

Recent Events

Class 6 Assembly : Class Six performed an excellent final Advent assembly that was both great fun, original and got the message across about what Christmas is really all about. Very well done to them all and a big thank you to Mr Hickey for giving them this chance to shine.

Football Shirt Raffle ~ Mr Cook drew out the winning ticket for this raffle which raised £150 for the new classroom. The lucky winner was none other than Josie Green herself ~ a devoted fan if ever there was one so well done Josie!

Christmas Party : The party and the entertainer were both great fun and really enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you to the Friends who came to help and to all those who made up the great party bags for each child.

Town Centre Sing : We took 52 children to sing in the town centre to sing carols for the Hospice. Your children were excellent as always and sang with great enthusiasm ~ well done to all of them.

Advent Readings and Helpers ~ Sister Juliana and the school would like to extend a big thank you to all the children and families who came to practices and played such a major role in enhancing the 9.30 Masses during Advent. The children who read were outstanding but none of this would have possible with your support. Thank you also to Sister Juliana herself for giving up so much of her time to practice and encourage the children to do so well. Such dedication for the things of God inspires us all.

Artists at work ~ Thank you to Mrs Rai Plews and Mrs Helen Walker for their original works of art which are now hanging in the entrance area. Please have a look when you are passing ~ they are beautiful pictures.

Light Up a Life ~ Money donated by staff for Barnsley Hospice amounted to a superb £210 in the Light up a life campaign. What amazingly generous people we have here at Holy Rood. Thanks to Josie Green for organising all this.



Mission Together ~ The children's charity would like to say a huge thank you to all the children at Holy Rood who sent in a total of £125. The certificate is on display in school.

Beaumanor Hall ~ Next instalment for payment is due on or before 13th January. We are fixing a date for an information meeting with all parents and children with one of the instructors from Beaumanor. We will let you know the date a.s.a.p.

Friends News

Funds spent ~ Thank you to the Friends for paying for the Christmas entertainer and also giving £100 to buy play equipment to be used at lunchtimes. This is in addition to giving each class teacher £200 this academic year to spend on the children in their class. This enables some class visits to be subsidised as well as particular items to be purchased.

Class Photos ~ Class Photos are available to order at £1.50 each and can be viewed in your child's classroom. They have been taken by a master photographer and your child has been given an order form to take home which we would like back by 14th January at the latest. Many thanks!

Envelope Draw ~ The total prize money was £50 and the lucky winner was Linus Brind. The envelope was drawn in assembly.

Cian Senior ~ From class six went to Sunderland recently for the NE County Swimming Championships. Cian won 3 heats and finished second overall which is a fantastic achievement. Do we have a future Olympian in our midst? Really well done to Cian and keep it up.

Laura Exley ~ Congratulations to Laura Exley who has already passed her grade one flute with merit. This is some achievement for someone only in class four so very well done to Laura.

(Please let us know if your child has done something that is worthy of a mention in the newsletter)

Barnsley Youth Choir ~ Are you 8 - 18 years old? Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to audition to become a member of the new Barnsley Youth Choir?

Auditions will take place at Kingstone School Performing Arts Department on Sunday 18th January or 25th January from 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. and take approx 30 minutes.

No need to prepare anything. Successful auditionees will rehearse weekly and take part in prestigious events. Boys and girls both welcome. Please phone 01226 - 738536 to book an audition or for more information.

Young Voices DVD ~ Please note we cannot take any more orders for this DVD now ~ thank you.

You must be crackers! ~ What did the skeleton ask for when he went to the pub?

{A pint of beer and a mop and bucket}

If you have any favourite jokes just send them in!



Thank you for reading
this newsletter,
John Gregson