



# Newsletter

1 December 2011

We are all pleased that Mrs Disley is now recovering at home. She will be resting for the next few weeks, and we continue to wish her well.

It has been a real pleasure for me to be able to watch the **Year 2** nativity performances of 'Stargazer' this week. The children did incredibly well, learning lots of lines and songs and delivering them beautifully. They had the staff alternating between dancing and crying at the back of the hall! Congratulations to all staff and children involved.

**Mrs Godsave**

## Holiday Clubs

After Christmas, the New Year Holiday Club will be running on **Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 January**.

Unfortunately, the confirmed numbers for the half day when we close on **16 December and the week commencing 19 December** are currently looking too low to warrant running the club—only 5 confirmed. Flyers will be sent home today.

**Please** can those people who have expressed an interest ensure they return the booking form to Nick Coulson before **Wednesday 7 December**.

Apologies for the uncertainty, but a final decision will be made on **Wednesday 7 December** as to whether these pre Christmas Holiday Clubs will be running.

If you have any queries, please contact Nick Coulson on 07984 336632 or the School Office.

The next holiday club will be running during Spring half term, **20-24 February**.

**Ms G Newsome—Bursar**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Thu 1 Dec</b>	Nursery Parents' Evening 4.00-6.00pm
<b>Tue 6 Dec</b>	Nursery Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00pm
<b>Thu 8 Dec</b>	9.30am—Foundation Stage Performance 2.15pm—Year 1 Performance
<b>Fri 9 Dec</b>	9.30am—Year 1 Performance 2.00pm—Foundation Stage Performance
<b>Thu 15 Dec</b>	Upper School Concert at St Chad's Church - 5.30pm
<b>Fri 16 Dec</b>	School Closes for Christmas holidays at 12.15pm

## CELEBRATIONS!

**Congratulations** to Jasper and Mark who participated in the Cross Country race at Westville House School.

**Congratulations** to John S who achieved his 1500 metre swimming certificate at his lesson last night.

**Congratulations** to Tamsin who completed in the Wharfedale & District Schools Cross Country at Ben Rhydding.

**Congratulations** to Jonathan who took part in the Leeds Development Swimming Gala last weekend and won Gold in breast stroke, Silver in front crawl, butterfly and individual medley—he also came fourth in backstroke.

**Happy Birthday** to Ronnie, Omar and Georgia H.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Peripatetic Music Lessons

Space is available in the Spring term for piano, violin, guitar, trumpet, flute, clarinet and saxophone lessons. Forms may be collected from the School Office.

**New Photo Galleries** on the website include:

- Children in Need 2011
- Lower School Disco—Nov 2011
- Upper School Disco—Nov 2011

**After School Care** on 1 and 6 December will be in the Dining Room due to Nursery Parents' Evenings.

### Winter Coats

Please ensure that your child comes to school **every day** with their coats on. It is now cold, and any child who does not have a coat will not be allowed to go out to play at break or lunchtime.

### Lost Property

Jaya in Year 3 has lost her new style white polo sports shirt. It is named, so please check your child's kit and, if found, return it to her or to the School Office.



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Christmas Fair

The Parents' Association would like to thank all who attended at the Fair and for making it such a lovely day.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale on Friday 2 December in the Red Brick Pavilion between 3.00pm and 4.00pm.

### PA Meeting

The next PA meeting will be an informal drink at The Stable Pub, Weetwood Hall. Anyone who is interested in joining the Committee is welcome to attend and find out more about what we do. We especially need more interest from parents of Lower School children.

**Mr David Cockerham—Chair**

## TEAM TALK

### Showing promise.....

The Year 3 and 4 girls were very excited at the prospect of having a High 5's fixture and have been practising hard in lessons, at lunchtime and after school! Mrs Young has had lots of help coaching the Year 3s from dedicated Year 5 superstars; Aimie, Frankie and Ciara – thank you girls!

On Thursday 24 November, two home matches were played against Bronte House. The Year 3 game was frustrating because we had lots of shots but not many goals. It was also pleasing because all the girls; Polly, Grace, Jasmine, Jessica, Alexandra, Mai, Phoebe and Zoe played brilliantly and they certainly deserved their 2-1 win.

The Year 4's had a tough time because their opposition were bigger and older, as Lucy and Emily had to step up from Year 3 to play (very well) for them. However, their movement into space and passing was much improved and, although they lost the game, they worked hard, scored several goals and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done, Tamsin, Freya, Alice and Sophie - we were very proud of you.

**Mrs S Young**



## TEAM TALK

Last Saturday, pupils from RHS took part in the Ben Rhydding Primary school Cross Country races. Well done to the following who took part:

Ginika E (Reception) - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Frankie S-B, Freya B (Year 1)  
Hugo S, Polite M, Daniel W, Remy H, Livia H, Grace M, Elissa H (Year 2)  
Joseph P, Charlie J, Tom P, Josh R, Alexandra B, Jessica A, Ptolomy J (Year 3)  
Obi E, Freddie S, Jacob W, Oliver G-G, (Team 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Freya S (2<sup>nd</sup>), Tamsin K (Year 4)  
Steffan L, Declan J, (year 5)

Well done to Ginika who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in his race by nearly 20 metres! Also well done to Freya S who finished a close second in her race, and the Year 4 boys who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the team event.

Thank you for all the parental support on a very cold, windy and muddy Saturday morning.

**Mr S Lowe  
Games/PE Co-ordinator**





It was a 'délicieux' Thursday in reception last week as the children experienced a selection of French pastries from French pastry chef Monsieur Dumouchel. The children ordered and paid for their treats in French and enjoyed them together with their new French friends Minou and Trottime the puppets.

**Mrs K Lucas**



**Florence** and **Talia** have been "on tour" with Opera North in recent weeks—performing on the stage in Salford, Nottingham, Newcastle and the Barbican in London. A review of the Leeds performance was in the Yorkshire Post in October.

## School Journalists

**Kate H and Frank P**

### Christmas Fair

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Fair—it was brilliant! I liked the tombola and I hope that everyone got what they wanted.

Santa borrowed Mrs Disley's office for his very special grotto.

I hope the girls liked having their nails done and I hope all the adults liked the mulled wine and the biscuits.

The top prize in the raffle was a camera and winning that would be absolutely fantastic. The spinning Santa was good and so was the beanbag throwing where you could win sweets and books and toy dinosaurs and satsumas.

My favourite activity was the chocolate fountain where you could have marshmallows, fruit and more on a stick dipped in lovely chocolate sauce—it was delicious!

**Frank**

#### Fact or Fiction

Over 100,000,000 cars go down Otley Road each day.....

#### Fact or Fiction

Mr Heaton likes Barbie dolls.....

#### Fact or Fiction

The capital of Australia is Sydney .....

#### Fact or Fiction (last week)

**Fiction**—Children in Need was formed in the UK.

**Fact**—Mrs Jepson DOES wish she was on holiday in New Zealand.

**Fact**—an outside group uses our bowling green.