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We had a joyful church service on Tuesday this week. The children re-enacted the nativity story and led the readings beautifully. We also sang some carols alongside a couple of the songs from our production. Our thanks to Rev Charlotte for leading our service and to everyone at St John the Baptist for making us feel welcome and providing refreshments for a chat at the end.



You may remember that in our STEM afternoon our older children made wire and loop games as part of their work on electrical circuits. This week our younger children had the chance to test these games out and had a lot of fun!



Christmas dinner

We were very lucky to have a wonderful Christmas dinner with the children, their families and friends. Olive did a great job cooking a delicious meal for over a 100 people, ably assisted by the staff. Thank you to Joanne as Olive's kitchen helper, Sara on dishing up, Kayleigh calling the tables and Becki on admin as well as everyone helping to serve and clear dishes.



Christmas Performances

Rehearsals for the Christmas performance are underway and we hope you will enjoy 'Christmas Counts' on Monday and Tuesday next week. On Monday 15th Dec we will have our afternoon performance at 2pm and on Tuesday 16th Dec we need the children to be back in school for 5.30pm ready for a 6pm performance. Our borrowed stage is now assembled so the children have been able to practice using it this week.

Thank you for the support of our bingo

Thank you to everyone who joined us for bingo last Friday night. We had a very fun evening and raised £400 for the school fund. This money will go towards organising enrichment curriculum visits to the National Museum of Scotland next term and visiting the Roman Fort of Arbeia in the summer term.

Thank you to our community

This week we are particularly grateful to our wider school community. In particular we would like to say thank you to Andrew for helping us with our kitchen equipment and work out what was wrong; thank you to Richard Telfer for helping us with electrical work, for lending us his van and his time to fetch the stage as well as finding us a hotplate to borrow for our Christmas lunch; thank you to Paul who has been volunteering as a handyman and put our stage together; and thank you to Jean who has been helping us on Wednesday and Friday afternoons as a volunteer. We also are thankful for Victoria who is volunteering as a teaching assistant on Wednesdays whilst she is doing training. The kindness of the people around us is what enables us to keep striving every day to make our school such a lovely place to be. In this Christmas season we are definitely feeling the love!



Dates for your diary

The afternoon of Monday **15th December at 2pm** and the evening of Tuesday **16th December at 6pm**- Our Christmas performances will be at Lowick school

Wednesday 17th December - we will watch a live Christmas performance at the Straw Yard in Berwick in the morning.

Thursday 18th December - our Christmas party in the morning

Friday 19th December - our last day of term. Christmas holidays from 22nd December for two weeks.

Monday 5th January will be a teacher training day so no children in school.

Tuesday 6th January - everyone back to school for the Spring Term.

Thursday 29th January - main school trip to the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh. We will be late back on that date as we plan to leave the museum at 2pm. Children will need a packed lunch or grab and go.

Thursday 12th February - Doodlebug Day (maths and art) with a focus on having a growth mindset. Read more about it here: <https://thedoodlebug.net/pages/maths-art-workshops>

Friday 13th February - Cèilidh at Lowick Village Hall in the evening to raise money for the schools.

