



21st December 2023

### Withernsea Primary School Newsletter



### Key Dates

Thursday 21st December - 100% Attendance Reward

Thursday 21st December - Class Attendance Reward

Thursday 21st December - Last day - finish at normal times

Tuesday 9th January - First day back to school

## Message from Mr Hartmann

We have had an amazing end to what has been a very successful autumn term. Although it has been a long one, and the children and staff ready for a well-earned break, it has certainly been a very successful one with lots to celebrate. There have been so many events that have taken place recently which have certainly helped spread festive joy around the whole school. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at the many parent/carer events that we have held this term. There have been fantastic performances and craft afternoons which I have to say are one of my favourite things about working in a primary school – on behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to thank everyone that has supported the events as without your attendance, they certainly would not be the same. The children have all done amazingly well and we could not be prouder of them.

I would like to thank all of the staff team and the children for their hard work and dedication. We have seen the Withernsea values of respect, responsibility and resilience in abundance. On behalf of the staff team, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and new year and we look forward to welcoming the children back at school on Tuesday 9th January.

## Miss Atwood



Today, with sadness, we say goodbye to Miss Atwood, who has had an incredible impact on so many pupils and staff over the last six years. We know that she will be greatly missed by the staff, children, and families she has worked so passionately to support. I am sure you will join me in wishing her continued success as she begins her new position as Director of Additional Needs at Sirius West Academy in the new year.



## Staff News

As Hull Collaborative Academy Trust continues to grow, there are times where staff members are redeployed in order for schools to support one another. At the end of the spring half term, on Friday 9th of February, Mr Bishop will be moving to Malton Primary School in order to support their staff team and pupils in the capacity of Assistant Headteacher. Mr Bishop will undertake this role until 31st of December 2024 in the first instance. As a result of this, an update on the leadership structure at Withernsea Primary School will be provided in the spring term.

## Christmas Raffle Winners



Thank you to everyone who entered our Christmas raffle. Congratulations to all of our winners who have now received their prizes.

113 - Gracie H - 6KC

403 - Mason B - 2OD

255 - Henry T - 4ML

436 - Thomas C - 2OD

381 - Jack M - 3LF

313 - Charlie M-R -3LF

400 - Molly L - 2SH

243 - Malachi W - 5RT

181 - Yenuka B - 4CM

179 - Mason B - 2OD

279 - Logan H - PLA



## Christmas Parties

The children had a fantastic time yesterday at their Christmas parties. Thank you so much for donating such an array of food. It was much appreciated and the children loved it.













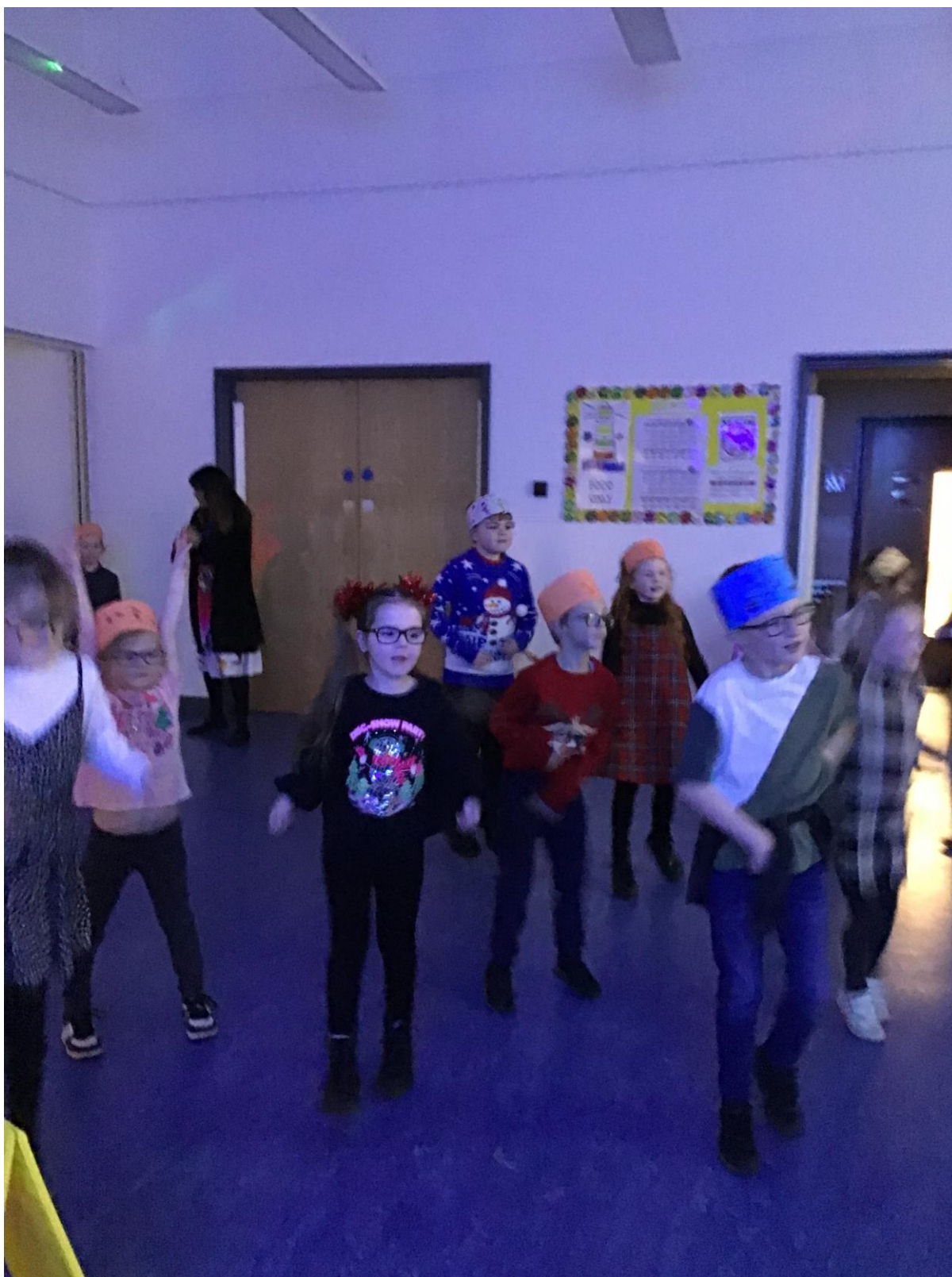


## PARTY GAMES!

*We've  
played pass  
the parcel  
and musical  
statues.*



## Christmas Disco



The pupils certainly enjoyed the Christmas Disco and demonstrated their dance moves! The staff enjoyed it too! Thank you for your support in this.







## Christmas Crafts

















Thank you to all of you who came into school for our Christmas Craft afternoons across the school. It has been so nice to see so many parents and family joining us for this and hope to see you all again soon.

## Christmas Dinner 2023

The kitchen prepped another wonderful Christmas dinner this year and which was enjoyed by everyone! We decided to make it into a Christmas restaurant and the children were served their lunch by the staff! We have had lots of positive comments from the children following the dinner - it was a lovely day!

























Everyone enjoyed their Christmas Dinner! A big thank you to our catering team who did a fantastic job feeding everyone!

Thank you to Tesco, Withernsea who made a surprise visit with mince pies for Staff!



## Christingle Year 4

Year 4 pupils went to St Matthew's Church for the Christingle service. The children were given packs to make their Christingle and then participated in a short service, learning about what the Christingle stands for. There was some lovely singing and some of the children read poems and readings as a part of the afternoon.





*1 - Year 5 and 6 carol service*

Year 5 and 6 attended Withernsea Methodist Church for their carol concert. Some children did readings and all of them sang the carols practiced in school. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended, we hope it got you in the mood for Christmas! Also, thank you also to the support from the church who helped us to be able to do this.







## Little Shop of Horrors

Mrs Moore's drama club performed their production to parents, family and friends. It was an amazing effort and the enjoyment from the children was clear to see. Thank you Mrs Moore for all of your hard work you put into running the club and preparing the performance.









100% attenders for this term



Children with 100% attendance this term completed a treasure hunt around school inside and out. It led them into Mr Hartmann's office where they had to find the treasure! It is fair to say they were happy with their rewards. Thank you for supporting us with attendance and working with us to ensure it is the best it can be.





## Why is attendance important?

Working together



**We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 95% and to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.**

**Punctuality It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!**

## **Weekly Attendance**

This week's whole school attendance was 90.6%

RCE - 96.3%

RJH - 87.9%

1LA - 88.6%

1DT - 93.5%

2SH - 88.2%

2CH - 88.4%

2OD - 88.9%

3AF - 96.5%

3CB - 95.7%

3LF - 98.3%

4CM - 80.3%

4KB - 79.4%

4ML - 93.7%

5CC - 94.4%

5LW - 89.4%

5RT - 96.2%

6EK - 89.6%

6KC - 92.7%

6RL - 89.6%

Provision - 75.7%

## Cheese Stars



### Ingredients

- 320g puff pastry sheet
- mugful of grated cheese (we mixed 60g cheddar with 25g parmesan)
- [flour](#), for dusting
- 2 tbsp [milk](#)
- toppings of your choice (optional) - we used poppy seeds, dried oregano and sesame seeds

### Method

1. Unroll the pastry and sprinkle most of the cheese over one half of the sheet. Fold the pastry in half to cover the cheese and seal it in.
2. Dust your rolling pin and work surface with a little flour and put your pastry sheet on it. Roll it out until doubled in size.
3. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and line two baking sheets with baking parchment.
4. Using cookie cutters, cut the pastry into shapes and put them on the prepared baking sheets. (Put the cutters on the dough close together so that less pastry is wasted. You can fold the trimmings back on themselves and re-roll to cut out more shapes.)
5. Brush the shapes with milk and add a pinch of cheese and a sprinkling of your chosen topping, if using.
6. Bake in the oven for 10-12 mins or until risen and golden, then transfer to a serving plate. Will keep in an airtight container for 3 days.

## Class News



2 - Nursery

### Nursery

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas performance, the children tried really hard with their singing and being angels!

The children have been getting very excited with Christmas activities - making cards, calendars, making party hats.

We had a great time at our party playing games, dancing and enjoying our party food.

Thank you for a brilliant Autumn term and hope you have a lovely holiday.

21.12.23





*3 - Reception*

### **Reception**

In the past few weeks, we have been really busy with lots of Christmas activities. We hope all that attended our Christmas performance enjoyed it as much as we did!

The children worked really hard making their cards and calendars for 2024 and writing Christmas lists for Santa.

Lots of children enjoyed having their Christmas dinner with our party hats that we made and listening to music. We also loved partying on Wednesday, taking part in party games and dancing.

Thank you for a lovely Autumn term and we hope you enjoy the holidays!

21.12.23



4 - Year 1

## **Year 1**

What a fun, Christmassy few weeks we have had in Year 1! The children have been hard at work doing lots of crafty things, such as Christmas cards, calendars and reindeer decorations for parents to buy. We absolutely loved having our parents here for our craft afternoon. We had a yummy Christmas dinner, prepared by the lovely dinner ladies. We got served at the tables, and had frosty the snowman delivering our puddings! How exciting!

We had so much fun showcasing our performance to all of our parents and carers, we worked so hard learning our lyrics and making it special! Our class parties were super fun too. We watched Christmas films, decorated biscuits, ate lots of yummy food and then enjoyed lots of fun games in the hall with some party music! On the last day of term, we were rewarded with our attendance golden time... 1DT won 86 minutes of golden time for Autumn term! 1LA won 46 minutes too! WOW! Well done to everybody.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a rested New Year.

See you in 2024!

Miss Huteson, Mrs Lambert and Mrs Armstrong

## **Year 2**

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks building up to Christmas! We really enjoyed our parent Christmas craft afternoon and loved the crafts that we made! We also loved our Christmas dinner, it was so exciting having our dinner served to us at the table.

In the last week, we have had lots of fun making calendars, cards and baubles, we cannot wait for you to see them! We also enjoyed spending time in our class community for our class party, choosing time and as part of our movie afternoon.

We had so much fun preparing for our Christmas performances, thank you so much to everyone that was able to attend, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

The Year 2 team would like to thank you all for your continued support this half term and we look forward to welcoming you back in January!

Many thanks

Mrs Deighton, Miss Hall and Mrs Sansam

Wow! We have had a fantastic time in Year 3 in the build up to Christmas. We loved the craft afternoon with parents and hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed it as much as we did. The Christmas dinner was superb, children loved being served by the staff. We were able to watch the Christmas performance by EYFS which was fantastic.

Academically, we have completed our final hot write, describing Storm from our historical narrative, The Great Storm. We looked at idioms in guided reading and used them to write a poem similar to My Dad's Amazing by Ian Souter. We have continued with our multiplication and division topic in maths, the children are becoming much stronger in their times tables knowledge.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas party, lots of singing, dancing and games and food!!

All the staff in Year 3 wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Year 3 Team



*5 - Rudolph the reindeer art.*

Year 4 20/12/23

What a fun few weeks we have had in year 4! We enjoyed attending St Matthew's Church for the Christingle ceremony where we made Christingles, sang carols and read some prayers! Christmas parties have been a success and the children have enjoyed playing games, making crafts and eating some delicious snacks! Thank you to all of the parents who attended craft afternoon last week, it was lovely and the children really enjoyed it!



We have come to an end of our Diary writing unit in English, the children worked hard and have produced some brilliant pieces of work. In Math's, we have completed our unit of multiplication and will begin further multiplication after Christmas.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas, thank you for all of you hard work this year and we can't wait to see you all in the New Year!

Best wishes and Merry Christmas,

Year 4 team





Year 5 have enjoyed lots of different events over the last couple of weeks! We have completed our maths unit all about area and perimeter with lots of successes. We wrote our own nonsense narrative poems based on the poem by Lewis Carroll 'Jabberwocky'. We have looked at some different Christmas poems in Guided Reading: 'Magic' and 'The Grinch'. We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming parents to share our Christmas crafts afternoon. We had lots of fun watching Mrs Moore's drama club performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. We all did lots of fantastic dancing at the disco, had a lovely Christmas lunch, and did beautiful singing and prayer reading at the Church Christmas carol service.

Thank you for all of your support over this term. We hope you all have a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 9th January.

The Year 5 team



6 - Year 5

These last few weeks have been incredibly busy.

In guided reading, we have finished our book 'Holes' and all of the children seemed surprised by the ending. We had some very shocked faces as they started to piece the different strands of the story together. As an ending to the book, we watched the film version of the story and compared the film with the book. Our story full of tension and suspense was completed this week in English. The children have all really enjoyed writing about Francis Brandywine and they will be writing up their final piece when they return after the Christmas break. To complete our DT topic, we completed and evaluated all of the masks. Some of the children found the cutting of the card very frustrating but they showed their resilience and produced some good work. In geography, we finished the topic by creating a leaflet showcasing all that we have learned about South America over the last term.

In between all the work, we have enjoyed discos, Christmas meals and performances and visits to the church, which have all helped our Christmas spirit grow.

-The Year 6 team 21.12.23





*7 - The Rainbow Room and The Reef have had lots of fun this week. We have enjoyed parties, crafting, playing and cooking. It was lovely to see you all at the craft afternoon. The highlight of Christmas this year has to be our Christmas performance! We were so proud of the children and how well they did. Mrs Mizon had to pop out for tissues! We are also saying goodbye to Miss Atwood, who we all will miss but we are very grateful to her for all her support and kindness. Good luck Miss Atwood.*