

FEDERATED SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER 19th December 2019



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'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

By [Clement Clarke Moore](#)



Dear Parents,

Here we are almost at the end of 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Thank you also for your support, particularly in donating to our charitable causes. I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on 7th of January 2020.

Warm wishes,
Mrs. McDonald

Academic Year 2019/20

Friday 20th December – Carol Service 2pm at St Botolph's, Carlton, collect children from Church
– Break up for Christmas

Please wear school uniform with Christmas Jumpers

Monday 6th January 2019 – School Closed – Training day

Tuesday 7th January – Children return to school

There are no clubs in the first week back to school

Monday 13th January – Swimming restarts

Friday 17th January – Planetarium in school all day

Friday 31st January – Tranquil Treehouse (PM)

9th – 13th March – East Barnby (Y5 & Y6)

Attendance (Carlton)



Well done to Bonnie and Avagrace who won the attendance raffle for this half term.

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting our schools in lots of ways throughout the past year. Especially those who volunteer for clubs, activities, reading and visiting clergy.

Thank you also, to John, Sue, Lewis and Harry Barker who have kindly donated two lovely Christmas trees to our schools.



Christmas Dinner

We celebrated Christmas dinner last Friday. Opening the doors between the hall and classroom allowed us to all sit as a federated family joined by people who have helped us during the year. As Christmas dinner fell on 13th December, St Lucia's day in Sweden, Maddie started proceedings singing Santa Lucia in Swedish wearing traditional dress and circulating the tables supported by some other girls. She also treated us to cinnamon buns which was very kind and very delicious. Mrs Parker and Mrs Read prepared a wonderful dinner and despite being full, the children managed to squeeze in a chocolate cupcake for dessert.

We would like to say a huge thank you and Merry Christmas to Mrs Parker and Mrs Read for their hard work and marvellous meals all year.



EYFS

We are so proud of our amazing children! They did a fantastic retelling of the Nativity story and exceeded all our expectations by learning their lines and speaking them out loud and clear! We had great fun performing the songs and a lovely stay and play craft session afterwards with our families.



Well done to all our children for their commitment and much improved stamina and enjoyment shown this half term.

We are looking forward to continuing in January when we will be beginning to record the children's progress, changing the course and trying to improve on personal bests.



Please check your child's ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding balances before the start of next term. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about your accounts which should be up to date on Mondays for the previous week.

Please can we remind Parents that school meals should be paid for in **advance** and should not have a negative balance.

Thank you

Class 2

In the past few weeks we have been learning about a Victorian Christmas. One of the traditions we still have today is the Christmas tree which was introduced by Prince Albert. We have all been making handmade Christmas tree decorations out of paper. Which are now hung on the tree in the hall.

Did you know many of the carols we sing today were sung in the Victorian era to? For example, O little town of Bethlehem and o come all ye faithful.



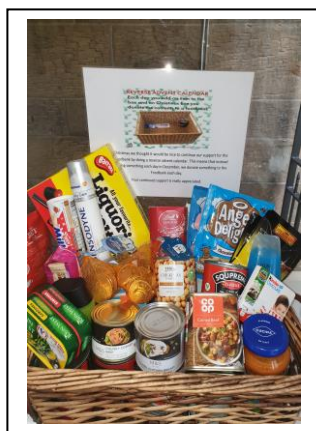
Class 1

We have been enjoying learning all about Christmas and reading the most special story the 'Nativity'. We have also learned about Christmas Around the World when learning about Christmas Traditions in Sweden. We would like to thank Maddie for sharing her knowledge of Saint Lucia's Day on Friday 13th December. We have had great fun getting into the festive spirit in art with the joy of glitter! The children have had great fun making, cards, calendars and then enjoyed making Christmas Crafts during their Forest School session on Friday...Our tree bark Father Christmas looked very sparkly!



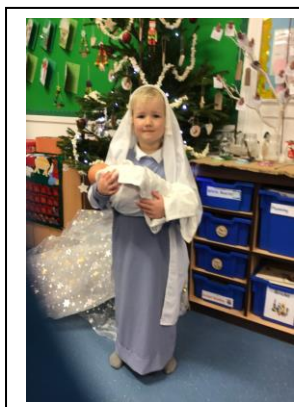
Reverse Advent

Thank you for your kind donations to the food bank; these are very much appreciated by both the Hambleton Foodbank, based in Northallerton, and the schools. We will continue to collect throughout the year, so if you could send donations to school on "Foodbank Friday" we would be grateful.



Bilsdale Nativity

On a chilly Tuesday afternoon the Bilsdale community gathered together for the annual nativity. The children retold the Christmas story beautifully with clear and confident speaking and singing. The important message they were able to convey can help us all move forward towards Christmas with peace and joy in our hearts.



Carlton Nativity

"Yesterday (18/12/19) our school performed the Nativity. We were all very nervous at the start, but when we finished, we were relieved and proud. We were happy we did it and we enjoyed it. After all our rehearsals and practicing, we were extremely proud and tired. We hope you all enjoyed it too."

Isabel & George



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