



# NEWSLETTER



**St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Murton**

**December 2016**

## The Christmas Fayre

On the 24th November 2016 we had a Christmas Fayre with several stalls. There was a toy tombola and snap-bands stall, a cake stall, a teddy bear stall and many more amazing stalls. There was also an incredibly lit-up Santa's grotto with six helpers who did a great job at helping. Also the arts and craft stall was held in Miss Bell's classroom. Three of the amazing helpers helped with Miss Nichols' highly-popular snap bands and toy tombola stall. All together we raised a fantastic total of £1404.05! A lot of people donated toys, books, toiletries (and many more things). In Mr Scott's classroom there was tea, coffee and biscuits for everyone to enjoy. There was also a raffle for the parents to participate in. Miss Jones had a stall where you spun the wheel and you won wine, chocolates and lots more. Overall our Christmas Fayre was very successful and hopefully everyone enjoyed it.

## Class 5's Christmas Performance

This year instead of doing our usual carol service we decided to do a Christmas performance on the true meaning of Christmas! We enjoyed learning lines and we practised for a few weeks before our exciting play on Friday 9th December. Our teacher—Mr Scott said that he was very impressed with how well we learned our lines and how well we performed it. We all enjoyed welcoming our parents to school to listen to our important message.

## Christmas Dinner

This year we had our Christmas dinner at school on the 1st December. Everyone loved the Christmas dinner and said it was really delicious! "I loved the gravy!" quoted Georgia Sparrow. Before we had our dinner we all got to pull a cracker; we got things such as Mood rings, bags of marbles, magic fish, and lets not forget about the classic jokes and colourful party hats! On our dinner we had: little sausages, Yorkshire pudding, turkey, mashed potato and roast potatoes. Everyone enjoyed it and we had fun!

*Lily Dixon*



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our coffee morning.

We raised a fantastic £337.16!



## KS1 Nativity

On the 14th December we did our Christmas play. It was called 'Hey Ewe'. I was the Curious Sheep and I had to run away from the shepherds! It told the story of the birth of Jesus. We had to do lots of practise. We all went together to get changed into our costumes. Miss Jones was there as well as lots of our families. It was fantastic and everyone really enjoyed it.

*Leila Liddle*



## Christmas Jumper Day

On the 16th December it was Christmas Jumper Day and we all put on our Christmas Jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. We had a special assembly where we all got to look at each other's jumpers. We raised £109.00.

*Stella Corsar*







## Jack and the Beanstalk

The whole of the school went on a big day out to watch Jack and the Beanstalk at the Gala Theatre in Durham. My favourite part was the giant and when the Princess came and hid from Flesh Creep. We were even treated to a delicious ice cream!

*Willis Vardy and Molli McCreight*

## First Confessions

On Tuesday 6th December, after school, we went over to church to make our First Confession. When we got there we sat on the bench and quietly waited for Father Hastie to start. Finally, everyone sat down and Father Hastie called us over one at a time while the rest sang a song. Father Hastie asked us to try our best to be a better Christian. At the end we got rewarded with a certificate.

*Ava Smith and Lauren Meakin*

## The Choir

In November, the choir went to the Salvation Army and performed in front of some elderly people and the staff. We received an enormous applause and had some delicious snacks. After some more practise, we were ready to perform at St. Paul's Methodist church. We were all really excited to sing some of our favourite carols. Flynn, Francesca, Sophie and Ebony had solos! The choir had loads of fun. We can't wait until the next performance!

*Kate Roebuck, Flynn Saddington, Josie Littlewood, Zoe Blanchard.*

## Class 4's Christmas Performance

On the day of our Christmas Nativity we were so excited but nervous at the same time. It was finally time to show our excited parents our Christmas Nativity. As we walked into the hall we sang 'It Was On A



Starry Night'. After we sang the song one of the readers came out to read the introduction to the nativity. Some of us got dressed up as Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Kings and Angel Gabriel. At the end of the Nativity Aiden (the last reader) went up to the microphone and read the last reading. He got a big round of applause and finally the show was over! Our final song was 'Jubilate' which everyone really enjoyed!

*Chloe Laidler and Abigail Wallace*

# Christmas at Beamish



On Wednesday 7th December Class 1, 2 and 3 went to Beamish for our school trip. We went on the bus. When we got off the bus we went inside. First we went to Pockerley Manor and we played pin the tail on the donkey. We also made peg dolls and baked some cinnamon biscuits. After that we went for our delicious packed lunch. After lunch we went to see Santa in his cosy grotto. Santa was sitting in a comfy chair and gave us a present. It was a chalk board.

Finally we got to feed the fluffy, soft, hungry reindeer. They tickled me when they nibbled the food out of my hand!

*Niamh Bushby*



## Christmas Present Appeal

To all that donated presents to local children supported by Social Services—THANK YOU! We had a tremendous response and the presents were delivered to the children on Christmas morning.

## KS2 Christmas Party

First we had a little disco in the classroom and some Christmas word searches. Afterwards, we had a quiz - it was really FUN! We played party games such as pass the parcel, corners and a dance off! We then had some party food before a huge noisy disco! We met our DJ who was called David. WE WERE HAVING FUN!!! Later we had a gigantic conga it was so big that it covered the room!

*Owen Summerbell and Nirvannah Dobie*

## Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies continued to support several fund raising events. These included the Poppy Appeal, Christmas Fayre, Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and on going contributions to the Salvation Army. Our school held a collection after the KS1 Nativity and the money was donated to the Salvation Army to help with the cost of Christmas Dinner for vulnerable people in the community.



*Sophie McQuade*

## Dates for your Diary

14th February - Community Dental Survey for 5 year olds

15th March—School Photographs

Our school website: [www.murton-st-josephs.durham.sch.uk](http://www.murton-st-josephs.durham.sch.uk)

