

# SOUTHROYD SPECTACULAR

December 11th 2015

**SOUTHROYD WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## **INVESTORS IN PUPILS PRAISE FOR OUR 'UNIQUE' SCHOOL**

The Investors in Pupils assessors who came on Wednesday were full of praise for the work we're doing in Southroyd. A huge well done to all!

During the day the assessors met staff, parents, governors and over 50 children! They were given a tour of the school by Courtney Leigh Hudson and Ciaran Hartley from the School Council, and had a chance to see playtime and lunchtime in school.

The assessors were so impressed by our amazing children and the eloquent way they could explain their personal targets and how this has spurred them into taking more control of their learning. They praised the awareness of the children and how both knowledgeable and involved they are in both enterprise projects and the school budget. Children were aware of how they could impact on this budget for school and could explain their involvement in previous projects to understand the reduce the school's spending budget!

Gillian Mullens, the lead assessor, explained the powerful way in which the key principles of Investors in Pupils are clearly impacting in all areas of learning, attendance, behavior, classroom management and induction.

Given an unusual "no" recommendations for improvement, we should be extremely proud of what we have achieved and in particular the way Investors principles are embedded within school. Well done to all!

## **FESTIVE DRESS DOWN DAY**

As a reward for their great work, we would like to invite all children to come to school in their festive clothes and "dress down" next Friday!

With every child being involved in a Christmas Performance this week, it's a great time to talk about how we can sometimes feel nervous before a big show and that this is completely normal! Yet afterwards we can often feel proud of overcoming our fears and being on a stage—and often we can reflect that the experience was a lot of fun!

You may even want to talk about those key skills of presenting your voice and actions in a large room!

## **HOT CHOCOLATE ENTERPRISE BY Y4**

Our Investors in Pupils Assessors thought that the way enterprise has been embedded in our curriculum across all year groups was unique. They were very impressed with the children's commitment to and understanding of money management.

Every year group is given £30 each year from FOSS (thankyou FOSS!) to use to try and generate an income that they can use for whatever they decide—to supplement trips, buy games and toys for wet play, pay for visitors - or anything else they want! This week year 4 took advantage of the chilly season to sell some lovely hot (warm!) chocolate.

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Thankyou to everyone who came along and helped raise £1500 and make lots of memories for the children.

A very special thankyou to the adults who helped on the day—without you we simply couldn't do it! Several parents gave up many hours to decorate Santa's Grotto or prepare resources for the children to enjoy and we had whole families helping as well as a very determined teddy bear tombola mummy! Thankyou to you all.

**THERE WILL BE NO SCAMP ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

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## **ADVENT MATHS**

How is it going? Has your child improved in their fluency and automaticity with addition and subtraction facts with numbers 1 to 11? I hope so!

Keep practising associated addition and subtraction facts with the remaining numbers 12 to 24!

Have they spotted any prime numbers or square numbers yet? I hope so.....

## **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

Well done to our marvellous Reception and KS1 children who have astonished family and friends with their superb performances last Friday afternoon and this week.

Our children are so confident, full of energy and enthusiasm and display such a HUGE range of talents we are very proud of them - and so should you be!

## **ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

On the 10th December, a team of 20 year 5 and year 6 pupils went to Priesthorpe for an Athletics Competition Cup Final.

We came fourth out of 26 other schools. We were only tens points off getting into third place!

Even though we didn't win, it was a great day. Josh Cliffe from year 5 has been asked to run for Pudsey and Bramley Athletics Club!

Thanks to Mrs Hargreaves, Miss Sayle and all the parents who provided transport for the event.

By Noah Wadsworth and Grace Southern, Y6

## **POSTPONED WINTER WONDERLAND**

Please keep your eyes open for news of our rescheduled Winter Wonderland event, which was sadly cancelled last weekend with the gales!

We will hold a special wintery event in our school grounds before February half term and look forward to inviting many of you into our magical winter woods! Weather permitting of course!

## **YEAR 4 WORK WITH PROFESSIONAL ARTIST**

Year 4 had an exciting opportunity to work with a print artist as part of our Black History project about Kenojuak Ashevak, an Inuit artist whose work is shown internationally.

Ashevak used simple shapes and bold colours to create magical looking animals, expressing the Inuit belief that animals had magical powers.

We used polystyrene blocks to draw animals in the style of Ashevak and then printed them four times, the ink fading each time to represent the disappearing Inuit culture as a result of modernisation in the Arctic circle.

It was fabulous to see some real lino prints and have a go at working with an artist to produce our own work.

## **PUDSEY PARISH CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

We welcome you all to join us at Pudsey Parish Church for a family Christmas service on Wednesday 16th December at 2pm.

Teachers have been asking for volunteers to walk your child's class to and from church. We are now in the interesting position where we sometimes have TOO many walkers and this in itself poses a different kind of risk to our planning.

So, to ensure we don't have too many people on the day, your class teachers will confirm with you before Wednesday whether your offer to walk is needed or not. This means we are sorry that if you are not needed, you will not be able to walk with the class—so instead, please meet us at the Church.

You can of course follow us from school to church, but we again apologise that anyone who isn't planned into our walking trains will not be able to walk with the children.

Thankyou in anticipation of your understanding.

## **TRAINING DAY**

Reminder that Monday 4th January is a training day and school and Sunflowers will be closed.

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