



Dear Parents

Christmas time at Jerry Clay Academy- making memories forever!

What a fantastic week at Jerry Clay! Christmas is always such a fabulous time to be in school. Our children have been able to take part in some excellent Christmas activities, starting with the 'Magical Christmas' organised by our PTA. What a treat of an evening it was, with a very special visit from Father Christmas! Thank you to the PTA for organising such a wonderful event for our children.

Next we saw a brilliant performance from Reception class in 'Happy Birthday Jesus'. We couldn't believe how confidently the children performed. They all made us feel incredibly proud of them.

Yesterday we welcomed our community into the academy. The Wrenthorpe Singers came to sing alongside all of our children. It was such a special afternoon, sharing our singing with each other. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Orrell for organising the singers to come in.



Next week we will be welcoming all our year 1 & 2 parents to see the Christmas performance. I have seen a glimpse of it this afternoon and it promises to be very special!

Family Sing along – Monday 12th December at 3.30pm

Please remember that we have our family sing along straight after school on Monday. Please pick up your child as normal and then come and join us all in the playground for a group sing along. You will all be provided with a song booklet and we will be looking for the best singing families! Festive prizes will be given out! There will also be an opportunity to get some lovely, hot vegetable soup. The choir will also be performing around the Christmas tree. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Cake sale for the Rainbow Trust charity

As you all know, we will be holding a cake sale on Tuesday in order to raise money for the Rainbow Trust, our chosen local charity this year. Please can I ask that if you would like your child to have a cake in school that they bring £1. Cakes will also be on sale after school at the gate for you to purchase. We hope we have some left for this! Thank you for your support.

Christingle visit to Wrenthorpe Methodist Church

Our whole school will be walking to Wrenthorpe Methodist church to take part in our annual Christingle on Thursday. It is such a special event. The children walk up with partners (older children with younger children).

A big thank you to some volunteers

You may have noticed that our outdoor area has been tidied up and prepared ready for the new planting that will take place in the spring. Yesterday a group of volunteers from Barclays came and worked on our site all day. Voluntary work like this makes such a difference to our academy. A special mention needs to go to Matthew Brown for organising the team and Andy Sellars, whom, if you remember, planted all of our beautiful plants in the summer.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming you all once again into our Academy next week.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne