



CHRISTMAS 2015 NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas Everyone!!

As always, the Christmas period is always a busy time at Bessacarr Primary with productions, parties, pantomimes, carol concerts, The Christingle Service and other events. Children in Foundation Stage performed 'The Night before Christmas' on four occasions for their parents and families, which was acted and sung with great enthusiasm. Key Stage 1 children performed 'Shepherd's Delight' on three occasions and again performed brilliantly in front of packed audiences. Our eldest children in Key Stage 2 invited parents to four Christmas performances where they showed great skills in singing and performing. In addition, we organised a traditional school Christingle with carols and readings, on the final day of the term. We are SO grateful to all the staff, parents, relations and friends who worked so very hard to make these children's productions happen. To reach such high standards is a credit to everyone involved. Once again, a sincere thank you to all concerned. A special thank you has to go to Mrs Rushby and her team who have provided all the food for the various parties, the spectacular mince pies and, of course, their wonderful Christmas dinner. Thank you!

We have been busy with our learning right up to the end of term. Year 6 were busy with their extended writing on Wednesday this week – talk about high expectations Miss Waite!

The children have made excellent progress and it is really lovely to look in their books and see their artwork on the wall. We are so very proud of them all.

Fundraising

Once again, we would like to thank you for all your support with all the fundraising events which have taken place this term. In total, we have raised the following:

Poppy Appeal - £102.90

Children in Need- £529.50. Thank you to Mrs Burton and The School Council for all their hard work in raising money for such an important cause.

*Christmas Fundraising- Our raffle and calendars have raised a combined total of £1951.55. A **huge** thank you to all those who donated prizes, bought tickets and calendars. A special thank you to Heidi March and Daniel Smeaton, from Friends of Bessacarr, who put so much hard work into this event. This money will be of great benefit to the children at Bessacarr Primary School.*

Staff News

As always, it is sad to see members of staff leave us. This term we are very sorry to see Mr John Wragg, who has been an LSA with us for the last 3 years, leave us to become a full-time Grandad. We are also sorry to see Mrs Sarah See leave us. Sarah has worked in our school kitchens for the last 12 years and leaves us also to become a full-time Grandma. We wish them both every happiness in their future and thank them for the years and commitment which they have given to Bessacarr Primary. They will be sadly missed.

We also say goodbye to Miss Knight and Miss Scotting who are training with us on the Schools Direct programme. They leave us this term to carry out their placements in another school but we look forward to working with them again in the summer term. We wish them every success and thank them for all their hard work this term.

We would like to welcome a new team of Learning Support Assistants who will be joining us in January:

Miss Bramhald

Mr Mitchell

Miss Kirk

Mr Falcon

We look forward to working with them and know that you will make them very welcome.



Mrs Cairns and Mrs Patterson would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will see you all in 2016!

Bessacarr Autumn Term Sports News 2015

We are again very proud of all the pupils' achievements over the Autumn Term, across a variety of sporting events. The continued development of their skills over the last year has shown in all the competitions we have taken part in.

The first tournament was the Doncaster Girls' Football Competition, held at Balby Carr, where the Year 5/6 team were placed fifth overall, playing eight games against other schools in the tournament. The scores between the top five schools were very close and only a few points separated each team. The Year 4 team was successful, achieving fourth place, playing eight games against teams from other schools. All the girls played extremely well on a windy pitch!

The second tournament was the Boys' Year 3/4 Football Tournament, at Balby Carr, where the boys achieved a very creditable fourth place, playing with bright sunshine very low in the sky, which did not help any goalkeeper's vision! The following week the Boys' Year 5/6 Football Tournament took place, at the same venue, with this team being placed third after playing in the semi-finals.

The Year 5/6 Boys' Football team then played in the Kingfisher Y5/6 Tournament, with five other schools and came third.

The Year 5/6 Boys and Girls football teams played in the second annual Southfield Tournament and played very well, both gaining third place, both teams playing in the semi-finals.

Twenty pupils in separate girls' and boys' teams, five of each from year 3/4 and five from 5/6 took part in the first Cross Country Run of the season at the Keepmoat. This was on the nearby 'hills and hummocks' with the year 3/4 running once round the course and year 5/6 twice. The results out of 12 schools were- Year 3/4 Girls 9th, Boys 8th. Year 5/6 Girls 9th, Boys 5th. This event had to be rescheduled due to the very wet weather the day before the original date, but despite the postponement this event was very good practice for endurance for next Spring's events, all pupils completed the course. This was after spending many lunchtimes running around the perimeter of the school field, which at the time they thought was far enough! Well done to them all.

Twenty pupils from year 5/6 took part in the Doncaster Hockey Tournament at Doncaster Hockey Club. This was following on from the programme of lessons taught in school and on the day they received coaching from Doncaster Team Players and then took part in the competition. Sixteen schools took part with both boys' and girls' teams. Although no team from Bessacarr came in the top three schools the pupils' skills were really tested in the challenging competition and the pupils gained a great deal from the experience playing in seven games!

Two teams of players took part in the Hatchell Wood Dodgeball Tournament with the Year 5/6 team and Year 4 team both taking first place and winning a fantastic golden trophy shield. The games were fast and movements had to be quick! Congratulations to both successful teams.

A combined team of nine Bessacarr and Southfield players took part in the 'World Cup Tag Rugby Festival' held at Hill House School on an exceptionally cold, wet and windy day. The games were played on a synthetic surface due to the weather. The boys played as 'New Zealand' and came third, playing some fantastic rugby and working exceptionally well in the extreme weather conditions. Each player was given a team shirt (black for New Zealand) to play in, provided by RFU sponsorship who also paid for their lunch. They all deserve special credit for their dedication in the conditions.

Sixteen year six pupils took the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability Course, developing their cycling skills and knowledge of road signs. Congratulations to all of them, as they all gained their Level 2 standard, each pupil gaining full marks on their assessment with no comments needed for further improvements! Well done to these pupils who received certificates and lapel badges to celebrate their success.

Pupils in Year 4 and 5 took part in different workshop sessions involving cycle activities, particularly puncture repairs as part of the 'wider curriculum' led by Tom Collister the Bike It Officer for Doncaster.

All KS1 and KS2 pupils have received indoor PE sessions delivered by Fit2Play coaches on Fridays. These sessions have developed different skills according to the age groups of the pupils. These indoor sessions will recommence in the Spring Term.

Since September our new Dance Coach 'Miss Melissa' has worked with the after school club doing a variety of dances and moves. These were performed recently in a dance show after school with their parents invited to watch. They all deserve credit for their dedication having been present at all weekly Friday night practices.

We are grateful to parents who have supported their child at any event, provided transport to events and collected their children from different venues. Also for washing and returning the school team kit, which often is needed a couple of days later for the next team event. We are grateful for the prompt return of the school team kit.

Occasionally some pupils in KS1 do not have appropriate PE and Games kit for their class sessions. All pupils should wear suitable trainers or astro-turf shoes for outdoors as outlined in the school prospectus, not their normal school shoes or boots, which have no grip particularly when partaking in lessons outside.

The Autumn Term has been a very busy and very productive one. All pupils in KS1 and KS2 enjoyed PE and games sessions with a variety of extra-curricular activities, both at lunchtime and after school. Those sport activities held after school will recommence when the evenings are lighter in mid-January.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

From Mr. Manning. (School Sports' Co-ordinator)