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**Hopefield Nursery Class**

**Christmas Newsletter 2017**

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**Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

It was lovely to see all the children in their Christmas jumpers while we enjoyed our Christmas Lunch at the school and the nursery children looked very festive when they wore their Christmas jumpers at their Sing Along. Thanks to everyone who donated money for the Save the Children Charity. Altogether Blackburn Primary School and Hopefield Nursery Class raised a total of £53.



**Christmas Performances**

I would just like to say a massive well done to the Nursery Children for their wonderful Christmas Sing Along! To quote Elf “The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear!” and I think I can speak for everyone when I say that we were all bursting with Christmas cheer after watching the boys and girls on Monday. I am sure the mince pies helped too!

I would also like to say a very deserving well done to all the pupils at Blackburn Primary School for all their super acting, dancing and singing during the P1-3 Nativity, Christmas songs from A1 and the Snow White Production from P4-7 and A2. You all did yourself proud!



**Blackburn Primary School’s Parent Council**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our Parent Council for their hard work during the Christmas fair and Children’s parties. We all really appreciate all that you do for the children at Blackburn Primary School so thank you very much!

**Christmas Church Service**

****The children and staff would like to invite all parents and carers to our annual Christmas Service to be held at Blackburn and Seafield Parish Church on Friday at 9.30am. Although the nursery will not be attending the church service, all parents and carers are welcome to bring their own children to the church service on Friday morning. We would love to see you all there. Please let the nursery staff know if you plan to take your child to the service so they can take a note of this on the register.

**Pupil Equity Funding**

I am very pleased to see the Big Bedtime Read and CAPER initiatives are off to a good start. Thanks to everyone who came to the launch of these events and to all parents who are reading with their children using the new book packs. We hope you are enjoying them!

We are continuing to use our Pupil Equity Funding to help close the attainment gap. Projects we are planning for next term are Outdoor Learning Opportunities working with Lowport staff to raise attainment in numeracy in P4/5 and to work on achieving our next level of the John Muir Award in P6/7. We are also very excited to be getting a company called Rowanbank in to help raise attainment in literacy through creativity and outdoor learning experiences. Rowanbank plan to work with the nursery pupils as well as all the pupils in the school. We are planning to run an after school Health and Wellbeing programme for parents and families that will include activities such as cooking, yoga and mindfulness to name but a few! Watch this space as more information will be coming your way in the New Year!



**Head Teacher’s Comments**

This week the children will all be enjoying their Christmas parties and we look forward to seeing the children dressed in their fancy party clothes. We are hopeful that the man in red will make it to our Nursery parties and our P1-3 party but as we all know he is a very busy man at this time of year! We hope that the children all have the best time enjoying the festivities over the next few days! I would also like to wish Miss Dick all the best for her wedding day on Friday 29th December. We can’t wait to see the pictures of your big day! Miss Dick will be returning in January as Mrs Bryce just to confuse us all! Miss Dick and I would like to wish all the families of Blackburn Primary School and Hopefield Nursery Class a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018! We would like to say a big thankyou to all the staff for their relentless work over the run up to Christmas and hope all the staff and pupils have a fun and restful holiday and we look forward to hearing all about their Christmas stories when we resume on Tuesday 9th January. Take care everyone and stay safe over the Christmas period.



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**Blackburn Primary School and Hopefield Nursery Class**