

WE ARE ASTREA



Autumn Term Adventures

There have been some huge successes this term. The children have really enjoyed our curriculum offer. So I thought it would be nice to share with you all some of the highlights from each year group.



The children in **nursery** have enjoyed reading the book 'We're going on a bear hunt' and going on a bear hunt of their very own. They also enjoyed doing their Christmas performance in front of grown ups.

In **reception** the children very much enjoyed their visit to Sandall Beat Woods. They made stick people and enjoyed roasting marshmallows by the fire.

The children in **year 1** have enjoyed reading the book 'Cave Baby', learning about dinosaurs and growing their own plants as part of their science topic this term.

In **year 2**, the children enjoyed their visit to the theatre to watch the pantomime.

Year 3 have enjoyed reading the story 'The BFG' and creating some imaginative stories. They also enjoyed making toffee apples for bonfire night.

Children in **year 4** have enjoyed learning to play a brass instrument his term. They especially enjoyed performing to all parents yesterday.

Year 5 children enjoyed the visit to Beamish. The children learnt a lot about the coal mining industry. They also enjoyed organising and running the schools Macmillan Coffee morning for the community.

Year 6 have enjoyed their visit to Crucial Crew this year, the visit to France and singing in the local community this Christmas.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Friday 20th December 2019

Thank you to all of you that have visited us over the past few weeks to watch the children in their performances. We hope that you had a wonderful time. We have been very proud of the children's efforts and enthusiasm. I think that you'll agree that they were FABULOUS!

We would also like to thank those of you who attended the Winter Wonderland event on Wednesday. The money raised from the event will go towards new books for the school library.

The Santa's Grotto was a huge success. The children who visited enjoyed a truly magical experience.

Today, children have enjoyed their Christmas parties. Lots of fun has been had.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Kalejs and her partner, who are due to have a baby later this year.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff here at The Hill for their continued dedication and hard work this term.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

See you in 2020!

Mrs Emma Cadman
Principal

DELIVERING THE PROMISE

Here at The Hill we firmly believe in delivering an education that empowers children. We hope to give them knowledge but also the life skills to be able to make the best choices. We deliver the Astrea Promise, enabling children to develop resilience, empathy, aspirations, encouraging them consider how they can make contributions to make the world a better place as well as being happy.

This term, the children in year 1 have enjoyed growing their own fruit to develop their resilience. In year 2 the children have enjoyed feeding the community to develop their understanding of contribution. In year 3 the children gave a gift, to develop their understanding of contribution. In year 4 children completed a kinza activity to support their happiness, year 5 ran a fundraising campaign to develop empathy. The children in year 6 visited a foreign country in order to further their aspirations.



As a school we are working hard to implement philosophy for children. This is an approach used to help children to use their thinking skills to look at problems in a solution focussed way. Through modelled class discussions and careful use of questioning it enables the children to deal with conflict in a non-confrontational manner. Enabling children to think about things from the point of view of others.

UP AND COMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Our School Library

The newly revamped library will be opened during the New Year. We will hold open events for you to come and have a look around and to take books out for the children as soon as the new books arrive. The children have chosen some of their favourite titles to be added to the library and have begun writing to authors.

Aspiration Day

On Thursday 30th January, the children will take part in a day that looks at different career choices and career paths that the children may take. They will meet inspirational adults and be encouraged to develop important life skills. More information on this event will follow in the new year.

After School Clubs

We have taken the comments for improvement very seriously from the questionnaires that were distributed at the last parents evening. You have asked for more and a greater range of after school clubs. Please ask your children what kinds of after school clubs they would like to attend and pass this on to myself at the school gates when we return from the Christmas Break.#schoolgatechat

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6th January @ 9.00am

PARENT APP WORKSHOP

Thursday 8th January @ 3.00pm

PARENT APP WORKSHOP

16.01.19 Wednesday @ 9.00-9.30am

ROCK UP AND READ

Thursday 23rd January @2.30pm

TIMES TABLE WORKSHOP

30th January, Thursday

Aspiration Day

Wednesday 5th February

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 6th February

The Big Walk to school

Week beginning 10th February

Story Telling week

Friday 14th February

SCHOOL CLOSED INSET

Week beginning 9th March

Science workshop

24th and 25th March

Spring Term Parents evenings

