



# Newsletter - Issue 13

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## Dates for your Diary

12<sup>th</sup> December: Netball Competition at Oakwood 12 – 3pm  
14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsals  
15<sup>th</sup> December: Y4 Swimming Begins  
15<sup>th</sup> December: 10am Y5/6 Christmas Concert  
15<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm Y3/4 Christmas Concert  
18<sup>th</sup> December: 10am Y3/4 Christmas Concert  
18<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm Y5/6 Christmas Concert  
19<sup>th</sup> December: Y3 Christmas Party  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner Day  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Y4 Christmas Party  
21<sup>st</sup> December: Y3 Pupil of the Term Assembly 9:15am  
21<sup>st</sup> December: Y4 Pupil of the Term Assembly 10:30am  
21<sup>st</sup> December: Y5/Y6 Christmas Disco  
22<sup>nd</sup> December: Y5 Pupil of the Term Assembly 9:15am  
22<sup>nd</sup> December: Y6 Pupil of the Term Assembly 10:30am  
9<sup>th</sup> January: Y4 Jorvik Visit  
10<sup>th</sup> January: Y3 Scrumdiddlyumptious Engage Day  
10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January: Y5 Gainsborough Old Hall Visit  
11<sup>th</sup> January: Y6 Holocaust Centre

## Sports News

On Tuesday 5th December, 16 of our Y3/4 pupils went along to Oakwood High School to compete in the Oakwood Basketball Competition. The winner of the competition will go along to the Y3/4 Rotherham Basketball Finals Competition in March 2018 where selected pupils will get to represent the Sitwell Team.

Each pupil represented the school brilliantly with both their behaviour throughout the afternoon and their performances during matches. It was a chance for the Sitwell team to show and further develop their basketball skills that they have been learning during PE this half term. It was great to see the pupils using a variety of passes and very accurate shooting which saw our team score lots of points. They also showed excellent teamwork, positive encouragement for their teammates and lots of enthusiasm and motivation when playing.

After all the matches were played, we were informed that we had won the majority of our matches and therefore will go on to represent the Oakwood cluster in the Rotherham Basketball Finals in March. This is a fantastic achievement and each pupil deserves a big well done for their efforts. They will receive a certificate during a suitable assembly in the forthcoming weeks. As always, a big thank you to the parents and grandparents who came along to support the Sitwell Team, we really appreciate it.

### Y3/Y4 Basketball Team

Boys: Harvey Grant Lewis, Taylor Grant Lewis, Eisa Nabi, Seth Ellis, James Hetherington, Philip Koshy, Subhaan Aslam, Ayaan Ahmed  
Girls: Willow Bagnall, Hannah Marshall, Anna Fletcher, Elizabeth McGarty, Areej Fatima, Anabel Grivil, Amelia Henayaka, Eshal Junaid



### Let's Celebrate

#### Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. Each week we also look at class attendances and our best attending classes take the certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During our twelfth week back we hit 96.3% across school –below target. Well done to the 4 classes who had attendance above target.

<b>3RE: 100%</b>	<b>3NO: 99.3%</b>
<b>5ND: 98.9%</b>	<b>3SW: 98.5%</b>
6NE: 96.7%	6JB: 95.3%
4GO: 95.3%	5HS: 95.2%
4JF: 95%	4GT: 94.8%
5RE: 93.6%	6EL: 93.4%

### Year 3 and 4 Christmas Production Costume Information

If your child has a speaking or acting only part in the production of 'Creepy Crawly Christmas' they may have brought a letter home about the costume they need. Please read this carefully. If your child has a speaking or acting only part, but has not brought a letter home, school will be providing the costume.

If your child does not have a speaking or acting part, they still have a very important role to play in the choir. We would like all of the choir children to wear black trousers and a brightly coloured t-shirt (this needs to be bright, but must be plain without any logos).

Any costumes need to be brought into school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, in a carrier bag, with your child's name clearly written on the outside of the bag.

If you have any problems obtaining the relevant costume, or have any other questions about the performance, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Y3 News

Thank you to all the Year 3 children who worked hard to make our reindeer hot chocolate cones for the Christmas Fair. They were a real hit and sold very well!

This week in English, the children will be completing their stories and producing a final version ready for publishing.

In Maths, they will continue their learning on column addition and subtraction, by applying these methods to solve problems and complete reasoning activities.

In Topic work, the children will be continuing to put their newly acquired photo editing skills into practice by editing a photo of themselves. Also they will be learning more about light, through scientific enquiry, and will be busy continuing to rehearse for the lower school concert.

**Y3 CHRISTMAS PARTY – this will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. The children need to come to school in their uniform, but can bring their party clothes in a carrier bag with their name on to get changed into in the afternoon. This year, we will provide the children with a drink and a bun. The party will involve some dancing and party games in the hall.**

### Y4 News

In Maths, we will be continuing to work on the objective 'read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and know that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of zero and place value'. Further, we will be completing our weekly maths check and looking over misconceptions, especially focusing on column addition and subtraction.

In our English lessons, we will be planning our own diary recounts thinking carefully about the content of each paragraph. Further, we will be looking at powerful verbs, adjectives, personification, metaphors and alliteration to really engage our reader. The children did a great job at identifying them in a piece of writing last week.

In Topic lessons, we will be continuing to finalise our instructions for creating a volcano before building our own. Afterwards, we will be conducting a Science experiment on volcano explosions.

Finally, thank you for purchasing our reindeer pine cones last week in the Christmas Fayre. The children thoroughly enjoyed making them and we thought they looked very sweet!



### Year 5 News

Thank you to all who visited the Year 5 stalls at the Christmas Fayre. The children enjoyed making their products, which sold very well.

This week, we will continue to rehearse for our Christmas performance; it is coming along really well. This year, we have changed the performance and it is a really fun performance, which has a serious message. There will be dress rehearsals for lower school before the first performance on Friday at 10am. We can't wait to show you the result of all our hard work.

This week in English, we will continue to read *The Jupiter Chronicles*, *The Secret of the Great Red Spot*. The children will finish their playscripts, ensuring that they have included the features on the success criteria.

In Maths, the children will use a formal written method for addition, completing fluency, reasoning and problem solving questions.

In Topic work this week, the children will continue to produce artwork based on the different planets, including their sewings.

### Year 5 and 6 Christmas Production Costume Information

If your child has a speaking or acting only part in the production of 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme' they may have brought a letter home about the costume they need. Please read this carefully. If your child has a speaking or acting only part, but has not brought a letter home, school will be providing the costume.

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### **CLUB NEWS**

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 18TH DECEMBER.

### **Sitwell Seven**

The 'Value of the Week' is Risk Taking.

Children will learn the importance of identifying opportunities within the classroom and accepting failure graciously, rebounding after disappointments. In school, we will encourage children to share ideas even when they are not sure and ask them to meet new work and concepts as a challenge.

Risk Taking like other skills, needs to be learned and practised over time. When children learn how to take thoughtful risks, they also learn how to think independently. Children are constantly trying out new things and learning a great deal in the process. They love to move from adventure to adventure. They face the risk of mistakes and even of injuries, but that does not deter them.

To develop this value further at home, you can encourage them to try new things and as a family start a family adventure journal where your child records the adventurous things you have done together. You can also talk to your children about what it means to be afraid and how it is really great to try new things. When you notice they have taken a risk, point it out to them and see how their faces light up with just the notion that YOU noticed them being brave. Finally, try not to pass your fears onto them and encourage them to think independently.

### **Y6 News**

Thank you to all who visited the Year 6 stall at the Christmas Fayre and purchased some of our delicious, decadent delicacies. The children really enjoyed making the confectionary and the children running the stall did a marvellous job as it was a sell out!

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In maths, children will further develop their skills of multiplying and dividing, using a formal written method, in a problem solving context. We will also be running workshops responding to the results of the tests children have completed this week.

In English, children will complete reading activities, responding to the needs of each individual class, identified by the tests completed last week.

In topic, children will complete a piece of Blitz artwork, creating a silhouette skyline, using pastels.

### **Y4 Swimming**

Y4 look forward to starting their swimming lessons this Friday, 15th December.

#### **A few reminders**

Your child should bring their swimming costume, bath towel, and a swimming cap every Friday.

If your child does not have a swimming cap, please send £2 in a labelled envelope to purchase one.

Please send in any medication your child requires.

