

Year 4 with their Roman Shields



9th December 2016

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, we are supporting Save The Children's *Wear a Christmas Jumper Day*. For a small donation, children may come to school in non school uniform and a Christmas jumper. Please remember that Y2 – Y6 will be walking to St Ambrose Church so please make sure your child has sensible shoes and a warm coat.

Clayton & Whittle Alliance – Joint Carol Concert

Lily, Ashlee, Macy and Zara's names were chosen from a hat to be Lancaster Lane's representatives in the Clayton and Whittle Alliance's choir to sing carols at Asda on Wednesday at 11am.

Staffing News

Following internal interviews, Mrs Clements will be the new key stage one leader from January 2017. Congratulations to her.

What's On?

Monday

Early Learners and Reception
Nativity @ 9.30am

Tuesday

Christmas Dinner

Y5/Y6 Christmas Production @ 2.30pm

Wednesday Singalong (lunchtime)

Carol Singers @ Asda @ 10am

Y3/4/5/6 Christmas Party @ 1.30pm

Thursday

Whole school to Pantomime

Friday

Christmas Jumper Day (bring small change)

Sing-a-long Carol Concert @ St Ambrose 10am

PTA Gift Day (£1 per gift)

Sainsbury's School Games Mark

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Lancaster Lane School was awarded the gold Sainsbury's School Mark. The plaques are being delivered to schools next week where we will be proudly displaying ours in the foyer. Thank you to the staff and children for their hard work in achieving this fantastic award.

Y3 / Y4 Sportshall Athletics

Mr Johnson was informed this week that our Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics team has made it to the finals in January. Well done everyone.

Visit to the Day Care Centre

The *Singalongs* from Y3 – Y6 visited Leyland Day Care centre on Thursday to sing carols and Christmas songs to our elderly neighbours. The children sang their hearts out and it was a privilege to be able to take them.

Safe Child Africa

The children took part in a very special assembly this week learning about children's rights and about work done by the charity Safe Child Africa. Rick Jones, one of our parent governors, and his colleague Child Protection lawyer James Ibor visited the school. James has travelled this week all the way from the Niger Delta region of West Africa and gave the children a unique insight into what life is like for the many disadvantaged and marginalised children in Nigeria. The children's questions and thoughtfulness really impressed both visitors as well as the staff in school.

Christmas Plays

On Tuesday, 13th December, *Early Learners* & Reception and Year 5 & 6 will be performing their Christmas plays. Tickets are not needed for the plays but seats are limited to a maximum of four per family. A bucket for donations will be available at the end of each play with monies raised going half towards school funds and half to the Safe Child Africa charity.

Christmas Parties

It's the juniors' Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon. The children will have brought letters home about party food this week. Children may come to school in their party clothes but please ensure this is suitable for school.

Pantomime Arrangements

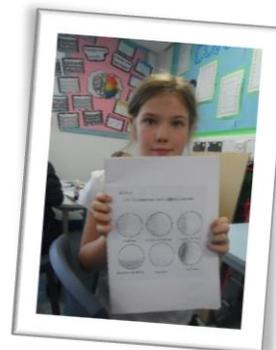
It is our annual visit to the pantomime on Thursday, 15th December. We will be leaving school at **9am** and returning at **1pm**. The children will be having lunch when we get back. You may like to send your child with a small snack to enjoy during the interval. If your child is absent on that day, please phone the school as early as possible on 01772 433641 to let us know.



Coming soon... Year 2 photo booth shoot!



Reception children made a house for Father Christmas



Year 4 practicing textures in Art

PTA Christmas Fair and Gift Day

Thank you for your support for the Christmas Fair. The total amount raised will be announced next week. Thank you to the members of the PTA who worked so tirelessly behind the scenes in organising the fair. It was a wonderful evening.

On Friday, 16th December from 11am, children who bring in £1 will be able to buy a surprise gift for someone special. This will then be wrapped by a member of the PTA over the weekend ready for the children to take home in the last week of term.

Online Safety

As more and more of us - adults and children alike - are spending more of our time online, it is important that we do all we can to keep children safe. You may be aware that our school website has a section dedicated to online safety. Please click here: <http://www.lancasterlane-school.uk.org/OnlineSafety.html> if you haven't seen it.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

If your child uses YouTube, make sure they use YouTube Kids instead of the YouTube site. The YouTube Kids app is built with a younger audience in mind. It provides a safer version of YouTube, including both popular children's videos and diverse new content, in a way that is easy for children to use as well as being highly visual.

Special Mentions this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mia	Khy	Jack	Maisie	Efini	Duncan	Gerrard
Mrs Geldard's choice is Molly in Year 6		Mrs Gray's choice is Kornel in Reception		Mrs Anstey's choice is Lydia in Year 4		
Team points this week – ROBINS			Attendance – Y3		Punctuality – Reception & Y6	



Some of Early Learners' children have enjoyed listening to the story of Baby Jesus.

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, 13th December – Early Learners and Reception Nativity @ 9.30am
- Tuesday, 13th December – Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Play @ 2.30pm
- Tuesday, 13th December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday, 15th December – Whole School visit Panto
- Friday, 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday, 16th December – Whole School Carol Concert - St Ambrose Church @ 10am
- Friday, 16th December – PTA Gift Day
- Tuesday, 20th December – Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Play @ 9.00am
- Tuesday, 20th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play @ 2.30pm
- Thursday, 22nd December – Toy Day
- Thursday, 22nd December – School closes @ 2.00pm (no Stoppers)

