

November Newsletter

Dates for your diary

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| 1.12.23 | Reverse Advent Calendar |
| 8.12.23 | Great News Assembly |
| 9.12.23 | Federation Christmas Fayre |
| Week beginning 11.12.23 | Parents Evening |
| 13.12.23 | 2pm Christmas Performance |
| 14.12.23 | 9:30am Christmas Performance |
| 20.12.23 | Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day |
| 22.12.23 | Carols at Hope Baptist |
| 22.12.23 | School Closes for Christmas |
| 8.1.24 | School Opens for Spring Term |

What a busy month November has been! As you will see, children in both classes have been learning lots and having fun. We are starting to feel Christmassy and we're looking forward to the federation festive fun on **Saturday 9th of December when our Christmas Fayre will be held at Riverside.**

We are also looking forward to our Christmas Performances and carols at Hope Baptist.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.



We raised **£83.47**
for Children in Need.
Thank you!

Christmas Fayre

We are asking for donations of:

**Raffle/Tombola prizes
Bottles
Chocolates**

Please bring these items into school on **Friday 1st of December and Friday 8th Of December.**

There will be stalls available for parents, children and friends who make, craft or want to declutter! If you would like to reserve a stall, please complete

the slip on the letter that has been sent home below and we will contact you with further details. Stalls will be £5.



Performances

Wednesday 13th Dec—2pm

Thursday 14th Dec—9:30am

2 tickets per family

Tickets 50p each

Valley

Valley class have been learning about why the festival of Diwali is special to Hindu's and Sikhs and how families celebrate this festival. The children have created fire works pictures and created Diya lamps using clay and salt dough. We learnt that some families decorate their doorsteps with Rangoli patterns, and we created some beautiful Rangoli patterns of our own in the playground. As we learnt about Diwali the children began to make connections with celebrations that they take part in with their own families.



River

River class have started the half term learning about some of the many festivals different communities celebrate at this time of year. We started by thinking about Bonfire Night and some of the children shared their personal experiences of seeing and hearing fireworks. The children made their own bonfire representations using paint and straws. We have then looked at images of Diwali and how people celebrate. We made some salt dough and to make divas and collaged images of lights. The children have also enjoyed learning about and retelling the story of the 'Three Little Pigs'.



Woodland

Woodland Class have really been enjoying learning about the traditional tale "No Dinner." This week, when Ms Wood had no voice, they retold the whole story from cover to cover. Here they are using some small world figures to act out the story. They are brilliant story tellers!

We have also started doing Yoga in Monday's PE lesson. Here the children are learning to do the sun salutation. They are learning to stretch and hold poses and listen to their breathing.



Moorland

Moorland Class have been enjoying their English learning as we find out about Beegu the lost alien. The book has given the children lots of creative ideas about the planet where Beegu is from and who her friends might be. We have used collaborative drawing and clay models to imagine what these might look like before writing letters and postcards to her. We have also been getting ready for our bag project in DT by testing different materials to find out which one will be the strongest and best for making a bag.





Christmas Events



Saturday 9th December



Hebden Bridge Schools Federation Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas Fayre will be held at Riverside Junior School. There will be a fantastic tombola and visit the Elves wrapping workshop where the children can buy and wrap a small present for a member of their family. You will also find Santa's Grotto, children's crafts and face painting. There will be stalls selling crafts, an amazing raffle as well as delicious refreshments. We will give more information closer to the event and also let you know how you can help.

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Performance

2pm



Thursday 14th December

Christmas Performance

9:30am



We will give more details closer to the performance, including information about how you can help with costumes and when tickets are available. Each family can have two tickets.



Tuesday 19th December

Children in KS1 to visit the Little Theatre to watch the dress rehearsal of Riverside's Christmas production.



Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Dinner



Please wear something Christmassy to school....a Christmas jumper, a Christmas hat or some tinsel in your hair!

Friday 22nd December

Carols at Hope Baptist

10:30am

The children from all three schools will join together to sing Christmas carols and songs and wish each other 'a very merry Christmas'.

