

# Robert Miles Infants

December 2018



## Choir

This term we have had great fun at Choir. We meet every Thursday at 12.30. For the last half term we were busy learning Christmas songs. We opened the Bingham Christmas Fayre, where we sang on stage and were delighted by the snow machine at the end.



We were also invited to sing at Beauvale Care Home. The residents were very complimentary about our singing and had a good old sing-a-long.



All the staff at Robert Miles Infants would like to say a big thank you to all the parents, carers and friends of the school for all your support this term. You have donated to cake sales, raffles, raised money for us through ticket sales and supported with play costumes. We have had volunteers for reading, gardening and walking with us on trips out. Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you all a...

*Merry Christmas.*

See you on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Raffle** Thank you to everyone who donated a prize and bought a ticket. We raised

**£440**

This and the money raised from ticket sales from the plays (£340) will be used to buy some new Maths resources for the classes.

## Carol Concert

A reminder that our carol concert will take place at the Methodist Church on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm. If you are joining us you will be able to take your children home from there.

Book bags and PE bags will all be sent home on Thursday. **Please do not send book bags on the last day.**

**Year 1:** In Year 1 we have focused on learning to recite poetry by heart and have enjoyed learning our weekly poem of the week – mostly from the Shirley Hughes poetry anthology *Out and About*. We have enjoyed using these poems to learn about the seasons and our school environment. We have listened to a variety of music on the theme of the seasons and created our own compositions.

In Maths we have been deeply embedding our understanding of addition and subtraction of numbers to 10.

We have also been very busy learning our lines, songs and dances for the Xmas play 'Hey Ewe'.



**Year 2:** In English we have been focusing on using more interesting language to describe our creatures and settings. We then wrote our very own story about our mythical creature! We are working really hard to use interesting sentence starters, a range of conjunctions and different punctuation.

We have had an exciting art project this half-term. We created sculptures of mythical creatures using modroc and then practised mixing colours to paint them.



In science we have also been learning about animals that are suited to different habitats. Please take a look at our class pages on the website to see more of our fantastic learning!

In the Spring term **Year 1 and 2** are looking forward to studying a Key Stage topic called **Frozen Planet**, centered around the book **The Princess and the White Bear King** by Tanya Robyn Batt. We will be learning about cold countries and their animals and landscapes as well as the great explorer Captain Scott. See what you can find out over the holidays.

**Reception:** The Reception children have had another brilliant term learning about many different festivals and celebrations. Some of our highlights have been:

The wedding

After reading 'The Scarecrows' Wedding', by Julia Donaldson, the children wrote lists and invitations for our own celebration. They dressed up in outfits and made some decorations in preparation for the big day! During the wedding, all children had their own role to play, including bell-ringing, playing music and holding the rings for the bride and groom!

Getting ready for Christmas

We're sure you'll all agree the children performed brilliantly in 'The Christmas ABC'. They have worked hard to learn the words for each letter as well as all the songs. In the lead up to the holidays, we have been learning about how and why people celebrate Christmas and made our own decorations and cards. The children have all written a letter to Father Christmas. There were some very interesting requests for presents, including blu-tac, sausages and a real unicorn!

Next term, our topic is 'Once upon a time'. We will be reading lots of traditional tales, including... Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We will use ideas from the stories to support learning across the curriculum. Towards the end of term, there will be a themed day where the children can come to school dressed as their favourite fairytale character. Please look out for more information nearer the time.



**Scarlet Fever** We have had a couple of cases of scarlet fever reported in school. We have been advised to ensure that any child with scarlet fever should be kept away from school for 24 hours after they have started taking their antibiotics. Symptoms of scarlet fever are flu like symptoms, high temperature, swollen glands and a rash appears after a few days.

## Dates To Remember

- 19.12.18 Reception Xmas Party - am  
Year 1 Xmas Party - pm  
20.12.18 Year 2 Xmas Party - pm  
21.12.18 Christmas Carol Concert at Bingham Methodist Church - 1.30pm  
Break up  
07.01.19 Back to school  
13.02.19 Parents evening  
14.02.19 Parents evening  
14.02.19 Break up  
15.02.19 INSET day  
25.02.19 Back to school  
05.04.19 Break up

## Attendance

Well done Willow, who again have the best attendance for Autumn 2. Well done to Oak and Sycamore who have made improvements.

Maple	99.59
Willow	99.71
Beech	95.91
Cedar	94.97
Oak	94.97
Sycamore	94.63



## Good To Be Green

Children at Robert Miles continue to respond well to our 'Good to be Green' strategy. This half term the following children came to the 'Good to be Green tea party', for being on Green for a whole half term.

Maple - Emmy, Rory      Willow - Lexi      Beech - Bethan, Oscar  
Cedar - Keira, Luca      Sycamore - Ted, Amelia      Oak - Lola, Rowan

In January our focused 'Attitude to learning' will be ....

### Self Motivation

We will be encouraging the children to be independent and set themselves high standards.

What might this look like in the classroom?

- Complete tasks, without prompting
- Use classroom resources to support me
  - Show curiosity in my learning
  - Aim high and rise to a challenge
- Set homework is completed every week
  - Do extra work at home
  - Demonstrate a love of learning.

Certificates will be given out to children in Celebration Assembly for displaying these behaviours.