



## Newsletter Friday 6th December 2024

As we approach the end of the term, there are lots of lovely events to look forward to for both pupils and families. This week, pupils have been practicing their Christmas performances in preparation for next week—we are sure that you will love their them!

Thank you for your generosity over the last few weeks as we have prepared for our Christmas Fair, and for your donations today towards the Kirkby Christmas Crusade.

Children will enjoy their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December. If your child has packed lunches, but would like a Christmas Dinner on this day, please contact the office to order.

Have a restful weekend.

## Rock Steady

This term, a selection of year 4, 5 and 6 pupils have taken part in the RockSteady Music lessons. These lessons have allowed pupils to begin learning how to play a range of instruments including drums, keyboard and guitars. Pupils have also had opportunities to develop their singing skills.



Today, the 5 RockSteady bands performed a concert to their family members. The concert was the perfect opportunity to show case their new skills. The pupils have all grown in confidence and shown great enthusiasm within their bands.



Those that attended the concert will be agreement that it was a fantastic event, and that Kostas, the RockSteady Band Leader, has great enthusiasm which truly does boost the pupils with energy, confidence and joy. We can't thank Kostas enough for this wonderful work with our bands this term and we hope to see him again in spring term.



## Dates for the Diary

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| Monday 9th December                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS2 Performance 10am at St Chad's Church</li> </ul>   |
| Tuesday 10th December               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am - EYFS performance - morning Nursery and RC parents</li> <li>2:15pm EYFS performance afternoon Nursery and RMC parents</li> </ul>              |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS1 Performance 2:00pm in school hall</li> </ul>  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Jumper Day - <i>Pupils are able to wear their Christmas jumper with their school uniform</i></li> <li>EYFS trip to Windmill Farm</li> </ul> |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Dinner Day</li> <li>Class parties PM</li> </ul>   |
| Friday 20th December                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closes at 1:45pm.</li> </ul>   |

## Christmas Fair

This week, we hosted our Christmas Fair and what a success it was! We had a variety of stalls, entertainment and games for everyone to enjoy. This year we expanded the event out onto the yard, and although the rain made an appearance, it definitely didn't spoil the fun.

Thank you to everyone who came along, donated prizes and helped out on the evening of the event. Without everyone's support, it wouldn't be possible.

A special thank you to Mrs Ballinger and Mrs Loughlin who have been organising the fair behind the scenes since October, and to Miss Atikns for all of her help preparing prizes for the fair.



## Santa Dash

All pupils in Reception—year 6 took part in a Santa Dash today. What great fun everyone had!



Thanks to Mrs Taylor, Mr Myers and Mr Beckwith for organising the event.

## ActivAll

Last week, we had some brand new ActivAll Boards fitted on the main yard. The boards are an enhancement for PE and playtimes. They encourage active play and increase physical activity within the school as a whole.

Both boards allow pupils to play individually and competitively. Mr Barry hosting some games on them during lunchtimes and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed playing.

## Kirkby Christmas Crusade

This year will be the final year of the Kirkby Christmas Crusade. Over the past 5 years, the event and their organisers have put on some excellent evenings for the community of Kirkby, truly spreading Christmas joy.

This year, the Crusade replaced their traditional selection box donations with cash donations. All money raised will go towards buying each of the 11 Kirkby Primary schools a Buddy Bench. A Buddy Bench combats loneliness and encourages friendships.

What a wonderful way to tribute the Kirkby Christmas Crusade!

Today we held a donation day towards the Crusade and we raised a wonderful £351. Thank you to everyone that donated.

The Crusade will begin their 3 night event on Thursday 12th December. See below for the routes and times of the crusade.

### KIRKBY'S CHRISTMAS CRUSADE

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

TOWERHILL

6:30pm Headbolt lane  
6:45pm Pingwood Lane  
6:50pm Hall Lane  
7pm Saxon Way  
7:20pm Ebony Way  
7:35pm Shevington's Lane  
7:45pm Melrose Road (Melling Mount)  
7:55pm Banks Lane  
8pm Windermere Drive

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

NORTHWOOD

6:30pm Simonswood Lane  
6:50pm Roughwood Dr  
7:10pm Appleby Court  
7:25pm Old Rough Lane  
7:30pm Bigdale Drive  
7:40pm Brook Hey Drive  
7:50pm Westhead Ave  
8:20pm Field Lane

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

SOUTHDENE & WESTVALE

5:30pm Valley Road  
5:40pm Bewley Drive  
6pm Britonside Avenue  
6:20pm Park Brow Drive  
6:30pm Wellfield Avenue  
6:45 Mill Lane  
7pm Grovers Brow  
7:10 Whitefield Drive  
7:20pm James Holt Ave  
7:40pm Richard Hesketh Drive  
7:50pm Sydney Powell Ave