



# Hipswell Church of England

## Primary School

### Autumn 2 Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear parents,

It has been an incredibly busy but enjoyable half term at Hipswell. As you are aware, our SIAMS inspection took place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We were delighted with the final report which celebrates our vision and Christian ethos. The report highlights that our "vision actively drives a culture that supports, includes and nurtures all...the rich support for emotional and social needs is a strength."

We look forward to seeing you when school reopens to the children on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Miss Ewbank

### Forest School



Year 4 have been enjoying their Forest School sessions with Rachel Muir, taking part in activities outdoors, whatever the weather! Toasting marshmallows around the fire is a particular favourite.



### Important messages

#### Parking

We sent out an important message on OurSchoolApp and Seesaw on 8<sup>th</sup> November which stated: Risedale School has been issued notice by their school coach company that they will no longer collect or drop off their students in their car park due to scheduling delays and safety concerns as a result of parents parking in the cycle and coach lanes. I'm sure you will appreciate that this is a major concern for Risedale School. Please do not park in the cycle or coach lanes at any time if using their car park. Where possible, please park on Shute Road and walk up the snicket. My concern is that Risedale School will completely ban parents from using their car park.

Unfortunately, parents are still parking in both the cycle lane (to the left of the entrance gate) and the coach lane. Please do not park in these areas **at any time**.

#### Communication

**Seesaw:** Class information and updates about your child's learning will be sent out via the Seesaw app. This can be accessed by scanning the QR code. If you need another copy, please contact your child's class teacher.

#### OurSchoolApp

All whole school communication is sent out Our School App. This can be downloaded free of charge from your app store. This is different to Seesaw, please ensure you have access.

## Remembrance



During November, we paid our respects to those who have fought for their countries: Year 6 attended the Remembrance Service at Ripon Cathedral, with pupils reading their own prayers; we visited the special service at St. John's Church, Hipswell, where a wreath was

laid on behalf of everyone at Hipswell Church of England Primary School.



## Christmas

Our Christmas productions were a huge success; we were incredibly proud of all the children. The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 nativity story 'The Bossy King' entertained us all! The Year 3 and 4 performance of 'Babushka' was enthusiastic, professional and funny.



Christmas carols and songs performed by Years 5 and 6 were polished, energetic and festive. Unfortunately, we were so engrossed in the performances, that we didn't take many photos!



Our children designed and made Christmas cards which were collected by PCSO Nicole Randall and delivered to care home residents across Catterick.

We have had a busy final week with parties, Christmas jumpers, Christmas dinner and a special visit from Santa!



## Dates for your diary

New Reception parents' open morning

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 10:30am

Spring term parents' evenings

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024