



# Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another very busy and productive half term in school with lots of learning going on. There has been great support for the Christmas Fair, and overall we made an astonishing £1149. Thank you to all our families for supporting this event. Reception and KS1 pupils gave an amazing performance of their nativity Born in a Barn as did all of KS2 in their Carol Service. Thanks to all the staff for putting all of this together and a special mention must go to our specialist music teacher Matthew Schofield who has worked incredibly hard to embed music within our curriculum. They sang beautifully and spoke with confidence. It is not easy standing up in front of a full church, never mind remembering your lines at the same time.

The temperature has noticeably dropped over the last week and the cold will increase pressure on already stretched household budgets with a rise in demand for warmth and heating. It is important that we all remember that many families are struggling financially and that Christmas only increases the pressures that they feel under. Please be mindful of those in our communities that may be in need, Christmas can be a difficult time for many. Thank you to all of our families for your generous donations of support to Skipton Food bank through our annual Reverse Advent appeal..

As this is the last newsletter of 2023, I wanted to thank you for the huge amount of support that you have continued to show us throughout this autumn term. The Ofsted inspectors commented on the overwhelmingly positive feedback that you gave when completing the parental survey. We are truly blessed to have a strong and vibrant school community with such wonderful children and families. Their attitudes, kindness and resilience are a credit to you. I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and dedication during this term to give your children the best education that they deserve – thank you!

I wish you and your families peace and happiness over the festive season of Christmas as you gather together to celebrate.

And that's a wrap! We look forward to welcoming you back into school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Mr Whitehead

Headteacher

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# Learning to Live



**Christmas 2023** - It has been wonderful to see such great support for the children in church during their Christmas productions this week. Robins and Swallows did us proud in their Nativity finishing off with a very touching performance of The British Sign Language version of Rudolph. There have been so many happy faces both performing in and watching the shows.





# Loving to Learn

## Robins

And that's a wrap for this year! The first term of Reception and Year one have been wonderful in Robins, the children have worked hard, had lots of fun and given us lots of smiles! We are sad to have to say goodbye to Miss Cawtherley who has been a student teacher in Robins this term - we will really miss her!

It has been a delight to see the children progress in writing, they work hard composing sentences and learning new vocabulary in our Write Stuff lessons with Grandma Fantastic. Later in the week they work on word and sentence writing using their phonics accurately. I am so happy to see lots of children choosing to write in provision too - I love to see children enjoying writing. We are working hard on handwriting and will continue to do so next year. Please let me know if you would like extra handwriting work for home.

Year one children have been working hard with Mrs Kingham in Maths and we are starting to see some really fluent Mathematicians. Reception children have enjoyed their practical Maths activities and are really impressing us with their use of Mathematical vocabulary. Don't forget to spend time on Numbots, this will really help them in school.

We have really enjoyed learning all about the world around us and thinking about our country. We have a catchy song to remember the countries of the United Kingdom. The children particularly liked learning all about famous landmarks with Big Ben being a favourite! It is really important that children have the knowledge about where they live so that they can make comparisons with other countries further into the curriculum.

Part two of the Skipton Movement Skills festival gave children another chance to practise the things they have been learning in PE on a Friday with Mrs Swales. Coach Jonny Moore is always impressed with Kildwick sports, keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for activities through Skipton Tennis Club.

We had a visit from 'My Dentist' as part of our PSHE /PSED curriculum. Children had already been learning about oral health in PSHE lessons and impressed the dentist and our Ofsted inspectors by talking about tooth decay!

The children have been amazing through the run up to Christmas and I consider it to be a real privilege to spend time with them and hopefully be part of their Christmas memories. From Nativities to Christingles and then all the Christmas crafts, I hope that the children will have happy memories from Christmas in school.

As always we can't thank you enough for your supportive approach to school life, it's been a great term. I hope that you all have chance to spend time together at Christmas and enjoy what Christmas is really all about - the children! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff in Robins class!

Miss Akrigg



# Loving to Learn

## Swallows

That's a wrap! An amazing first half term for both year one and two. You have tackled this first term with positivity, resilience and a good sense of humour. We feel very proud to see how the children are developing and making good progress so far this year.

Year one children have been working hard with Mrs Kingham in Maths and we are starting to see some really fluent Mathematicians. Year two children have worked extremely hard to tackle some difficult concepts in maths.

We have enjoyed exploring our senses in Science. It was amazing how many children enjoyed the taste of the lemon but chocolate was definitely a firm winner! The children thought of some fantastic words to describe the tastes. We found it difficult to throw bean bags into the hoop while blindfolded and enjoyed playing listening bingo.

Part two of the Skipton Movement Festival was enjoyed by all. We were able to build upon our skills from part one. We had the opportunity to work as a team to complete games and tasks and also challenge ourselves with individual challenges such as squats! Coach Jonny Moore is always impressed with Kildwick sports, keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for activities through Skipton Tennis Club.

We have enjoyed learning about the United Kingdom and famous landmarks. Our favourite was the Giant's Causeway and the legend of Finn MacCool. The children had great fun re-enacting the legend.

'My Dentist' came to visit us in school. We sorted foods into high and low sugar content and discussed when we should eat certain foods. We then practised brushing our teeth in small circular motions.

The children have worked really hard to learn both lines and songs for our KS1 nativity Born in Barn. We hope that you enjoyed watching our performance.

School would not be the same without your support and as always we thank you for this. We hope that you have an amazing Christmas break, enjoy time together as a family and a well deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming you back into school in the new year.

Mrs Carpenter and the Swallows team.





# Loving to Learn

## Kingfishers

This half term has come and gone in a flash! We have definitely had a jam packed time.

In Geography, we have explored the topic 'Mountains and Volcanoes'. We started by learning about the formation of the earth. Gaining a knowledge of the earth's crust being made of tectonic plates, allowed the children to explore how those plates and the mantle below them move to create different types of mountains. The children especially enjoyed learning about volcano eruptions.



In art, the children have been working on their drawing skills. We explored making marks with pencils, scissors and charcoal (very messy!). Each lesson led up to the children creating their final piece, scratching a design into painted wax.



Since we loved getting so creative this half term, we thought it was only fair to let our parents join in on the fun! I think the children have really taken origami in their stride. Unfortunately, I'm not sure we can say the same about all our parents!

PE lessons have put us through our paces this half term, we have explored health related fitness. This had us being calm in yoga one week, then pushing our limits in circuits the next. The children enjoyed challenging themselves and exploring new ways to move their bodies.



Space has been a favourite topic for many of the children.

During this topic, we spent time developing our researching skills. Using the chromebooks, we found out that that saturn has 145 moons! We also tried to create a to scale model of our solar system. However we soon realised the Kildwick playground is too small to fit a galaxy in.

I hope you all have the best Christmas and a well deserved rest! Miss Norton



# Loving to Learn

## Owls

Our term has ended with a blast of volcanic activity from Iceland. This has been very interesting to follow as we have studied mountains and volcanoes this half term. Seeing the 4km fissure along the tectonic plate in Iceland has helped us understand what we learned in lessons.

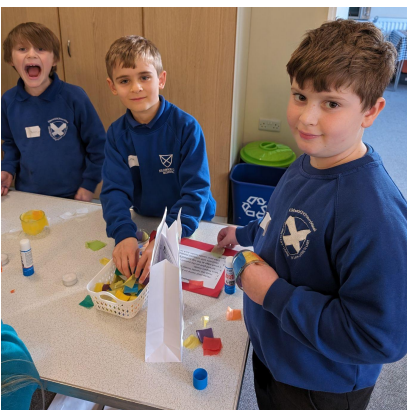
The Carol Concert also marked the end of the term for us. A big thank you to all those that sang and remembered what Mr Schofield had taught us. A special mention to those children who volunteered for a solo part and our wonderful glockenspiel players.

We had a great morning at Skipton Rugby Club last week. After the scores were revealed, a Kildwick team headed for a semi final and then a final. In the end, brilliant tackling, incredible running and fantastic support from the Kildwick supporters in the crowd led to a Kildwick win!

Owls participated in the yearly 'Rewind to Christmas' event run by clergy and volunteers from local churches. 'Rewind' is a fun, interactive way to help children understand the significance of Christmas for Christians. We completed a booklet of activities, watched videos, made beautiful tea light holders and took part in a fun Christmas quiz. We found out in the quiz that in Victorian England, turkeys had to walk from Norwich to London and so had special walking boots made! We're still trying to get our heads around that!

Finally, we say goodbye and big thanks to Miss Aspin, who has been with Owls class since September. She has most recently taken on the responsibility for teaching the geography and science lessons. Below, you can see a photo of a lesson she taught with inflatable planets on the playground. We wish her the very best of luck as she moves onto to her next teacher training placement at Glusburn Primary School.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year. Mr Horton.





# Loving to Learn

## Eagles

We're one third of the way through the final year of primary school for Year Six; a fitting figure seeing as we've been focussing heavily on fractions this half term. We've become experts at adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing with fractions - let's hope we can remember how to do this after the Christmas holidays!

Our writing this half term has led us to create a narrative poem based on Darwin's finches on the Galapagos Islands. The children were very inquisitive about the finches and the geography of the area so we ended up finding out lots of interesting information which then helped form our poems. We ended the term with a personal favourite of mine - the Christmas advert story. The children wrote some excellent stories based on 'A Christmas Love Story' which was The National Lottery's 2022 advertisement.

The children have been learning lots in our geography lessons where we have been exploring trade. We've learnt lots of key facts such as what a global supply chain is and how to define import and export. We've had some great opportunities to explore maps and analyse data about what countries export and why.

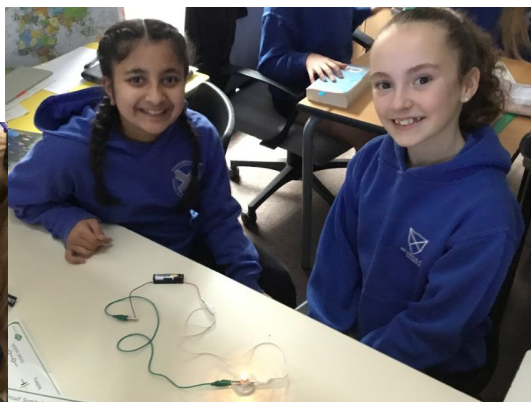
A big project the children took on in the final weeks of term was to make a playground in DT. Children planned, designed and built miniature playground using a range of limited resources. The glue guns were in high demand as the class worked hard to create some brilliant playground equipment.

Year Six have been a great help around school during all of our festive activities. From helping their buddies make Christingles to running stalls at the Christmas fair, Year Six have had lots of opportunities to show off how responsible they are. The children were thrilled when it was revealed that they had won a reward of a film afternoon after raising the most money at the Christmas fair.

Looking ahead to next half term, we've been discussing and finding out more about the Houses of Parliament in preparation for our visit there on the first day back. It will be great for the children to see the building and chambers in real life.

We hope you have an amazing Christmas and we'll see you bright and early on the 9th January for our next exciting adventure to London!

Mrs Fordham



# Learning to Live

On 10th November, Year 4 travelled to Sandylands in Skipton to take part in a football festival organised by Skipton Tennis as part of the Craven Sports Partnership.

Many local school (Embsay, Gargrave, Boyle & Petyt, Greatwood, Water Street, St Stephens, Carleton, Parish) also took part in the event. Year 4 were welcomed at Sandylands all weather pitch by Jonny and were shown to their own zone. There they met their coaches and sports leaders from Skipton Academy.

Firstly, Year 4 children practised skill activities e.g. dribbling, passing, defending, shooting, team work. Then they were organised into three teams ready for some inter school games. The Kildwick teams played short games of football against children of the same age from the other participating school.

Everyone had a fantastic time and shook hands with the other team at the end of each games. Finally, Jonny thanked everyone for taking part and handed out certificates. The participants were reminded of the values that the partnership seeks to promote.

INCLUSIVE, SPORTSMANSHIP, RESPECT, TEAMWORK, FAIR-PLAY, RESILIENCE, DETERMINATION, FRIENDSHIP





# Learning to Live

## Keighley and Craven Schools' Cross Country League 23-24

Running club will stop now because of the dark nights but there is the second cross country meet on Tuesday 7th November to look forward to after half term. An email has been sent out to all key stage two parents.

Well done to all the runners that took part in the second Keighley and Craven Schools' cross country event at Lund Park. We had some excellent performances from individuals and it was fantastic to see so many children from Kildwick running on what was a challenging course. There was lots of mud but lots of smiles. Some children even lost their trainers on the way round, only to pick them up and carry on running! The results and school positions after the first race can be found [here](#).





# Learning to Live

## Year 5 / 6 Girls' Football Tournament

Eight girls were chosen to represent Kildwick School in a football tournament at South Craven School on Wednesday 15th November. The team were made up of 7 players-a-side on the pitch so different players took it in turns to be the substitute. The team of eight went prepared wearing the school football top, football socks and shin pads. Many parents came to watch and enjoyed cheering on the team from Kildwick. Everyone had a great time (despite the weather) and enjoyed the camaraderie of the games. Although not ultimately victorious, it was a memorable night under the flood lights.





# Learning to Live

## Kildwick Triumph in Rugby

On Thursday 14th December, Owls class visited Skipton Rugby Club to take part in a rugby tournament. Darren, from the club, had coached and arranged for local primary schools to attend. Kildwick teams played games of tag rugby against Water Street, St Stephen's and Embsay Primary Schools. After the scores were revealed, a Kildwick team headed for a semi final against a team from Embsay. A close run game ended in a Kildwick victory and the final was next. They faced St Stephen's in the final. It was a nail biting finale with both sides going ahead and then drawing level again. But in the end, brilliant tackling, incredible running and fantastic support from the Kildwick supporters in the crowd led to a Kildwick win.



# Learning to Live

One of our Year Six pupils, Willow, is starring in the Alhambra Pantomime, Cinderella and will be dancing in the show for the next six weeks. Well done Willow from all of us at Kildwick!

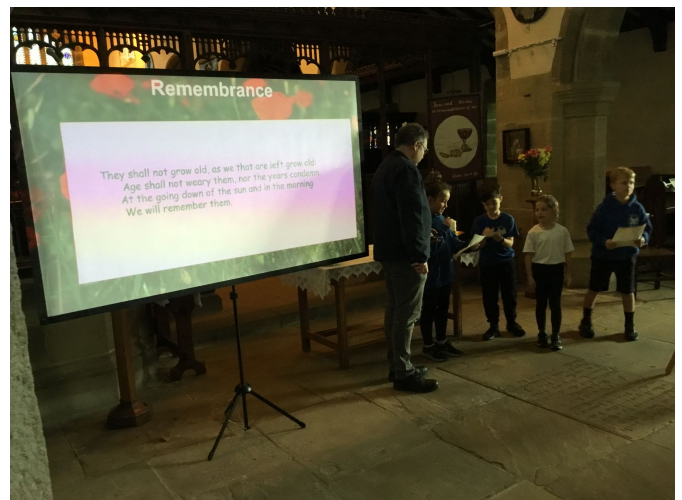
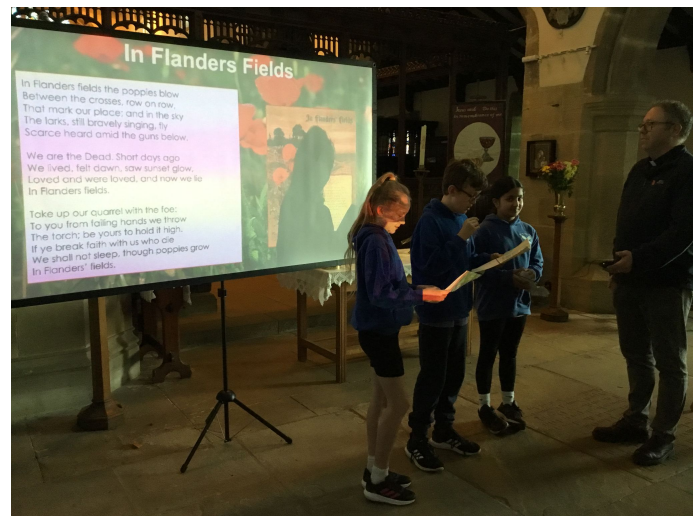




# Living to Love

## Remembrance

Remembrance For our remembrance service this year children painted poppies, read poems and readings . We placed the painted poppies at the altar during the service in church that Rev Mike led. We paid our respects with two minutes silence.





# Living to Love



## Rewind to Christmas

Owls participated in the yearly 'Rewind to Christmas' event run by clergy and volunteers from local churches. 'Rewind' is a fun, interactive way to help children understand the significance of Christmas for Christians.

Owls all had a lovely time completing the activities and it was nice to meet up with children from other local schools. We would like to send a huge thank you to all involved from Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches for making it happen.





# Loving to Learn

## My Dentist Visit

As part of our Science and PSHE curriculum Robins and Swallows had a visit from My Dentist. They thought about good and bad foods for our teeth. The children each got a timer so that they can check they are brushing their teeth for two minutes twice a day.

Our favourite part was turning our mouth blue so that we can check that we are brushing our teeth properly!

The dentist commented that the children listened really well and were very knowledgeable about oral health. They even impressed our Ofsted inspectors, who came before the dentist visit; one of our Reception children said, “you have to brush your teeth or you will get tooth decay!” Amazing knowledge and fantastic vocabulary!

We also had some great parent feedback, we heard lots of children were more motivated to brush their teeth! Great learning!

