



## HUSTHWAITE C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2011

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we are in the final week of the autumn term and Christmas is well and truly underway. It seems an awfully long time since we returned to school in September but all the children and staff have worked extremely hard this term and can be really proud of what has been achieved. We have started to compile an album recording events that pupils have participated in at school as a record to remind us just exactly how busy we are! If you have time when visiting school, please take a look - it is kept in the school's entrance.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair which raised a fantastic £834.00. The children enjoyed the visiting theatre's production of 'Give it back Mak' and have the Christmas parties to still look forward to.



Children in KS1 and foundation stage performed magnificently in their 'Wriggly Nativity' Christmas production. The Drama club are having final rehearsals in preparation for their short performance at the Carols by Candlelight Service on Tuesday 20 December at St Nicholas Church at 9.30 am - to which everyone is welcome.

### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to everyone who has returned their questionnaires so far. There are a few issues that have come to light which we are aware of and we will be addressing these in the New Year. There is still time to return your questionnaire if you haven't yet done so. If you would like another copy, please ask at the school office.



### EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

There will be a new club list issued at the start of next term - please look out for it. Last term we

offered some after school clubs but the take-up was not as high as we would have expected due to other commitments. As a consequence, there will be more lunch time clubs on offer to ensure all children get a fair chance of participation.

### PARENT MAIL

Thank you to everyone who has registered with ParentMail.



Feedback from parents has been very positive and we feel that it is easier to keep you informed of events at school as it is an efficient form of communication saving the school a huge amount of time and money by reducing paper and photocopying costs. Please ensure that you update any changes to your details directly on the ParentMail website to ensure you don't miss out on any communication we may send. If you haven't yet registered for ParentMail, please contact the school office.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have recently updated the school website - please take a look - [www.husthwaiteschool.co.uk](http://www.husthwaiteschool.co.uk) It would be useful if you could familiarise yourself with the website as in the future we may use the website to post important information and urgent messages such as school closures. Please note we are no longer using Fronter.

### SCHOOL CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS

Fingers crossed that we will not have the bad weather we experienced last year, but for your information, attached to this newsletter are arrangements for informing you of school closure procedures.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 19 December - Christmas Parties
- 20 December - 9.30 am Carols by Candlelight  
St Nicholas Church, Husthwaite
  - School Christmas lunch
  - School closes 2.45 pm
- 6 January Training Day
- 9 January School opens 8.50 am

*Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful Christmas  
and all good wishes for the New Year.  
Thank you for your continued support  
Rebecca Bainbridge*