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What a busy few weeks we have had! The KS2 Christmas performance and EYFS/KS1 Nativity were amazing! I was blown away by the KS2 children singing A cappella and also in different languages! All of the children from Reception to Year 6 sang and performed brilliantly, delivering their lines really well and they clearly enjoyed performing. I could not be prouder of them! Thank you to all of you at home for your support and providing costumes and Christmas jumpers; the children all looked fantastic. A massive thank you to all the staff for their hard work and most importantly, a shout out to the children - you were all incredible!

Christmas

We had such a fabulous time at the pantomime - Oh yes we did!!! The children were mesmerised! Laughing in all the right places and booing at the villainous witch! It was a brilliant performance and great for our children to see diversity - as much of the show was performed in sign language. Thanks to our wonderful PTA who provided drinks and snacks for the interval.

Christingle

It was lovely to welcome The Reverend Canon Eleanor back to church to lead our Christingle Service with Michael Towle. Thank you to all of you for ensuring your child had an Orange for the service. Apologies for the late notice regarding the service, unfortunately, the correspondence that was due to go out on 30/11 was not sent in error. I can only apologise for this and any disappointment this may have caused.

A very special visitor

The children received a very special visitor on Thursday, straight from the North Pole to deliver the Selection Boxes that our amazing PTA provided for our children (thank you!!!). Thank you so much Santa and your helpful friend it was fabulous to be able to welcome you into school.

Music Concert

On Wednesday, the East Riding of Yorkshire

Music Service came and performed a concert for the children in school! It was such fun...and very loud! The team were really impressed with the musical knowledge that the children displayed. The whole school joined in with singing carols and Christmassy songs to the live band. It was a wonderful way to kick off the festivities this week.

Christmas Dinner

Wow!!! What a fabulous lunch provided by Ms. Davock and Mrs. Cook. They served up a Christmas lunch fit for a King for no fewer than 105! Thank you also to my fabulous staff for supporting in all the festivities. We have been blighted the past few weeks with lots of illness and absence - and so it has been wonderful to see everybody pulling together to ensure that our Pollington Christmas went ahead seamlessly!

Parties

The children have had great fun taking part in their Christmas parties. Thank you to all of you for providing party plates for their buffet. I was lucky enough to join in with some of the partying and got to enjoy some dancing and musical statues with children in EYFS and KS1.

PTA - THANK YOU!!!

I have mentioned already some of the fabulous things that the PTA have done for us in the run up to Christmas, but I also wanted to take the opportunity to thank them again, and on their behalf, to thank all of you for all of your support. In the past year, their fund-raising has helped to pay for a raft of things for school including:

- * Science Kits
- * Bus / Coach transport
- * Books for each class to link with topics
- * Forest School

This really helps to further enrich the

Attendance to date: 93.56%
 Unauthorised absences: 1.38%
 Authorised absences: 5.05%

children's learning and the staff and I are eternally grateful.

Free Community 'Warm Hub'

Chris at the Snaith Chippie Bistro has offered his spare front room as a Warm Hub to be free for the community. It is hoped the hub will be open from next Monday 10am-4pm. There will be tea, coffee, and toast served and a cosy place to chat. This facility is aimed at those in need and lonely. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this service, please spread the word.

Farewell! We bid a fond farewell to our caretaker Mr. Horrocks as he focuses his attention on his business. Thank you Andy for all your support, we wish you well. There is an advert for a new caretaker which can be found on the website and the East Riding job site. Closing Date 6/1/2023.

Merry Christmas! On behalf of all my staff here at Pollington-Balne, I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year. We return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Thank you for your continuing support!
Kindest Regards,

Dates for your diary

New items are in red
 2/1/23 - Bank Holiday
 3/1/23 - Training Day
 Fri 6/1/23 - Pre-pedal Reception (6 weeks)
 1/2/23 Scooter Training - Y2
 2/2/23 - R/Y6 weight / height check
 10/2/23 - PTA Valentine Disco
 2/3/23 - World Book Day
 17/3/23 - Red Nose Day
 8/5/23 - Bank Holiday
 W.C. 8/5/23 - SATs week



Reminders

✓ Back to school Wed 4/1/23



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