



Ryhall CE Academy News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

There is no doubt that December has arrived; it's a month that I love not only for the special time that it represents, but also the wonderful showcase of work we always see from the children. KS1 children have been in full swing with rehearsals for next week's performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' As usual for this time of the year, we've been going through the usual battles of illness but hopefully all well for next week. The school choir performed their Carol repertoire at Morrison's this week, raising a tremendous £103 – they certainly deserved it. Over the last two weeks we've seen two very different assemblies – Hambleton Class presenting their Viking theme and Burghley Class with their piratical presentation. Pirate training is almost over and we see our new recruits out today – I just hope none of them end up walking the plank! Last week we were also treated to Henry Hill and Felipe Salles playing the piano for us all to enjoy; they both played superbly and we were delighted to share the news with Felipe that he had just been awarded a 'Distinction' in his recent Grade 4 Piano Exam. Today, continuing with the music theme, we look forward to Ellie Turner and daughter Artemis, playing the harp for us. It really is a special time of year. We end the term, and the last newsletter of 2017, with more wonderful news: Mrs Want and her Eco Warriors, together with some of the wonderful class projects over the last year, have been successful in submitting our school's successful application for the Silver Eco-Schools Award. This is high recognition indeed and our thanks go to Mrs Want and all of our Eco Warriors who have worked so very hard to achieve this. To add to our gallery of recognition we were visited by Prince Build Ltd who presented with the 'School of Excellence' trophy to recognise the Year 6 children's work ethic, respect, attitude and politeness at the recent Construction Skills event. Well done Year 6. I bid you all a peaceful festive season and an enjoyable end to 2017 and I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Katy Walker Headteacher



**Eco-Schools
Silver Award**

Dates for your diary

Tues 12th Dec	2.00pm – KS1 Nativity
Wed 13th Dec	Sports Leaders training till 6pm
Wed 13th Dec	6.00pm – KS1 Nativity
Thurs 14th Mon 18th	Optional Christmas Jumper Days
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Mon 18th Dec	6pm Year 4,5,6 Carols by Candlelight
Tues 19th Dec	Whole School Book Swap
Tues 19th Dec	2.30pm Headteacher's Assembly
Tues 19th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Wed 3rd Jan	START OF TERM 3

Recycle, Recycle

After the Christmas period, we're asking you to send in old batteries for recycling as part of our entry into 'The big battery hunt'. Each child will record how many batteries they bring in and can enter an individual competition; their battery count will then go towards a whole class total with a certificate for the winning class. Finally, all totals will be added for a whole school total. To increase collection, you could also take the idea to your place of work to boost numbers collected. School and individual prizes are available. Please get involved and support our mission to recycle, recycle, recycle.

Christmas Jumpers!

The last seven days of term give a couple of opportunities for the children (and staff) to don their Christmas jumpers in place of their school jumper or cardigan. Thursday 14th December is our annual Christmas Dinner and we invite children to get into the festive spirit by wearing their festive jumpers or simply decorating their school jumper/cardigan with some festive tinsel. Monday 18th December is the date for our Christmas party afternoon and again, children are invited to wear it festive. This is not a fundraising event so no money needs to be sent to school.

WEEKLY AWARDS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all the children who have been the deserving winners of the:

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

BELVOIR

Kyla Powell

BELTON

Ruby-Skye McArthur

ROCKINGHAM

Bella Allen

BURGHLEY

Josh Richardson

WOOLSTHORPE

Annabel Crichton

TOLETHORPE

Evie Griffin

HAMBLETON

Harry See

'STARS OF THE WEEK'

BELVOIR

Emilia Wells

BELTON

Lennie Chiverton

ROCKINGHAM

Kailum Lester

BURGHLEY

Theo Wells

WOOLSTHORPE

Henry Hill

TOLETHORPE

Jason Moat

HAMBLETON

Poppy See

HANDWRITING HEROES'

Congratulations to the following children for working hard to develop their handwriting:

Elin Evans, Kailum Lester, Isla Holroyd, William Younger, Eva Smalley, Ellie Scott, Emily Cobb, Lyla Osborne, Amelia Peck, Toby Fryett, Jim Allen and Olivia Linnell.

'RYHALL READERS'

Well done to the following children who have been awarded for their reading commitments:

Ruby Lee, Elliot Wolder, Evie Heames, William Brown, Chiara Pacitti, Lana Maiden, Elin Evans, Isabella Gatens, Harley Rance, Thomas Muxlow, Demi Gorman and Luke Greaves.

TRUST

RESPECT

FRIENDSHIP

ENDURANCE

COMPASSION

Burghley News

Wow what a week we have had in Burghley class. We had some time to be able to look back at our work this term and we realised how many amazing things we have learnt. We were very excited about sharing our learning with the other children and our adults. We practised our lines, songs and dances so on Tuesday we were ready for our assembly. We performed really well and made everyone very proud. We spoke loudly and clearly and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Thank you Burghley children and parents for making our assembly just brilliant. You have two very proud teachers.



Woolsthorpe News

The reading bug has well and truly hit Woolsthorpe class at the moment with everyone loving our latest class novel 'The Christmasaurus' by Tom Fletcher. Today we met the author himself in an exciting webinar and everyone is hoping to win his latest book The Creakers in our end of term prize draw. The children are generously swapping books from home and recommending their best reads so far this term. We have therefore decided it would be a good idea to appoint two librarians each week to co-ordinate the class passion for reading. Well done Gabriel and William B for being our first custodians of this important task! #lovereading

Belton News

We have enjoyed finishing our work on Julia Donaldson by looking at one of our favourites – 'Stickman'. We went into the woodland area and collected natural resources to make our own stick people. The children worked hard to measure, cut and stick to create their finished designs. Christmas has now definitely hit Belton Class! Alongside rehearsing for our Christmas play, we have been busy developing our creativity by making cards, calendars and Christmas decorations. We hope you like them. Please continue to enjoy reading over the Christmas break as well as practicing reading and spelling the tricky word list. Thank you for all your support this term. We look forward to seeing you at the KS1 Nativity next week and we wish you a very Merry Christmas when it arrives!

CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

In the last newsletter we omitted announcing the fantastic total raised for Children in Need and the Anti-Bullying Alliance – thank you to all of you for supporting our charity work and raising a total of £137.24. Together with the Macmillan Coffee event and the Poppy Appeal, we have already raised a staggering £734.47 for charity this academic year!

PE Kit

Although we're nearing the end of term, please can you check that your child's PE kit still has an appropriate change of footwear in, including socks. This is becoming more of a problem for girls who are wearing tights and have no socks to change in to. We appreciate it's less easy to name socks we can only return items to their rightful owner when they are named.

Thanks to FORA

The staff and governors of Ryhall CE Academy would like to give their thanks to all the members of our wonderful PTFA who worked so very hard to put on a very successful Christmas Market. It was so incredibly busy and seemed to be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

Belvoir News

We have been as busy as Father Christmas's Elves in the last couple of weeks. We have made and wrote Christmas cards, Christmas lists and letters to Santa. We have also listened to the first Christmas story and have been absolute stars practising for our Nativity play; we do hope you enjoy it! Each day we have been opening our advent calendar, the lucky person gets a chocolate to take home and the class get a suggestion of an act of kindness for us to do that day. We are trying very hard to remember to do it! Please ask us each day to let you know all about it.

Tolethorpe News

We've continued to work hard over the last two weeks, rounding off our Ancient Greek theme with the design and creation of our own themed board games – not as easy a task as we first thought! After working to develop our skills in multiplication we turn it all around and focused on division with remainders. Then to add in a little more challenge we learned all about squared and cubed numbers. It's certainly worked our Maths brains hard. In English we've re-enacted the Battle of Troy to help write diary entries imagining ourselves as a Greek or a Trojan. In our Science we've been conducting experiments over time, focusing on materials and how they change – this week looking at why and how some metals rust.

Rockingham News

Over the last two weeks Rockingham class have been so busy putting all their efforts into the Nativity preparations. We have all grown in confidence in speaking in a loud, clear and slow voice. We have put all the practicing into final rehearsals and we are now looking forward to performing for you next week (make sure you have practiced your hand jive!) In between rehearsals we have made our own hand puppet, we have designed our puppet, cut the felt and sewn it together independently, this has made the children really understand our school value of endurance. Last week we made our own Traction Man style mission using purple mash, when the children loved animating their stories to make their characters move.



Hambleton News

Hambleton Class have been extremely busy as usual over the last two weeks. Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you who were able to attend 'Hambleton Class' assembly last Tuesday – your children do appreciate it as do we!

In Science we have got all 'Christmassy' as we have been designing and making a festive light decoration which hopefully by the time you read this will have been 'lit up' and successful! It's certainly been a bit of a challenge and made good use of our design skills. In Maths we've conquered adding and subtracting fractions – phew! And in English we've begun to create our own choral performance poems. We're now busy completing our Ancient Maya theme before we well and truly get in to the Christmas spirit in our learning next week.

Before we sign off for the term, we have some fabulous news to share – do you remember we took part in the Stamford Construction Skills event? What we didn't know was that all day we were being assessed for our work ethic, attitude, politeness and respect and last week received the highest number of votes from local businesses in attendance to receive the 'Excellence Award' trophy. ☺☺☺