



Autumn 2

November 2016

Welcome back to the final leg of the Autumn term. Not having been properly based in a school for the past few years, I have been really looking forward to this part of the term. I know it is too early to mention the C word....but I can't wait!!!! It is incredibly exhausting for teachers and children alike so I will have to contain my excitement in order to help everyone to pace themselves.

Since the last newsletter, we have carried out a raft of assessments across school in order to review the success of the teaching and learning in the first half term. We have used the information diagnostically to plan forward in order to identify where concepts and knowledge need revisiting and consolidating. This is typical practice in primary schools and really helps us to ensure that all children are on track to make as much progress as possible by the end of the year.

If you have any queries about your child's learning I would urge you to speak, in the first instance, with their class teacher. They know your children and know them as learners. As I have mentioned to a number of you, I am doing everything I can to ensure that what is in place for your children now is the best it can be; taking into account things that may not be in my control.

We have updated our 'Bumped head letters'. These will still be printed on red paper so that they are easily spotted in book bags, but they now have a slip on the bottom for you to return to school in acknowledgement that you have received the letter. Please could you send these return slips back the day after you have received the letter. The office staff will follow these up.

We are nearing the end of the run of current afterschool clubs for this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed running the Lego club and want to thank the rest of the team who have run the clubs this half term. I know the clubs are loved by the children.



One final cheeky request.....

Is there anyone out there who would kindly donate a Christmas tree in a pot for the entrance hall? Thank you to Mr Mudd for donating the hall tree.

Lovely learning.....

Reading buddies



Real life authors



Super hero powers for anti-bullying week



Staffing General Kitchen Assistant post
10hrs per week, term time only, £7.52 per hr
Closing date 28/11/16
Please ring Marie Palliser 01609-536879
Or www.northyorks.gov.uk/article

The Friends of Cawood School



The Friends are running 'Santa's Grotto' again this year. This will begin on the 5th of December. Any offers of help would be gratefully received. Following on from the success of the collection of children's presents for the Salvation Army last year, Friends will be collecting these once again. This is a very worthy cause; I am sure you will all give generously. Please bring in your donations to school from the week beginning the 28th of November. And finally, please bring any contributions towards the Christmas Hampers by Friday November the 18th in readiness for the sale of raffle tickets.

Forthcoming dates - a reminder

17th Nov - Class 1 led worship
14-18th Nov - Anti-bullying week
24th Nov - Class 4 led worship
6th Dec - Christmas Dinner
7th Dec - Christmas production KS1 am
8th Dec - Christmas production KS1 evening
8th Dec - Christmas production Nursery am
13th Dec - Riding Lights Theatre Company
14th Dec - Nursery party am, KS1 party pm
15th Dec - 9.30 Christmas service, All Saints Church, led by KS2
15th Dec - pm KS2 Film/Party afternoon
16th Dec - 9.10am Christmas worship
2.15pm Christmas sing-a-long

And finally....

On the 15th of November, 6 children went to Brayton Primary for Playleader training. We were divided into groups and each group was given a game to teach and demonstrate to the other children. At the end of each game, they would evaluate and decide what they could do to make the games harder. People came up with lots of different ideas to tweak or change the games. The Playleaders who were there learnt 8 games and changed versions. We will now be able to show everyone how to play the new games at playtimes and dinner times.

The Playleaders are me, Alfie, Remi, Holly, Ngaika and Eliza.

Report written by Victoria.

What have we been up to.....

- *Book week was a great success and included two 'real life' authors, parents' reading breakfast and a reading safari, amongst other lovely learning opportunities. Thank you to Mrs Ramsdale for organising a great week.*
- *Thanks too to Mrs Mudge for making our RE week special. The focus was 'Prayer' and it culminated in our 'Special Mentions' worship where we shared all our work.*
- *Y5 visited Brayton High School where their Y8s delivered a carousel of French language activities. It was funny to think that in just 3 years' time, those children who attended from Cawood could well be delivering something similar when they are at high school!*
- *Sadly we have said goodbye to Mrs Jackson from Premier Sports. She has been working at Cawood delivering our PE curriculum alongside teachers, for the past 4 years. She will be hugely missed but we welcome the new team who are taking her place.*

Football Tournament report By Noah Athraby.

On Monday 13th of November the football team (myself, Alice, Fraser, Courtney, Joseph, Lyndon, Mia, Sienna, Matthew and our



Captain Elliot) competed in a tournament at Riverside Primary. We were the only school to take a mixed team and with lots of effort we won 2 games and drew 2, playing 3 of the 4 games on a very big pitch! We wouldn't have done as well without our keeper Lyndon who only let in 1 goal out of the 4 games and saved some magnificent shots.

