



Dear parents and friends,
 Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the autumn term, and what a wonderful, festive week we have had...

Hey Ewe!

What a wonderful, energetic, and delightful production at Bainbridge on Tuesday afternoon, including all nursery, reception and KS1 children. The entire production was beautifully prepared and presented, and the singing was excellent. The production really exemplified 'ENJOYMENT' from our RESPECT code as every child took part with a big smile on their face. The smiles, laughter, and emotion from the audience spoke volumes! Thank you and well done to all.

Huge thanks to:

- The PTFA for serving refreshments afterwards
- Mrs Mayer for making delicious biscuits and cakes
- Helen Alexander for transporting the stage

Baboushka

On Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening we were treated to an outstanding production of Baboushka at West Burton which saw every child take a speaking role – what a fantastic achievement! The singing quality was particularly excellent and really helped to tell this lovely alternative Christmas nativity story. I usually avoid naming individual children because everyone contributes so significantly but I am compelled to congratulate Charlotte on her excellent portrayal of Baboushka, especially as it involved learning so many lines! Well done all.

Many thanks to:

- Mrs Chapman for serving and preparing refreshments
- Mr Donno and Mel Cooper for transporting the stage
- Deb Wood for the fabulous set



Askrigg and Bainbridge Primary and Nursery School Christmas Production - December 2017



West Burton School Christmas Production - December 2017



• Mrs Scarborough for help with costumes

DVDs and Prints
 Thank you so very much to Jason Cartwright (Thomasina's dad) for giving his time and professional generosity to film both productions, produce a DVD, and take 2 fabulous professional photographs which will serve as lovely mementos of the fantastic plays. Please see separate letter and order form. The prices are as follows:

- 1 x DVD - £7
- 1 x professional A4 print - £5
- Special offer – 2 of each - £20

Please note that Mr Cartwright is making no money out of this venture, despite this being his profession, and any proceeds will go directly to school. Huge thanks to him for this. Copies of the photographs are available to see in all three schools.

Askrigg and Bainbridge KS2 DVD

A DVD will also be available of 'A Wensleydale Christmas Carol' – watch this space for more details.

Headteacher's Timetable – Spring Term

My timetable is attached up until February half term.

School Parties – Next Week

Bainbridge will be having their party on Wednesday, whilst Askrigg and West Burton will have theirs on Friday morning. Our cooks have strict nutritional guidelines that they have to follow, but a party meal isn't complete without the salty and sweet treats that they are unable to provide. If your child would like to bring treats to add to the party lunch they would be most

welcome.

Lunch Options – Spring Term

We offer your child the option of a jacket potato (up to a maximum of two per week) if there are certain foods they dislike. The sheet is attached for you to make your choices – please discuss it with your child and return it by the end of next week. If your child would like school lunch every day there is no need to return the form.

After School Clubs

Please complete and return your sign-up sheet for clubs which we sent last week as soon as possible.



Membership of clubs will not be assumed, even if your child currently attends a club.
*Please remember there will be no after school clubs next week.

Christingle – St. Andrew’s Church – Tuesday 19th – 2pm

You are very welcome to join us at Aysgarth next Tuesday for our BAWB Christingle service. The service will last about an hour, and if you wish, you can take your children home from church.

A Wensleydale Christmas Carol – Premiere – Wednesday 20th – 1:30pm and 6:00pm – Askrigg Village Hall

You are very welcome to join us in Askrigg Village Hall next week for our ‘red carpet’ premiere. The children and Mr Billingham have worked very hard on this project and we are all excited to see the final outcome!

BAWB Tea Towels

There will be another chance to buy your tea towels next Wednesday after the KS2 film showing ~ 3 for £10 or £4 each.

Next week’s newsletter ...

... will be sent home on Thursday as we are at the pantomime on Friday – oh yes we are!

Friday – no bags, books etc please

Please can you make sure that children do not bring any bags, books etc on Friday next week – all of their belongings will be sent home on Thursday at the latest so they will only need coats and a water bottle on Friday.



Friday 22nd – After School Arrangements – All Children

Thank you to everyone who has already sent their slip back re collection arrangements after the panto. If

yours is still at home, please return it on Monday. Thank you.

**If you have stated that you will collect your child at Tenants at 3:10pm please make sure you are there in good time as I am afraid the bus won’t be able to wait; if you are not there we will take your child back to their home school.

Maternity Cover

The governors met this week and agreed firm arrangements for my maternity leave (to start after February half-term). My only concern is that no one will want me back afterwards! It has obviously been of utmost importance to the Governing Board to secure the right solution for our federation; supported by the Local Authority and Diocese. As you can imagine this has meant dedicating sufficient time to a careful exploration of options. Please see separate letter to follow next week.

Celebration Assemblies – Cancelled Next Week

Please remember – as per the Christmas bulletin – that there will be no celebration assemblies at any of our schools next week.

Weekly Class Attendance	
Class 2 @ Bainbridge – Mrs Harrison	95.7%
Class 3 @ Askrigg – Mr Billingham	99.2%
Class 4 @ Askrigg – Miss Collins	96.7%
Class 1 @ West Burton – Mrs Williams	90%
Class 2 @ West Burton – Mrs Robinson	95%

This Week’s Awards from the Headteacher	
Headteacher’s Award, Bainbridge	Joseph Booth
Headteacher’s Award, Askrigg	Ruby Pattison
Headteacher’s Award, West Burton	Mary Cooper
Best Class Attendance	Mr Billingham’s Class
Tidiest Classroom Award	Miss Collins’s Class

Have a lovely weekend.

Charlotte Harper





From the Log Books

School log books are held in our schools and they are a marvellous record of social, and educational, history. We will reproduce extracts in this section. This week's is from West Burton's log books.

December 15, 1874: Went down to Sorrowsykes with some of the lads to skate and slide and opened the school at two today.

December 18, 1874: I had only very few scholars at the opening of the school. The weather this week has been such to deter the children from coming. It has been a continuous storm for several days and snow is from 12 to 15 inches high.



West Burton's Newsflash

This week we had two days with Rev Lynne leading our Collective Worship. We have had her for six weeks with the story of the candle maker where we get to dress up and act out the story. This week we had the last two episodes. Every week was left on a cliff hanger saying that although the candles were special another one even better is still to come. Mrs Williams had to be patient and wait for the next week to find out what happened. Mrs Scarborough and Mrs Madden also helped with props and costumes.

On Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening was our performance 'BABOUSHKA'. Mrs Robinson said "everyone worked so hard practising their lines and learning the words and tunes (including separate harmonies), I am very proud of the effort and enjoyment shown by everyone."

All the candles that were made for the enterprise challenge were sold at the evening performance of Baboushka. Many parents were intrigued about how the wax sculptures had been formed.

Grace Dent Y6



Askrigg's Junior Reporters' Column

Christmas production and more

Next Wednesday, we are going to be showing our Christmas production. It is called a Wensleydale Christmas Carol. We are not going to perform a play this year because our brilliant teacher Mr Billingham has been very creative and let us do a film. Anyone is allowed to come and watch the film: it will start at 1:30pm and will end around 2:30pm and it will also be on at 6:00pm and will end around 7:00pm and is at Askrigg Village Hall.

There is also going to be a Christingle at Aysgarth (St Andrew's Church) on Tuesday next week. It starts at 2pm in the afternoon.

The children are also going to go to a pantomime in Leyburn next Friday. It is a trip so if you have not handed in a form yet I would advise you to hand it in as quickly as possible or else your child will not be coming to the pantomime and that will be very disappointing!

Next week, we are going to be bringing in CD's to watch on Friday it will be very fun but you are only allowed to bring in CD's that are rated U because people might get upset and we do not want this happening.

By Ben and Rosie Y6.



Community News

Wensleydale Creamery Christmas Shopping Evenings, 5-8pm Thurs 21st December

Save 20% (Excludes alcohol, promotions, and Calvert's Restaurant. In store only.) Free mince pies and mulled wine. Food served in Calvert's Restaurant. Christmas raffle – proceeds to Young Voices Choir. The Young Voices Choir, directed by Barbara Roorcroft, are joining us to sing some of their favourites.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Oswald's Askrigg runs from 17th December to 02 January from 9am-6pm. Saturday 16th 7pm Christmas Tree Festival pre-view concert

Askrigg Advent Window trail sheets are available from Church, Sykes Store or Humble Pie

Askrigg Children's Activities

Cheryl Burton writes: 'Christmas events for Askrigg Children's activities, everyone is welcome! Carol Singing [Friday 22nd 6pm](#), meet at the Cross; Children's Party, [Saturday 23rd, 3-5pm](#) in the Village Hall with DJ Wilco (bring and share party tea, boys savoury, girls sweet); [Christmas Eve](#), Father Christmas in Church [@ 5:15](#), a small gift for each child. Mulled wine and mince pies (donation of mince pies welcome).

Upper Wensleydale Benefice Sunday School December

Sunday 17th, 4.00pm Carol Service at Askrigg Church; Sunday 24th 4.00pm Christingle Service at Askrigg Church (with a visit by Santa) and 8.00pm, Carols by Candlelight at Stalling Busk.

Penhill Benefice

Friday December 15th at 6pm, Holy Trinity, Wensley; **Saturday December 16th** at 2.30pm, Thoraby Village Hall;

Sunday 17th December: 11am Carol Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth; 3pm Carol Service, Thornton Rust Mission Room; 4pm Carol Service, St. Mary's, Redmire; 6pm Carol Service, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar; 6pm Carol Service, St. Bartholomew's & in village, West Witton.

West Burton Nativity

The Nativity Service is taking place at West Burton Chapel on Sunday 17th December at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE: 3.30pm Crib Service **with Children's Church**, St. Mary's, Redmire; 4:00pm Crib Service **with Children's Church**, St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Monday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY: 11am Family Communion Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth

Askrigg & Bainbridge PTFA Events:

CURRY NIGHT - Friday 26th January, 6pm – 9pm at The Wheatsheaf, Carperby. £8.50 Adult, £6 Child, includes meal and a drink. Tickets available at the Wheatsheaf, Askrigg and Bainbridge school receptions or from our committee members. It would be lovely to see you all there!

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ASKRIGG NEWS

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Caelan McCreddie is fundraising for the RNLI to support the important work they do. He will be selling bags of homemade chocolates (which would make excellent little Christmas gifts!) for £1.50 a bag. He will be at Bainbridge school gate on Tues 19th, Wed 20th and Fri 22nd Dec. Please help him to raise as much as possible, £25 would buy some thermal gloves, £54 would buy a pair of yellow safety boots and £225 buys a thermal suit!

West Burton School News

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West Burton Chapel Nativity Service – Sunday 17 December at 6pm. Rehearsal Friday 15 December from 3:20 – 5:00pm.

The Songbirds will be taking part.

Raffle: Thank you very much to all who donated prizes and who bought tickets. £100 was raised over the two brilliant productions of Baboushka and will be donated to the NSPCC. Lucky winners were Mrs Stanley, Mr Calvert, Mrs Dobbing, Mr Donno, Mrs Madden, Ms Willis, Mrs T Dent, Mrs R Atkinson and Mrs Doubtfire.

Panto – 22 December: As all children at WB are either being collected from Tennants at 3:10 or at school at 3:35pm, both Handleys and Raines buses have been cancelled for the school to home run.

Dates For Your Diary

Regular Clubs – All clubs are open to all children and are shown under the school where they take place

	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
Monday			
Tuesday		After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Tuesday Team
Wednesday			
Thursday		Chess Club – Mr Oliver - lunchtime	After School Sports – Mr Bullock 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday			The Songbirds 3.30pm
Date	Bainbridge	Askrigg	West Burton
17.12.17	Nativity – West Burton Chapel 6pm		
Wc 18.12.17	No after school clubs		
19.12.17	2pm - Christmas Service at St Andrew's Aysgarth		
20.12.17	Christmas party (am)		
20.12.17		1:30pm and 6pm – KS2 Christmas Production 'A Wensleydale Christmas Carol' – Askrigg Village Hall	
21.12.17	BAWB Day – including Christmas Lunch – West Burton		
22.12.17		Christmas parties (am)	
22.12.17	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Tennants, Leyburn (pm)		
25.12.17 – 7.1.18	Christmas Holidays		
8.1.18	Training Day – School Closed		
Tuesdays from 16.1.18	KS2 swimming		
9.1.18	School reopens		
30.1.18 – 2.2.18	Y3/4 Residential to Marrick Priory		
27.3.18	Last swimming session – KS2		
11-14.6.18	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge		
15.6.18	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability Level 1		
19, 20, 21.6.18	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability – Level 2		
26, 27, 28.6.18			Y5 and Y6 Bikeability – Level 2