

## Weekly Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a jam-packed week in school this week with pantomimes, rehearsals, performances and preparations for our Christmas Fair!

Our Early Years performance of 'Baubles' was a huge success as the children dazzled both audiences with their impressive singing and spectacular dance moves. Yesterday, our Year 3, 4 and 5 children took to the stage with their performance of 'Superstar'. They made me question why I ever felt the need to purchase a wireless microphone for school. Every child was indeed a 'superstar' and, without a doubt, it was a 'roaring success'.

I look forward to continuing our festive celebrations with our Christmas fair taking place this afternoon and more exciting events planned for our final week.

I hope you have a wonderful festive weekend planned too.

Yours in learning,  
Mrs Katie Pashley



### Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day also. Ms Taylor and the School Council have organised fundraising for Save the Children through this event and we would welcome donations of £1 on the day for this special cause.

### Data Published

Please be aware that the school performance tables have now been published and can be accessed via our school website and here:

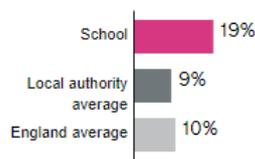
<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/134913/great-preston-vc-cofe-primary-school>

#### **Pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths ?**



We are delighted that last year, 69% of our Year 6 children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths Combined. This surpassed the national percentage of children achieving the expected standard which was 61%.

#### **Pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths ?**



19% of our Year 6 leavers exceeded the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined which also surpassed the national percentage of 10%.

### Deadline Approaching!

Please note that the deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2019 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. All children must apply for a school place even if they already attend our school nursery. To apply online, please go to [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk)

## Christmas Service in Church- help needed!

The whole school from Years 1 to 6 will be heading down to Allerton Bywater Church on Monday morning for our Christmas Service led by Reverend Diane. As always, we would welcome support from any parents and carers who are able to accompany us for the walk there and back. If you are able to join us, please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for Monday morning. Many thanks.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception children) will take part in a service in school on Monday afternoon at 2pm also led by Rev Diane. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for this service also.



### Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 AND Year 4 who are this week's attendance superstars with a combined attendance of 96.7%. Well done Year 6 and Year 4!

Great attendance is important for all pupils and although some missed days are unavoidable due to illness, we would urge parents to avoid taking children out of school for other reasons such as holidays. This applies to children throughout school, from Nursery to Year 6. Even one day of missed learning is difficult for children to catch up.

### Safeguarding

Information regarding online safety has previously been shared with parents, particularly around the use of age appropriate games such as Fortnite. May we remind parents and carers that Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12 due to 'frequent scenes of mild violence'.

Mrs O'Carroll will be delivering a session for parents surrounding the use of online games and we would urge all parents to attend. This will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm. Please return the slip sent home with your child if you wish to attend so that we know how many people to expect.

## Compassion Celebration

This week we celebrated the following children who have all demonstrated compassion in some way:

Nursery: Faye M and Finlay R  
 Reception: Chloe A and Henry S  
 Year 1: Max H and Florence K  
 Year 2: Alice L and Olivia B  
 Year 3: Connor I and Aerynn M  
 Year 4: Sam S and Charley R  
 Year 5: Jacob T and William H  
 Year 6: Zach C and Jasmine H  
 Lead servers: Jasmin H and Noah W

Well done to you all!



### Important Dates

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service at Allerton Bywater Church for Years 1 to 6 PARENTS VERY WELCOME 9.30am
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Stay and Play (morning)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Service in school with Rev Diane PARENTS VERY WELCOME 2.00pm
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 and 2 and musicians Christmas Carols by Candlelight for parents 9.30am
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day – whole school Christmas Jumper Day £1 donations for Save the Children
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Online safety meeting for all parents 5pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 SATs parent meetings 9am and 5pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Nursery and Reception Bedtime story night 4.45pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term