

# Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## Easter Service

Our Easter service at St James's Church this morning was a wonderful event made so by our enthusiastic and thoughtful children. They brought the Easter Story to life with their singing, story-telling, acting, poetry and prayer. Throughout the service the Easter message was given loud and clear and it was so obvious the children have been given plenty of opportunities to think about what Easter means to them. I hope everyone has a restful holiday and you enjoy the Easter weekend.

## The Easter Story

On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, Classes 1 and 2 went on a trip to the Methodist Church in Richmond. When we arrived most of us spotted an odd sign on the door; it said 'Jerusalem' and had an arrow pointing inside the door! As we entered, we were welcomed by Rev Nevin and some of his friends.

We then learned that we were going to be acting out some key events of the Easter story, such as the cleansing of the temple and Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate.

Harry was cast as the star part Jesus, Jake was the thirsty Judas (as he escaped the last supper, he stopped to finish off the wine!) and Nathaniel was the decider of everyone's fate; Pontius Pilate!!!

We all had a great time and everyone enjoyed their 'Eastertingle' boxes and the once in a lifetime eggsperience!

By Eleanor Harland

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## Cross Country

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 was the day of cross country! Everyone was excited or slightly nervous! I was quite nervous about it! First of all we got there around 12:45. We had to wait about half an hour before Penny, Isabella and Eva could go to the starting line. When they went everyone shouted their names. The girls finally set off, it was an extremely tense race. Isabella was amazing by coming 33<sup>rd</sup>, Penny and Eva weren't far behind! Penny settled on coming 48<sup>th</sup> and Eva came 57<sup>th</sup>.

While we were waiting for Justin's race the boys from Melsonby had a chat with some of the boys from Ravensworth. Justin finally set off he went at a good steady pace and sprinted like a rocket at the end, finally coming 59<sup>th</sup>. Next was the Year 4 girls race but we didn't have any so that gave Ellis more time to prepare for the year 4 boys race.




Ellis finally set off and went extremely fast. He came 16<sup>th</sup> and that is absolutely brilliant in my opinion. Then it was Chloe's, Bethany's and Isabel's race; it was a very long race and Chloe came 84<sup>th</sup> Bethany and Isabel stuck together the whole race until the end where they both sprinted against each other Bethany was winning until she thought she had won then Isabel just beat Bethany on the line.

Next it was the Year 5 boy's race, Sam came 99<sup>th</sup>, Curtis came 116<sup>th</sup>, Jake came 58<sup>th</sup> and Harry supposedly forgot his place in the race. Bena was excellent; she sprinted all the way round! In the end she came 10<sup>th</sup>. The last race was the Year 6 boy's race, It was Nathaniel and Kai taking part, they both tried really hard and Nathaniel came 59<sup>th</sup> and Kai came 92<sup>nd</sup>.







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Then cross country was over. When we were about to leave Barton school were having some trouble, they were stuck in the mud! We all found it quite funny we are not sure what happened to them in the end. Did they get out of the mud? Are they still there until this day? Who knows and that is the end of our Cross Country experience.





By Nathaniel Morton




### Sports Relief 1 Mile Run





On Friday afternoon all the school went to the village playing field to do their bit for Sport Relief by running the 1 mile course. If everyone had done just that it would have been a super event but some went further, much further running 2x, 3x and sometimes 4x that original 1 mile distance. A rough total figure of miles run is **60 miles**. How good is that? Extremely well done to all who joined in and keep on running.



### Easter Egg Movie Madness



On Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> March all the children enjoyed getting to grips with their entries into the 'Movie - Madness' themed Easter egg decorating competition. They also enjoyed the experience of working together across the school. Judging for the competition took place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March by Jimmy Wilson-Petch and I'm pleased to announce the prize winners. Everyone also received a small gift for entering the competition.



#### Class 1



1<sup>st</sup> Alexander Morton



2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Morton



3<sup>rd</sup> Aidan Jackson



#### Class 2




1<sup>st</sup> Bena Slack







2<sup>nd</sup> Eleanor Harland



3<sup>rd</sup> Eva Cherry



See below for some photographs and more photographs are available on our Facebook page.



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## Hand-Bell Event

Have you ever fancied having a go with hand bells?

Melsonby WI have invited the **Northallerton Hand-bell Ringers** to give an interactive concert ***Mellow Hand-bells*** on Tuesday 5th April at 2.30pm in St James' Church. The bell ringers will perform and lead some singing and encourage you to have a go with the bells.

This is school holidays so we would love parents and children to come and join us, as well as any adults who are interested in this melodious art form.

The event is free! Refreshments available so it would help if you could let us know if you are coming.

Please ring 01325 718139 or email [judstass@gmail.com](mailto:judstass@gmail.com)

### Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group who meet between 10.00am and 11.30am on Tuesday morning is growing in number and interest. This is a super chance to come and meet other mums with children of the same age to have a coffee and a chat whilst your children play in a safe, secure and stimulating environment. The sessions are run by Emma Guy from Colburn Children's Centre.



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## School Marketing

Just a quick update on our marketing activities. So far we have had two extremely positive news items in the Northern Echo and Darlington and Stockton Times about our recent 'ish' OFSTED inspection. For those 'eagle-eyed' swimmers amongst you, you may have noticed we now have a banner advertising our school at Richmond Pool. We have also placed advertisements in the Dragoon, Garrison newspaper, and the Primary Times newspaper.

We would like to give a big thank you to all parents, governors and pupils who have helped us complete our largest mail-shot yet with over 1000 brochures and fliers being delivered to houses in local villages.

Thanks to Emma Hepper for taking leaflets for distribution at Morrisons at Morton Park and also to Phil and Carla Jackson for arranging for our OFSTED banner to be displayed on Nixon's wall.

And last of all we completed a 300 leaflet mail-shot in the West-End of Darlington with a new flier inside showing potential parents how close we are to Darlington.

## Bags to school



*In partnership with Melsonby Methodist Primary School.*

Bags can be dropped off at the school for collection between **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April and before 9am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

The following items are collected:

**Adults' & Children's Clothing, Soft Toys, Shoes,  
Belts & Handbags**

Any bag can be used- carriers, bin bags, etc.

If you have any unwanted items listed above we would be very grateful to receive them.

Any questions, please contact the school (718318) or Carla Jackson (717926)

*\*We can arrange to collect if needed\**

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## Access to Autism



North  
Yorkshire County Council

### Access To Autism

Colburn Children's Centre  
9:30am –11:30am  
(Term Time Only)

The Access to Autism group is for parents and carers of children being assessed for, or diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC). This will be an informal drop in session to have coffee, meet with other parents/carers with children who have an ASC & to discuss any concerns or queries you may have. We will also have guest speakers present on some of the dates below to provide you with information & advice on a variety of different topics.

The sessions will be held on:

Wednesday 6th January 2016  
Drop In  
Wednesday 3rd February 2016  
(Guest speaker - Helen Jukes, Family Outreach Worker to talk about YouthAbility & Fuse)  
Wednesday 2nd March 2016  
Drop In  
Wednesday 13th April 2016  
(Guest speaker - TBC, to talk about sleeping patterns)  
Wednesday 4th May 2016  
Drop In  
Wednesday 8th June 2016  
(Guest speaker - TBC, to talk about summer activities available to access over the holidays)  
Wednesday 6th July 2016  
Drop In

Sessions may include workshops on issues around ASC which could include communication, behaviour, strategies, interventions, local services and ideas of any other training or information needs you may have.

For further details contact Sue Doughty, Family Outreach Worker on  
01609 53 6866 or  
Colburn Children's Centre on  
01609 53 2595

## Important Dates for Diaries Summer Term 2016

Celebration assemblies every Friday at 3.10pm  
everyone is welcome

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Training day no children in school

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Summer term begins

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala at  
Richmond between 1.00pm and 3.00pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Bags2School collection at 9.00am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Year 3 and 4 Swimming Gala at Richmond between 9.30am and  
11.30am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Bike ability level 1 for Y5 and Y6

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Bike ability level 2 for Y5 and Y6

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - May Day holiday

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May - SATS Week

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Duck Race at 2.00pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 and Class photographs

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Summer half term





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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> half term begins

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Community Barbeque Lunch (more information to follow)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 activity day at Richmond (TBC)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 activity day at Richmond (TBC)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Induction day at Richmond and SFX

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July - School Sports Day starting at 1.30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver's assembly at 2.30pm with refreshments in the playground afterwards, everyone is welcome