



Spittal V.C. School

Newsletter 14 - Autumn term 2022

Car Park – Our school car park is a very busy place at the beginning and end of the day. Recently there have been a few near misses where cars have driven behind other cars just as they are about to reverse park into a space. I ask that everyone be as vigilant as possible and not drive between other cars and spaces as they reverse in order that we can keep the car park as safe a place as possible especially for the children. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Scolton Manor – Last week Dosbarth Poppit Sands enjoyed a visit to Scolton Manor. They toured the mansion to experience a Victorian Christmas, seeing the differences in Christmas decorations and general life between now and then. They also spent time using the grounds for a Forest Schools session as well as collecting twigs ready for making Christmas decorations back in class.

Torch Theatre – We had a fantastic trip to the 'Sleeping Beauty' pantomime at the Torch theatre. From the excitement of coach travel, to having the theatre to ourselves and enjoying the performance, we had a really enjoyable afternoon of laughter!

Father Christmas visit to Spittal! We couldn't believe our eyes whilst in assembly last week, as we spotted the red sleigh turn into the school car park with Father Christmas and two elves on board! Every class enjoyed spending time climbing into the sleigh and talking with the elves and Father Christmas before receiving a gift.

Born in a Barn concert – After the last couple of years of covid restrictions it has been fantastic to be able to welcome everyone into school to watch the production of Born in a Barn starring the children on Dosbarth Dale and Poppit Sands. Thank you to everyone who supported us by helping with costumes.

Christingle – Dosbarth Dale joined with Spittal playgroup to resume the traditional joint Christingle service at St Mary's where we learnt about the meaning of each part of the Christingle. We welcomed parents from Dosbarth Dale and playgroup back to the school hall for tea, coffee and snack as the children enjoyed playing together.

Christmas party – We had a lovely afternoon of Christmas parties playing lots of traditional games, dancing, singing and plenty of sweets!

End of term service – On Tuesday we walked to St Mary's church as a school for our end of term service. Our governor Mrs Barrett-Evans led the service and governor Reverend Davies joined us too. Thank you to the year 6 parents who joined us to share the service.

Carol service – Back in December 2019 we started a new tradition of a Spittal School Christmas carol service but then the pandemic appeared! Yesterday we resumed our new tradition and enjoyed our carol singing along to Mr Morris' piano playing at Bethlehem chapel followed by mince pies. Thank you to the children and families who joined us.

LA visit – Last week Mrs Elin Fry, principal school improvement advisor and Ms Catrin Phillips, Welsh language advisor visited school to talk about how we use Welsh across the school and learning. Mr Gibbens and I had a productive discussion with our visitors and generated lots of new ideas to look forward to in the Spring term!



Digital permissions – If you haven't already done so, please use the link below to review and update the digital permissions for your child/ren. This form does include new questions on different social media and for this reason we would appreciate all families completing it.

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As a staff we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dates for the diary

- Thurs 22nd Dec – Last day of term
 - Fri 23rd Dec – INSET day – no school for pupils
 - Mon 9th Jan – INSET day – no school for pupils
 - Tues 10th Jan – First day of term for pupils
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Yours sincerely



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Head teacher