



The BAWB Federation Bainbridge, Askrigg, and West Burton Primary Schools

Mid-Dale Excellence in Education

Executive Headteacher: Miss Charlotte L. Harper

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Dear Parents and Carers,
With this being the last full newsletter of the term, we would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

Thank you for your support this term. We feel incredibly lucky to have spent it in school with your wonderful children.

Thank you to the staff for their continued hard work and commitment to making our schools safe, happy and engaging learning environments.

Thank you to our cooks

As you will see from the photographs, our three cooks have produced fantastic Christmas dinners in their schools this week. Not only was the food amazing, but the extra effort they went to ensuring the children enjoyed their special lunch was very much appreciated by the staff and children.....Gillian's Christmas tree outfit was spectacular!



Goodbye Alice



This was the last Christmas dinner that Alice will be cooking for us, as next Friday is her last day. We would like to thank Alice for all of the wonderful meals she has cooked

and wish her well in her next ventures.



Goodbye Mrs Price



Mrs Price will also be leaving at the end of term as we see Miss Harper return on the 4th January.

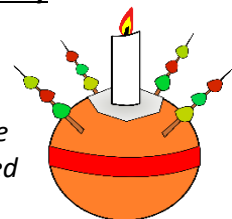
It has been a pleasure to work alongside Mrs Price again as co-Headteacher, It has certainly been a very different year! I would like to thank Mrs Price for all that she has done for our schools and communities. Everyone would like to wish you a

very happy retirement and hope that you enjoy the extra time with your family.

Christingles and the Children's Society

Mr Scrafton Writes:

On Tuesday, the whole Federation came together spiritually (if not physically) by holding Christingle services in their classes, virtually led by Rev Dave and Sarah.



A huge thank you to them for providing resources and for the wonderful video. The children were thrilled to see Rev Dave and sing along to their favourite song 'Knock-Knock' written by Sarah.

(the link will be shared next week)

Normally at this time, churches would hold Christingle services to raise funds for the Children's Society. If you would like to support the Children's Society and their work with neglected, exploited or abused children you can make a small donation using the envelopes which have been sent home with today.

For further information about the Children's Society visit <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>.

Thank you to Mr Scrafton for organising the class Christingle services.

DfE Guidance 18/12/20

DfE have given schools the option to take one extra staff training day 18th December. **The BAWB Federation has decided not to take this day, the last day of term will remain Friday 18th December and all future training days will not be affected.** We are very much looking forward to celebrating the last day of a wonderful term with class parties and festivities.

Swimming Spring term

The decision has been made to postpone our scheduled swimming lessons for Spring term. Hopefully we can resume lessons in the Summer term. With the ever-changing tiers and case numbers we want to ensure the children are safe when we take them out of school.



Get Well Soon Mrs Gamble

Unfortunately Mrs Gamble broke her wrist at the weekend. We would like to wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her before the end of term.

School Council

It has been a busy time for our school council over the past week. They had their first virtual meeting of the year last Friday where the important business of the end of term house treat was discussed.



Yesterday the oldest school council members at Askrigg walked up to the church to decorate our BAWB Christmas tree with the decorations made by the children during forest schools. Thank you Eva and Joseph for your help.

Singing in the Community

The children certainly made us very proud with their beautiful singing in the three communities this week. (see class pages for photos) It was lovely to be able to bring some Christmas cheer to the villages. The youngest children waved to the residents at Sycamore Hall as they sat in the windows to hear the children sing.



Christmas Shops



Mrs Raven writes:

At the time of going to press, we have only held one Christmas Shop, which was at Askrigg.

It was a huge success, the children loved it and we are sure the children at Bainbridge and West Burton will enjoy it as well. It is a long time since Mrs Raven had to do so much arithmetic, so that was a challenge! What lovely surprises you are going to get on Christmas Day.

Thank you to Mrs Raven and the PTFA for their work to raise money for our schools.

Trialling Success



We love to hear about achievements outside of school, Tristan's Mum writes:

Last weekend Tristan took part in his first trial and he did incredibly well as it was

very challenging and slippy! He completed the whole trial and even managed to complete some sections cleanly, which was fantastic on his first trial. Well done Tristan!



EYFS Virtual tour

We are pleased to announce that the video filmed for the EYFS/Nursery virtual open day has been put on to the website. It can be found using the link below:

<http://b-a-wb.co.uk/curriculum/nursery>

This week's awards from the Headteacher:

Headteacher's Award, Bainbridge	Matilda
Headteacher's Award, Askrigg	Daisy
Headteacher's Award, West Burton	Lydia
Tidiest Classroom Award	Robins (even with Christmas crafts and glitter!)
Best Class Attendance	Swallows and Merlins

Have a lovely weekend

E. Harrison

M Price

Eleanor Harrison

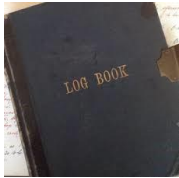
Maxine Price



Looks like this Christmas 🌲
We have a VAC Scene 😊

Pupil of the week

Pupil of the week, Robins	<p><i>'Ada for super creativity and excellent performance in singing.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Johnston</p>	Pupil of the week, Merlins	<p><i>'This week's pupil of the week for Merlins is Olivia for showing kindness to others and always trying to put a smile on other people's faces.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Greenway</p>
Attendance (WC 30.11)	95%	Attendance (WC 30.11)	100%
Pupil of the week, Owls	<p><i>'Douglas for his wonderful singing in the community and fantastic maths, counting in 10s'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Harrison</p>	Pupil of the week, Skylarks	<p><i>'My pupil of the week is Jessica because she was brave enough to play her guitar during our village carol singing and she was brilliant!'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms Collins</p>
Attendance (WC 30.11)	99.5%	Attendance (WC 30.11)	98.33%
Pupil of the week, Swallows	<p><i>'Theo - For a fantastic contribution to our Christingle making: explaining what the parts represented and joining in with the singing.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Scrafton</p>		
Attendance (WC 30.11)	100%		
Pupil of the week, Golden Eagles	<p><i>'Golden Eagles pupil of the week is Henry for outstanding effort in all his work this week.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Richards</p>		
Attendance (WC 30.11)	96.96%		



From the Log Books

School log books are held in our schools and they are a marvellous record of social, and educational, history. We will reproduce extracts in this section.

This week's is from **West Burton's** log books:

08.12.1874 – Punished [student name] severely for using bad language. Bad language prevails among the older scholars.

14.12.1998 – A hectic but happy week. (Thought this summed up school life in December perfectly!)

EYFS News column

We have sung our hearts out and the odd tears of joy were shed. We have filled our little tummies with delicious Christmas lunch- thank you Gillian. We loved making our special Christingles and celebrated with a lovely online service from Rev Dave and Sarah.

The classroom looks fabulous with the decorations up. Repeating pattern paper chains, symmetrical snowflakes and of course Christmas card making is top of the agenda, painting, sticking, cutting and writing. We also look fabulous in our Christmas jumpers.

The children and staff are beaming from ear to ear although the slightly more mature amongst us have to go to bed earlier than usual to keep up with these festive filled days. One more week of celebrations at school before we spend some precious time at home with our families.

Oh by the way, If Father Christmas should bring anyone new wellies, we'd love the old ones if you can spare them, so all our younger children have a pair to wear at school.

Have a super weekend.

Lots of Love, Robins xx

Askrigg News column

The Merlins have had an exciting week this week. We have continued our work on fractions and have improved our speed by using Sumdog. In English we have continued our work on instructions and looking forward to writing our own next week. We have done lots of Christmas activities this week like the Christmas lunch, Christmas shop and carol singing. We filled in a really long questionnaire and have finished off watch the secrets of the Saqqara Tomb. In DT we have thought about planning feasible and sturdy bridges using match sticks to help us.

Eva said "The Christmas lunch was amazing."

Fin said "I think my parents will enjoy my card and presents I got for them."

"I really enjoyed making the bags and cards this week" said Alice

We have got lots to look forward to next week including our class party.

West Burton Newsflash

West Burton newsflash

This week we had our second-last Forest School session of the term, we did some awesome Christmas carols for the village and lots of people came (Covid-19 safe!), we had the best Christmas dinner yet and we made Christingles.

Quotes

Kirsty said, "I enjoyed carol singing because it was fun and good for the village."

Thia said, "I enjoyed making wood snowmen in Forest Schools because they were beautiful."

Hermione said, "I enjoyed eating my Christmas dinner and doing the Christmas crackers. I got a plastic comb in mine."

By Harry & Lizzie

BAWB PTFA News



Quiz Night

Huge thanks to everyone who joined us for the online quiz! **We had 25 teams and raised £400, which is amazing!** Massive thanks to our prize donors, The Cornmill, Wensleydale Wicks, Rita Cloughton, Angela Hickling, The Home Farmer, The Falls, Sharon Guy and Brody and Lil. And congratulations to the winners: S Thornborrow, the McCreadies and the Middletons!

Also a big thank you also to Beth for organizing the quiz.

Christmas Shops in School

Bainbridge – 14 December

West Burton – 16 December

Children will be able to purchase gifts for their parents/grandparents as a surprise on Christmas Day!

To get involved with future events, please join us at our next PTFA meeting on Wednesday 20th January at 8pm, online at <https://meet.google.com/rqf-tkxh-bbx>

Any questions, please contact Steve Bowen, Karen Raven, Deb Wood or Beth Daley.

Community News

The Open Pantry

The 'Open Pantry' is still operating but not from our Church Buildings. If you or anyone you know, requires help in anyway please contact us and we will respond in complete confidence

Rev Dave Clark 01969 667553 office@upperwenben.org. Donations can be left in the box on the Vicarage drive, Burtersett Rd, Hawes or can be collected from your home.

Forest schools/PE Days

Forest Schools

Class	Day
Robins (YR)	This will be Tuesday for the next two weeks
Owls (Y1)	Tuesday
Swallows (Y2)	Monday
Skylarks (Y3,4,5,6 WB)	Monday
Golden Eagles (Y3/4 A)	<i>No Forest Schools on Friday next week</i>
Merlins (Y5/6 A)	Friday

PE Days

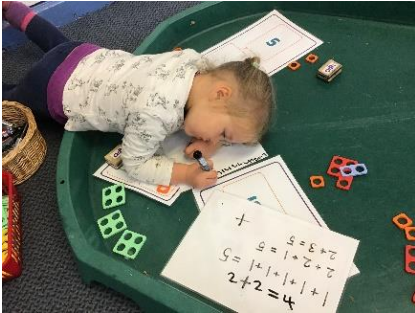
Class	Day
Robins (YR)	Wednesday
Owls (Y1)	Wednesday
Swallows (Y2)	Thursday <i>No PE on Friday next week</i>
Skylarks (Y3,4,5,6 WB)	Thursday <i>No PE on Friday next week</i>
Golden Eagles (Y3/4 A)	Monday <i>No PE on Friday next week</i>
Merlins (Y5/6 A)	Monday <i>No PE on Friday next week</i>

Children will attend school each day in a clean uniform and bring as little as possible with them. On PE days they will attend in PE kit (with long trousers if required) and wearing suitable footwear. On Forest schools days If the weather is looking unfavourable, pupils are welcome to take waterproofs and wellies for their Forest Schools session. Please can this be in one bag with their name on it.

Dates For Your Diary	
11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day – Last day for Christmas cards
14.12.20	Christmas shop - Bainbridge
15.12.20	Panto Film – The National Elf Service
16.12.20	Christmas shop – West Burton
18.12.20	Christmas Party Day and Break up for Christmas
04.01.21	Training day

Robins

Emma is working on her numbers in independent learning.



Archie loves ordering his numbers. He is thinking about one more and one fewer.



Robins made beautiful Christingles. They hardly needed any help even though it was easy to snap the sticks and eat the sweets.



Christmas Dinner and carols



Owls

What a lovely start to the Christmas festivities.



Many of the children told me it was 'the best Christmas dinner ever' a well-deserved compliment for Gillian, the food was delicious (and we loved her outfit too).



So incredibly proud of the Owls and their beautiful singing on Wednesday (Robins too), well done Douglas for pupil of the week, remembering all of the words and singing to every song.

Thank you to Mrs Loughlin for helping us to learn the songs and leading the singing.

The children loved making their Christingle and listening to the online service with Rev Dave and Sarah.



Swallows



James and Lydia, calculating the age of a tree by measuring its circumference and dividing it by 2.5cm.



Fantastic den building.



Swallows and Skylarks singing Away in a manger as part of their Christingle services.



Christmas carols on the village green.



Swallows Christmas lunch.



The Swallows enjoying Christmas Jumper Day!



Skylarks

Skylarks Christmas Dinner



Shortbread making!



Christingle's



Golden Eagles



Some lovely singing for the village.



Christmas dinner went down well with the GE!



Merlins

Askrigg carol singing, despite the faulty CD!



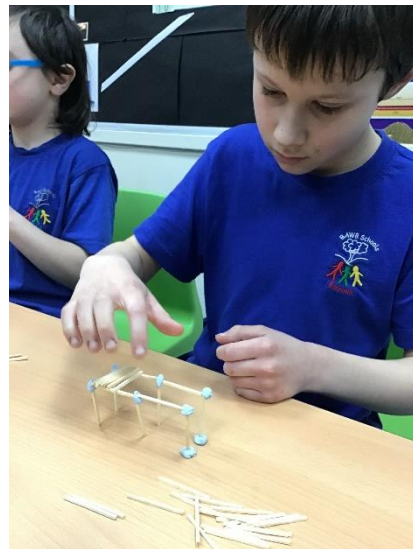
Enjoying a message from Rev Dave and Sarah.



Making our Christingles and learning about what they symbolise.



Prototype bridge building.



Designing our gift bags ready for the Christmas shop.

