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# Mrs Parry's Newsletter



## Merry Christmas

The arrival of Christmas has been well and truly celebrated at Furness Vale. Our younger children (with a little help from their teachers) put on a fabulous performance of 'The Big Little Nativity' what big clear voices and super singing we were treated to. KS2 enjoyed a trip to see Peter Pan at the theatre on the same day as Class C and D were busy with the animals at Matlock Farm. We all enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner served by the very lovely Amanda and her elves; and we were delighted that so many of you were able to join us for our Christingle Service. Yesterday, our wonderful PTFA treated us to a fun afternoon with an art competition, the inaugural Furness Vale Wonka golden ticket draw and they even managed to organise a visit from the big man himself! As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back on January 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Household Support Fund

Households facing financial hardship this Christmas can apply to the Derbyshire Household Support Fund for help towards food, energy and essential living costs.

Further details can be found at the website below [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

or contact them by telephone **01629 533399**

## Mr Waring our New SENCo

Many congratulations to Mr Waring on completing his National Award for SEN Coordination and taking over the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator in school. Our children are in very good hands and we wish you every success in your new role.

## Christmas Art Competition Winners!

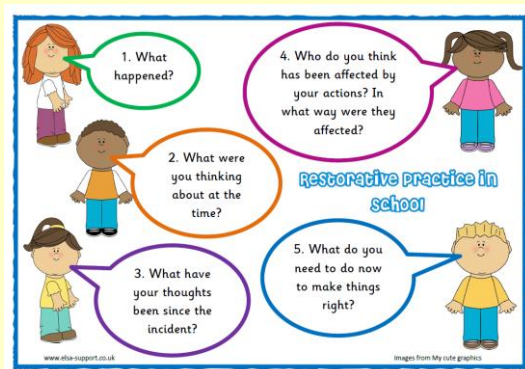


**Congratulations! Very worthy winners!**



## The Restorative Practice approach to behaviour

As a school staff we have a collective belief that problematic or inappropriate behaviours are often a way for a child to communicate that they are upset or something is not right. We have talked to the children about a Restorative Practice approach to behaviour, that focuses on resolving conflict and repairing harm by talking to everyone involved, getting them to explain their feelings and reasons for behaving the way they have. These are the five key questions involved in the restorative approach. We are currently rewriting our behaviour policy to reflect this.



## Reminders to Children

- Play-time equipment is not to be played with at the end of the day. The climbing frame and climbing wall are also out of bounds at pick-up time.
- KS2 children can bring in a pencil case from home but it must fit in your tray.
- No toys or cuddly toys should be bought into school unless this has been agreed by your teacher.



Eva, Angus, Joel and Emilia have been elected as our Health Champions. They have attended their first session at New Mills Leisure Centre and have been busy action planning. After the Christmas holidays they will be taking a lead on health in school.

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of term**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – INSET Day**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – High Peak Kids Council**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Class B's Drumming Concert**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Class A's Residential**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Class B's trip to The Science and Industry Museum**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – First day of term**

## Congratulations Corner

Well done to our fantastic Crocheting Club for organising your own self-funding sale. A superb £36.50 raised! Lots of new yarn heading your way in the New Year.