

Furness Vale Primary and Nursery School

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Mrs Parry's Newsletter



Merry Christmas

What a busy few weeks we've had on the run up to Christmas! It all started with our fabulous choir led by the equally fabulous Miss Heathcote when they sang at the Furness Vale Tree Lighting. We received a Christmas card from the church thanking the children for providing them with the best ever turnout for the tree lighting, this school really is at the heart of the local community. Last week, we had the amazing Buxton Opera House in school with a truly unique performance of Rumpelstiltskin. The children were mesmerised by the performance and our lovely Toni ensured everyone got an ice-cream treat! Then this week we were treated to one of our Christmas highlights as Class C and D performed 'Shine Star Shine'. The singing and acting were amazing and we were all very relieved that Nora finally found her shine! Yesterday, saw a festive drama workshop for Class A led by Buxton Opera House and then in the afternoon the whole school attended Christingle at St John's church. What a truly magical time we've had... the very busy Father Christmas even managed to squeeze in a visit! As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday January 7th.





We were delighted with our visit from Father Christmas, thank-you so much for our selection boxes.

Computing lessons given a new lease of life!

Christmas has come early to the children this year. Our wonderful PTFA have kindly contributed a whopping £2,000 towards the purchase of 30 Chromebooks and a portable charging unit to enable us to relaunch our computing teaching from January. Children in Classes A, B and C will now have access to brand new devices to use with our new computing curriculum – 'Teach Computing', we can't wait to get started! It is your generous contributions to PTFA events that allow us to buy such exciting things for our children, so thank you all!



Furness Vale Primary School Choir



What a fabulous performance at the Furness Vale lights switch on!

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The legend that is Mrs Ford is retiring

After 14 years of dedicated service to our school. Our wonderful Site Manager Mrs Ford is retiring. She has spent the past years keeping our school super clean and super safe for our children and staff. We will miss having you around Mrs Ford and wish you well in your retirement.



Reminder about Breakfast Club and After School Club

The new booking system for Breakfast and After School Club is now well established. A few people have been forgetting to book in lately so a reminder that bookings need to be made and paid for in advance.

Also, a reminder of the times, Breakfast Club starts at 7:45 am, (staff arrive earlier but that time is to set up for the club), children will be welcomed in from 7:45am. Also, After School Clubs ends at 5:00 pm and pickups after 5:00pm will incur the late charge.



Upcoming Events

Friday 20th December – Last day of term

Monday 6th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 7th January - First day of term

Tuesday 14th January – High Peak Kids Council

Wednesday 15th January - Open the Book

Wednesday 29th January - Open the Book

Thursday 30th January – Full Governing Board Meeting 17:30

Thursday 6th February – Blue Cross Talks in school

Wednesday 12th February - Open the Book

Friday 14th December - Last day of term

Monday 24th February – First day of term

Congratulations Corner

Well done to Gracie in Year 6 who took part in the BBC 500 Words competition and has been shortlisted from tens of thousands of entrants to the final 5,000! She is through to the next round of judging.