing good skills in art to create his own block printers to create Stone Age art!

**Maisie** for getting fully involved in the football tournament and showing good sportsmanship!

**Class 3 – Bertie** for a detailed graph of emotions explaining how Bridie was feeling at different parts of the story.

**Antoni** for his knowledge, interest and enthusiasm at the museum yesterday.

### Attendance

Class 1-94.14%

Class 2-95.69%

Class 3-96.47%

Whole School-95.24%

**Head of School Award**  
**Ella**  
**for her caring attitude**  
**with the younger**  
**children around**  
**school and helping**  
**them daily with their**  
**coats.**

### Upcoming Dates



#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- Police visit to school to lead PSHE workshops

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Balance Bike Day for Class 1

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- 1.30pm – Rapunzel @ Richmond Theatre

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- Whole School "Book Look" event -3.30-5.00pm

#### Clubs during or after School

Tuesday – Board Games 12:30-1pm  
Yoga – 3:15 – 4:30pm

Thursday – Zumba – 3:15 – **4.15pm**  
Library Club (for pupils & their families)– 3:15- 3.40pm

Friday – Ball Games 12:30-1pm  
Multiskills – 3:15 – 4:30pm

## School Office Updates

### Upcoming Dates for Christmas

A few dates for Christmas events both in and out of school - please put them in your diary!

**Whole School pantomime Visit-Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Class 3 Carol singing at Sycamore-1.30-Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Class 1 Nativity-2pm and 6pm (Nursery afternoon only)-Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**School Christmas Dinner-Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christingle in St Margaret's-10.00am-Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### Book Look

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we are holding a "Book Look" in school from 3.30-5.00. This is an opportunity for parents and families to come into school and share with their children the learning they have been working on this term. Workbooks will be out in the classrooms for you to look at and you are invited to take a tour around school to see displays and find out more about the curriculum and wider learning which is taking place. Teachers will also be available in classrooms for any questions from parents or anything you would like to discuss. Please do try and join us for this event – all welcome!

### Class 2 – Mixed Football

On Wednesday this week all of Class 2 took part in the Year 3 and 4 football tournament at The Wensleydale School in Leyburn as part of our cluster sports programme. All children played exceptionally well and Hawes 1 came third overall during a tense game that ended in a penalty shootout! The winning goal was scored by Zach and further goals were scored by Reuben throughout the competition! All children showed great sportsmanship and had a fantastic morning.

### Reg Fagg Trophy Winners

The overall winner this year of the Reg Fagg Trophy for a Christmas Illustration was Lily Alderson, whose winning entry (pictured here) is the cover picture for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter this year.

**Class 1 Winner:** Bob Fremlin

*Highly Commended:* Skye Helin

**Class 2 Winner:** Lily Alderson

*Highly Commended:* Maisie Richards

**Class 3 Winner:** Harry Fothergill

*Highly Commended:* Antoni Biros



With an extremely high standard, judging was very difficult!  
Well done to all the entrants.

### Christmas Balance bike day for Class 1

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Pro-Ride, run by an ex Olympic cyclist, will be delivering a Christmas balance bike day to all children in Class 1. Please ensure children have warm, waterproof clothing and suitable footwear. The children will need to wear their PE kits on the day. Last year was a special day for the children taking part.

**Please note, this event is for all children in Class 1-Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.**

## Message from Mrs. Walker - *Executive Head teacher*

### Staff changes

First this week, I have some important staff news to share: **Miss Thistlethwaite**, our Class 2 (Years 3 and 4) teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Thistlethwaite has worked in school since joining as a part-time, newly qualified teacher in 2017, so has taught many of Hawes' children over the years and will be missed by her pupils, staff colleagues and the wider community. We wish her all the very best for the future as she moves on.

Exciting plans are in place for Class 2's new teaching staff to take over in January: **Mrs Brown** and **Mrs Marwood**, our current Class 3 (Years 5 and 6) part-time teachers, will both be increasing their days in school each week to also teach in Class 2. Alongside them, we are also in the process of **recruiting for a new part-time teacher** to join the team. We will share more details with you as soon as we can.

### Early Reading in school

On Tuesday, I very much enjoyed spending part of my morning visiting **Class 1** to see **Phonics** learning in action! Our Reception pupils were all so engaged in their lesson and demonstrated lots of confidence both recalling prior learning and building knowledge of new letters, sounds and blending to read words. The new letter 'j' was very popular! It was also a real joy to hear the progress being made by a group of **pupils from Years 1, 2 and 3** as I listened to them read to their Teaching Assistants, who were very ably supporting them to build fluency – well done everyone!

### Request for Governors

It would be fantastic if we could fill our **2 current vacancies on the Governor team** by the end of this year! If you or anyone you know would like to do more to help us directly with our work in school, either in the role of **Parent Governor** (a current pupil's parent or grandparent) or a **Co-opted Governor** (a member of the community who is not related to a pupil and does not work in school), please contact school to speak to myself or Miss Caygill, or ask our Chair of Governors, Abbie Rhodes. **Your school needs you!**

## Photo Gallery





### Victorian Day

*Last Friday, Class 3 were Victorians and experienced a Victorian School Day. We completed arithmetic, worked on our handwriting in copybooks using ink and fountain pens (very tricky not to blot!) had an object lesson about a potato and learnt to sew some simple stitches. The children were very brave and experienced some Victorian punishments such as wearing the dunce's hat!!!*

*This week, we continued our learning by visiting the museum and learning about a real Victorian family in Hawes. We were able to look at real objects from their house and infer who they were and what their jobs were. All in all, we've decided we much prefer living now to the Victorian times!*

