



# November Newsletter

What a busy month November has been! As you will see, children in both classes have been learning lots and having fun. We are starting to feel Christmassy and we're looking forward to the Federation festive

fun on **Saturday 9th December when our Christmas Fayre will be held at Riverside.**

**We are also looking forward to our Christmas Performances and carols at Hope Baptist.**

We look forward to seeing you at these events.



We raised **£52**  
for Children in Need.  
Thank you!

## Christmas Fayre

We are asking for donations of:

**Raffle/Tombola prizes**

**Bottles**

**Chocolates**

Please bring these items into school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

There will be stalls available for parents, children and friends who make, craft or want to declutter! If you would like to reserve a stall, please complete the slip on the letter that has been sent home and we will contact you with further details. Stalls will be £5.



## Dates for you Diary

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| 1.12.23                    | Reverse Advent Calendar         |
| 1.12.23                    | Great News Assembly             |
| 9.12.23                    | Federation Christmas Fayre      |
| Week beginning<br>11.12.23 | Parents Evening                 |
| 13.12.23                   | 9:30am Christmas Performance    |
| 14.12.23                   | 2pm Christmas Performance       |
| 15.12.23                   | Great News Assembly             |
| 20.12.23                   | Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day |
| 22.12.23                   | Carols at Hope Baptist          |
| 22.12.23                   | School Closes for Christmas     |
| 8.1.24                     | School Opens for Spring Term    |

## Performances

**Wednesday 13th Dec—9:30am**

**Thursday 14th Dec—2pm**

**2 tickets per family**

**Tickets 50p each**

# Acorns

Acorns have been enjoying retelling stories. Nursery acted out the story whilst travelling around an obstacle course. This focused on gross and fine motor skills to help them with mark making whilst also retelling the story. We also ground wheat to make flour and made our own bread rolls! Reception focused individually on which muscles they needed to strengthen to improve their pencil grip. We also got imaginative with the story in drawing club; drawing the farm with an odd animal in it and a bad character who was attracted to the farm by the smell of the bread! The children are given a magic code after drawing which focuses on some writing or maths linked to what they need to learn next.

We have been exploring patterns and making repeating patterns. Whilst learning about Diwali we have been making rangoli patterns and trying to make our patterns symmetrical.



# Oaks

In Science, we've been taking part in investigations with our senses. We have been answering questions such as 'Why doesn't everyone like chocolate?', 'What are our favourite smells?' and 'What information can we get from our senses?'

We made predictions about what different foods would taste like - whether they would be bitter, sour, sweet or salty. Then we tasted foods including lemon, chocolate, raisins and crisps, focusing on how they tasted and which parts of our tongues and taste buds were doing the tasting!





## Christmas Events



**Saturday 9th December**

**Hebden Bridge Schools Federation Christmas Fayre**

This year our Christmas Fayre will be held at Riverside Junior School. There will be a fantastic tombola and visit the Elves wrapping workshop where the children can buy and wrap a small present for a member of their family. You will also find Santa's Grotto, children's crafts and face painting. There will be stalls selling crafts, an amazing raffle as well as delicious refreshments. We will give more information closer to the event and also let you know how you can help.

**Wednesday 13th December**

**Christmas Performance**

**9:30am**



**Thursday 14th December**

**Christmas Performance**

**2pm**



We will give more details closer to the performance, including information about how you can help with costumes and when tickets are available. Each family can have two tickets.



**Tuesday 19th December**

Children in Oaks to visit the Little Theatre to watch the dress rehearsal of Riverside's Christmas production.



**Wednesday 20th December**

**Christmas Dinner**



Please wear something Christmassy to school....a Christmas jumper, a Christmas hat or some tinsel in your hair!

**Friday 22nd December**

**Carols at Hope Baptist**

**10:30am**

The children from all three schools will join together to sing Christmas carols and songs and wish each other 'a very Merry Christmas'.

