

Gilberdyke Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 21st December '23



Dear Families,

Carols, Costumes and Cuteness at Christmas!!

St Stephen's Church in Newport was filled with the superb sounds of our older pupils singing during our annual carol concert on Monday afternoon. Many thanks for attending. It is always a privilege to fill this superb building with children's voices, especially at Christmas.



The Christmas plays that foundation stage and key stage one performed didn't disappoint on the cuteness front! Providing a costume for the nativity is just another thing to have to organise at such a busy time of the year but every single one of our families did this and sent it into school which is such a help – thank you. The children's confidence grew over the 3 performances and the last one on Wednesday was a testament to self-belief, aspiration and resilience in the face of extreme tiredness – we are proud of our young people.

I want to thank every one of our extremely dedicated team, including volunteers, and the fantastic children and families that make it all so worthwhile, for their hard work in creating our little school community that is so special to us.

It was fantastic to get to speak to you at parent's evening again in November. We place great value on these opportunities to have the school open so that we can get together to discuss the children and work together.

We hope you have a happy and healthy Christmas and we look forward to embarking on the next stage of our exciting journey in 2024 at the start of the spring term.



Christmas Fun!





PTFA News



Fundraising News...

- Cinema Night success... we had over 120 pupils staying for the Christmas cinema night last week which was a fantastic turn out - a relaxed but fun time was had by all. The event raised £270.69 and we want to thank our volunteers for making this possible – HUGE thanks.



Next Meeting...

- This will be held at Gilberdyke Garden Centre on Friday 12th January at 9am. Everyone who wants to be involved is very welcome to attend.

Christmas Wishes

Kirsty and the team would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and to extend thanks again for your continual support at events.

More Information can be found on our social media platforms:

Facebook Page: Gilberdyke Primary School PTFA

Twitter Page: @PTFA_Gilberdyke

Email address: gilberdykeprimaryptfa@gmail.com



Respectful Citizens Giving Back to the Community

As ever, our children gain a great deal of satisfaction from giving back to the community at Christmas time. They have clear ideas about how they can help others less fortunate than

themselves and how they can bring some Christmas spirit to those who might not have many people to celebrate with. What a credit they are to themselves, their families and our school.

With Mrs Dinsdale leading the craft crew at lunchtimes, the children have given up their free time to handmade Christmas cards for local residents and those living at the Old School House Residential home.



In addition, year 5 and 6 pupils have been carol singing around the village with what looked and sounded like high-spirited, Christmas cheer - even gaining some 'groupies' on the way!!

We have received some heartfelt thanks from local residents for doing this, including from the Jubilee Pond Committee. Photos of the year 5 and 6 pupils carol singing around the village can be found in the Goole Times newspaper over the Christmas period.



Christmas Craft Club



All Clubs will be back in January.

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (HCAT) are taking its admission policy to consultation for the year 25/26. The consultation runs from 20 December 2023 to 31 January 2024 and the document is available for you to review on the school's website. Should you have any comments please email admin.gilberdyke@hcat.org.uk

School Reopens for pupils on Tuesday 9th January, 2024

Have a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you all in 2024!

Take care,

Melissa Shirley

