

Y2 Nativity:

Year 2 – SUPERSTARS! This year's nativity performance saw the role of the all-important star taking pride of place in 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'. After initial auditions, the 'Superstar' is chosen to lead a range of characters (including 3 Wise Men and their apprentices, 8 very scared shepherds and a menagerie of animals). 'Stella' might lag behind in everything she does but certainly added her twist to the meaning of 'Superstar'! As the innkeepers boast about their full purses they don't expect to take on any more visitors especially in a tatty old stable where Joseph and Mary want to stay. 'Superstar' Stella steps over the stable and shines over the new born king and declares that the real superstar in the Christmas story is baby Jesus, her all important message – shine like a superstar this Christmas to tell everyone that Jesus was born for us.



EYFS & Y1 Singing:

Nothing captures the spirit of Christmas quite like young children singing seasonal songs, especially when they are so obviously enjoying themselves. Audiences were treated to 2 wonderful performances each from EYFS and Y1 children. They had all learnt so many songs and sang clearly and with enthusiasm throughout. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children .



Babushka by Y3:

The talented Year 3's have been practising hard and have celebrated in style down at Ecclesall All Saints Church.

Their performance of Babushka was bright, lively and colourful! From the Russian dancers, the mice and insects to the nativity characters, everyone was singing, dancing and acting. The all in one camel was a huge success and the narrators were expressive and clear leading us through our story. Mary, Joseph and the Donkey completed our nativity scene.

It was a lovely way to finish their first term as a Junior pupil and the children should all feel very proud of themselves.

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and friends who supported the children by coming to watch.



Christmas Crafts:

It was great to see so many Mums, Dads, Grandparents and friends involved with the infant classes Christmas Crafts workshops this term. There were many fantastic designs and creations that we are sure will be brought out each Christmas for many years to come.



Reverse Advent Calendar:

Once again we have been so impressed by everyone's generosity with our Reverse Advent Calendar. This year we requested items for the Cathedral Archer Project, helping the homeless in Sheffield. The purpose of this activity is to encourage the children to consider this time of year about helping people and giving rather than merely receiving - thank you to all the parents/carers who have discussed this with the children. A fourth and final car load of donations will be delivered on the last day of term.



Children's Hospital Appeal:

If you happen to be passing by the Children's Hospital do look out for the Ecclesall Primary School snowflake, proudly shining on the wall just to the left of the new main entrance. This was as a result of the team of staff, governors and parents who ran the Sheffield 10K back in September and the sponsorship that came in from that event - we raised just over £1400 for the Children's Hospital Appeal. Many thanks to all the runners and everyone who sponsored the team. As a result of this fundraising we will also be given a bear to decorate that will form part of a "Bear Hunt" throughout Sheffield over the Summer in a similar way that the "Herd of Sheffield" featured a couple of years ago.



EPTFA :



A huge thank you to everyone who has helped out in any way with the wonderful work of the EPTFA. The Christmas Fayre raised over £4000 to help provide resources and experiences for the children. Alongside their work at events such as the discos, film nights and bun sales there are also initiatives such as the Tea Towels and Christmas Cards that also help to raise valuable funds.

KS2 Choir:

The Key Stage 2 Choir continues to grow in numbers and strength and they have been busy over the Christmas period. Following on from their part in the World Record singing relay, they have been busy performing at various festive events. The EPTFA Christmas Fair, High Storrs School tea party organised by the Sixth Form students for local elderly residents and the Whirlow Hall Farm Carol Service held at Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses. They have performed with growing confidence and are becoming a really strong choir, working well together to bring pleasure to many audiences.

Next term the choir will be working towards a performance with Silverdale school students as well as performing to the school in a Music Showcase Assembly (dates to follow). If anyone else would like to join the choir please speak to Angela in the school office. They rehearse on a Thursday morning before school (8.00 - 8.45am).



Father Christmas:

Father Christmas managed to squeeze in a visit to EPS where he handed out class gifts to the children. He had a whole school experience, visiting the infants in the Hall before making his way around each KS2 classroom. All the children were thrilled to see him.



Coming Up:

January: Value of the Month: TRUST

Mon 6: Return to School

Y3 History Alive visiting - Ancient Egyptians

Fri 10: Y5 Robotics Workshop Session 1 WER

Sat 11: Orienteering @ Whirlowbrook Hall 12.30 - 3.00pm

Mon 13: Prospective parent show round 11.15am

Wed 15: EYFS & Y6 Weighing

Wed 22: Whole School Art Day

Thu 23: Y6 Visit Crucial Crew - all day

Fri 24: Squirrels Class Assembly 9.00am

Sat 25: KS2 Cross Country @ Norfolk Park 9.30am

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