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Gonerby Gazette

December 2018

Christmas is always a special time in school and this past couple of weeks have been no exception. It all started with our stunning tree arriving and being decorated beautifully with the children's decorations. We have all enjoyed the super Christmas performances from our infant pupils and this week is very exciting with Christmas parties and the KS2 Christmas Service. The children all enjoyed making their crafts of fair trade shopping bags, snowmen and Christmas tree decorations, for the brilliantly busy Christmas Fair – well done to the FSA for organising! The term will be rounded off beautifully with the infant Christmas service, a yummy Christmas lunch and our annual KS2 Christmas Sing-along. Heaven!

We hope you have a lovely, peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in 2019!

Young Voices Choir do Christmas by Emma, Y6

Ahead of the main concert, our YV choir has been on tour!

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=135>

Jonathon Broom-Edwards Assembly by Corey and Mia, Year 4

He's back and helping us to improve our focus.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=136>

Anti-bullying Week 2018 By Isabelle, Year 5

This year we have been learning to 'Choose Respect'!

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=137>

Children in Need 2018 by Alice and Katie, Year 5

GHF generosity strikes again and we raised £528 for this super cause.

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=138>

Infant Performances by Abigail, Year 6

The infant pupils wow us with Christmas Counts and Tinsel and Tea-towels.

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Happy Retirement to Mrs Sharpe

We are very sad to say that Mrs Sharpe will be leaving us at the end of the Autumn term to take early retirement. She has been part of our school for so long and has worked at GHF for almost 15 years. Mrs Sharpe actually started school here 50 years ago as a pupil and obviously loved the place so much that she brought her own children to school here and returned years later to work as a teaching assistant. Mrs Sharpe is well known and loved in the Gonerby Hill Foot community, having worked with many pupils, including with some of our current pupils' parents. As one of our longest serving members of staff, Mrs Sharpe will be missed very dearly and will always have a special place in our hearts. We wish her all the best as she enjoys her well-deserved rest with her recently retired husband and her family.

Other staff news: this term we have welcomed a new caretaker, Mr Millar, and a new School Business Manager, Mrs Pearson. In January, a new teaching assistant, Mrs Kataiwai, will be joining us.

End of Term Awards

Last week we held our final Celebration assembly of the term and there was a lot to celebrate. On ClassDojo we shared photographs of the Golden Pen and Magic Pencil winners. We also shared a photo of the children who each class voted Child of the Term – click [here](#) to see the reasons each were chosen.

Congratulations Mrs Shipman

This term Mrs Shipman started her maternity leave and we are delighted to announce the recent birth of her gorgeous baby daughter, Phoebe-Rae. Baby weighed in at a healthy 7lb 4oz with mother and baby doing well. Huge congratulations go out to the Shipman family.

Christmas Fair by Charlotte and Alexis, Year 6

On Friday 14th December, the school held its annual Christmas Fair. Throughout the fair, there were lots of different stalls. There were food stalls including hot dogs, cakes and drinks and stalls selling what we had all made. Year 3 & 4 made their own salt dough Christmas decorations which were shaped as wreaths, angels, stars and other designs. Year 5 & 6 made and sewed their own fair trade bags which were also sold at the fair. Children got the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa and there were stalls with lots of different games including the tombola. People especially enjoyed the Tombola, hotdogs and the pictures with Santa! It was great to see so many children and adults walking around our Christmas Fair!

A huge thank you to the FSA for organising a fantastic Christmas Fair. Well done to the children and teachers too for all their Christmas crafts. With the support of parents and families, sending in donations and attending the fair, we have raised about £1800. That is amazing!

School Christmas Disco by Sai, Year 5

On Thursday 6th December, the FSA held discos for the Infant and for Key Stage 2 children. We all got dressed up for the disco and we danced lots to the music. As it was the Christmas disco, we danced to lot of different Christmas songs. We also got to play games. One of our favourites was the air guitar competition! It was great to see so many children in their party outfits and to see all the children dancing. Thank you to everyone, especially the FSA, who helped with our school disco. We all really enjoyed it!

KS2 Christmas Party by Amy and Lily, Year 3

On Monday 17th December, Key Stage 2 had their Christmas parties. During the parties, we got to play different games including pass the parcel, musical statues and musical bumps. We also got to dance to Christmas music! After we played the games and danced, we got to have some party food and drinks. We all really enjoyed this bit! At the end of the party, we all got a selection box from the FSA to take home with us. We had a really good time at the parties and loved the games, dancing and food. *The infant children are having their parties on Wednesday 19th December. The FSA, in addition to providing game prizes, are giving them a selection pack too. Thank you!*

Class Assemblies

We all look forward to our class assemblies and parents of pupils in the class leading are very welcome to join us. Below are the dates for next term.

- Defoe – 17th January
- Carroll – 24th January
- Blyton – 31st January
- Dahl – 7th February
- King-Smith – 14th February
- Lewis – 28th February
- Potter – 7th March
- Ahlberg – 14th March
- Sendak – 21st March

- Carle – 28th March

Please remember that assemblies start at 9am and taking photographs and video is not allowed.

Do you have a child ready to start school next September?

Just a quick reminder to parents of children who are due to start school in Reception in September 2019 that applications should be made now. Parents are asked to [complete the application online](#) by **12 noon, 15 January 2019**. Offers will be available on the 16th April 2019. There is more information about our arrangements for starting school on our [website](#).

Important Diary Dates

- Pupils break up for Christmas holidays on Thursday 20th December 2018
- Pupils return to school on Monday 7th January 2019
- Young Voices – Friday 11th January
- Blyton Class starts swimming – Tuesday 22nd January
- Y3/4 Living Faith trip – Wed 23rd and Thurs 24th January
- School nurse for Reception and Y6 pupils - Weights & Measures – 29th January
- Swimarathon – Saturday 2nd February
- Safer Internet Day – Tues 5th February
- Swim Gala – Wed 6th March
- TakeOver Day – Friday 6th March
- Grantham Music Festival – Wednesday 13th March
- Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March
- King-Smith Class starts swimming – Tuesday 19th March
- Parents Eves – 19th and 20th March
- Y4 Church Schools' Festival – Tuesday 2nd April
- Y3/4 Performances- Wednesday 3rd April
- KS2 Easter Service at St. Sebs – Thursday 4th April
- Infant Easter Service in school – Friday 5th April
- Pupils break up for Easter holidays - Friday 5th April
- Pupils return to school – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

You can find all our term dates for the 2018/19 academic year on our website via this link:

<https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1445&type=pdf>