

The Federation of North and South Cowton and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools

Friday 17th December

'Merry Christmas!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final week has been an extremely busy one with a number of Christmas events and celebrations.

On Tuesday, both schools visited the Georgian Theatre in Richmond to see the production of 'Beauty and the Beast.' They returned to school full of excitement and enthusiasm from what they had seen. When asked what they thought of the production, some of their comments included:

'It was amazing!' Amelia

'It was so funny!' Oscar



A big thank you to the Friends of Melsonby and of North and South Cowton for contributing towards the children's tickets and transport.

On Friday, we ended the term with a carol concert at each of the schools. This was a lovely way to come together to reflect on the past year and begin some of the festivities together.

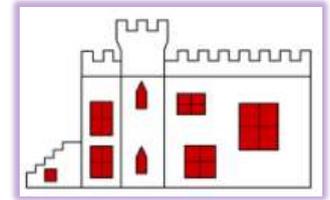
We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas, stay safe and manage to have some time to switch off and relax!

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Robinson



Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.



Respect each other, learn from one another, move forward together.

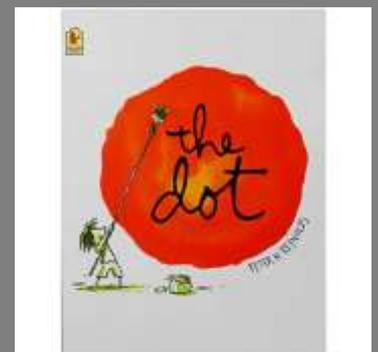
Federation Notices and Dates

As many of you are aware, cases of Covid amongst our communities have started to rise.

Whilst government guidance states that children (under the age of 18) and adults (who have had a double vaccination) can be in school whilst awaiting the result of a PCR, we are advising that where possible they stay at home until a result is obtained. We also ask that even if a negative PCR has been obtained that you continue to LFT your child following any contact with someone who has tested positive.

Book Recommendations

This week, Erin would like to recommend the book 'the dot' by Peter H. Reynolds. 'It has helped me to persevere' shared Erin.





News from Melsonby

This week, Class 1 have been learning all about the Christmas story. As part of their R.E learning, they thought about why Christmas time is special to so many.

On Thursday afternoon, the children had the opportunity to let their hair down a little, get dressed up and enjoy some festive party games and dancing. A big thank you to the Friends for organising this for the children.

Achievement Awards

Class 1 – **Seth**

For trying really hard with his phonics and early reading. Seth has been dedicating time and effort to this and always does so with a smile on his face. Well done Seth!

Class 2 – **Patsy**

For taking ownership of her own learning in and out of school. Patsy is making really good progress as result of her positive attitude towards school and learning.

Values Award

This week, the children and staff nominated **Zoe** for the values award. Zoe has always shown such kindness compassion and respect towards others and whilst we will miss her very much, we wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

Deadlines and Reminders

Parent Pay

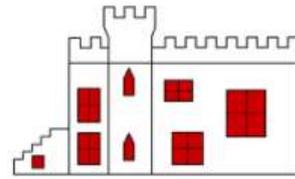
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Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates for your Diaries

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Wednesday 5th January – School re-opens to pupils



News from North and South Cowton

After a very busy autumn term, on Tuesday, Class 1 and 2 let their hair down and were treated to an afternoon of fun, games and a visit from Father Christmas.



This week, the children performed their Christmas Production 'It's a Miracle' and did so extremely well. We were very proud of the way in which the children overcame nerves and illnesses and put on a beautiful Christmas play.

Achievement Award

Class 2 – **Mia**

For overcoming nerves and showing real confidence during the Christmas production. Mia, we are very proud of you!

Values Award

Class 2 – **Connie**

For a beautifully written emotive letter from Edward Tulane. Well done Connie!

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