



#### Dates for your Diary

23rd November—1st Advent  
Assembly 2.45pm

29th November - Family Mass  
11.00am

30th November - 2nd Advent  
Assembly 2.45pm

7th December –3rd Advent  
Assembly 2.45pm

8th December - Foundation  
Christmas Performance 9.45am

9th December - KS2 & Catholic  
School Choir Service 1.30pm

11th December - KS1 Christmas  
Performance 2.00pm

14th December - 4th Advent  
Assembly 2.45pm

16th Senior Citizen Community  
Lunch 2.00pm

17th December - Party Day &  
Term Ends

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic term we've had so far and there is still much more to come. On the back of our best KS2 results both staff and children have been working hard to make sure that the school keeps moving from strength to strength. Please keep supporting the school, this is much appreciated by all. Keep up to date with our Facebook page and our, soon to be launched, new website for up to date news.

I am sure that you will all be impressed by what our children have been up to this term; be it on the sports field, in the classroom, on trips and visits, at the theatre or even whilst on a Bear Hunt, our children have shone and been exemplary; they truly are a credit to you and their families.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Christmas performances and services, and I would particularly like to invite you to this term's Family Mass at our Parish Church, St Margaret Mary's on Sunday 29th November at 11am. Hopefully we will see you there.

God bless & Merry Christmas,

Mr C Wilkins - Head Teacher

#### Nursery & Reception

Many Thanks to all who supported Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 with the Welly Walk. Nearly £700 was raised; the money raised will be used towards the cost of a trip to the Puppet Theatre to see Alice in Wonderland.

The Reception Class have been busy visiting the dentist and the Fire Station to learn about people who help us. Thank you to Mr Cameron for helping to organize this visit. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visits and, after speaking to the children and seeing how excited they've been, Carlisle needn't worry about having a shortage of dentists or fire fighters in the future.



### If you go down to the woods today...

Nursery completed their topic this term and celebrated by going on a 'Bear Hunt' in Kingmoor Woods. The weather was not kind to them but it didn't stop them having fun and no one complained about getting wet or being cold.



Thank you to all those involved or who helped out.

### Possible Christmas chart topper?

Our school children have produced an album of Christmas songs just in time for you all to buy a copy to get you in the festive mood.



Children from all year groups have recorded a 10 track album that's available to buy for Christmas.

### Something wicked this way comes...

Congratulations to our KS2 children who performed Macbeth at The Theatre by the Lake. The school were taking part in their second Shakespeare Schools Festival and performed to a sell out audience of over 500 people.

The performance was described by the festival co-ordinator as a "sleek and professional show where the performance transcended the age of the cast."

A huge thanks to Mr Evans, Miss Malone and Miss Murphy who supported the children on the day, who, as usual, were amazing.



### Let us remember...

Our focus in Writing in this month has been Remembrance and the Great War. Our children have produced some great pieces and we are working on a whole school display as a symbol that we will never forget. The children took part in our annual Poppy Competition and these will be part of the display.



This month also saw our Yr 3 & 4 children visit Eden Camp in Yorkshire as part of their topic. The children learnt a lot about remembrance, as well as The Second World War and evacuees. The trip was a huge success and can we say a massive thank you to



A step back in time - Some of our Yr 6 recently visited Castlesteads Mansion; the house is on the site of a Roman fort and our children were given the rare opportunity to see the treasures found on the site as well as an opportunity for some creative writing. A huge thank you to the Johnson family for letting us into their wonderful home.



### In other news...

Reception & Key Stage 1 participated in National Film Week by attending a screening of Annie at the Vue Cinema whilst Yr 5 & 6 attending a special screening of 'He called her Malala' with a live Q&A session.

Many thanks to the PTA for organizing a very successful Bonfire Disco - over £200 was raised, thanks for their continued hard work.