



# THORNTON IN CRAVEN

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 30/11/18** – Advent non-uniform day

**Friday 07/12/18** – Y5/6 London Trip

**Friday 07/12/18** – No Assembly

**Friday 14/12/18** – No Assembly

**Monday 17/12/18** – Rec/Y1 Nativity 1.30pm and 6pm

**Friday 21/12/18** – Carol Concert at school – 1.30pm

### Awards

The next good news assembly will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.

Awards will be given to:

**Abigail Scanlan** - for brilliant literacy work and for being kind and helpful.

**Betsy Pickles** - for always having a brilliant recall of previous learning.

**Aidan Proberts** - for fantastic work in maths and a good attitude to learning.

### Headteacher's Message

I received a suggestion a few weeks ago for the school to take part in a 'reverse advent calendar'. This is where something is gathered for others for everyday of advent as well as enjoying our traditional advent calendars at home and at school. I am sure you will all agree that this is lovely idea so I am hoping each class will be able to fill a box for a family less fortunate. In order to get this to those in need before Christmas then we will try to fill them all in one go as opposed to putting something in every day. Therefore, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November will be a non-uniform day in exchange for an item. This will be placed in a box (or boxes if we can fill loads) in each class to create 24 christmas treats for those in need. Suggested items are listed below but items such as those donated for our harvest festival would also be gratefully received.

Help make someone's Christmas.

Christmas.

Many families have nothing for Christmas.

You can help them.



Tinned Gammon / Lean Ham  
Tinned Chicken  
Stuffing mix  
Gravy mix  
Christmas Pudding – all sizes!  
Custard packets  
Christmas Cake Bar  
Small box of Biscuits  
Savoury biscuits/crackers  
Box of chocolates  
Chocolate Selection packs  
Hot Chocolate  
Mince Pies  
Toiletries gift box for men, women or families/children  
Christmas Crackers

We can accept donations from Monday 12 November  
Please make sure all items are delivered by  
Friday 14 December

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### Just to say....

**Thank you** to Salterforth nurseries and garden centre for a kind donation of plants for class 2's science lessons.

**Thank you** to Mrs Whitwell and Mrs Balderston for organising Class 3's Space night. Lots of fun was had by all.



### **Class 1**

Thank you to those who attended the stay and play session - we enjoy welcoming you into our classroom to share our activities. In numeracy this week we have continued to look at halving and then have extended this and looked at quarters. The Y1 and Y2 children have used the part whole model to help them solve some tricky problems. The reception children have started to use positional language and played games linked to this. In literacy we have started to look at the traditional tale - Little red riding hood. The children have retold the story in their own words and have also wrote descriptions of red riding hood and the wolf. We have had some fantastic work produced with the Y1 and Y2 children including similes into their descriptions. In topic we have created a timeline of Neil Armstrong's life. In PE the children have enjoyed yoga and gymnastics.

### **Class 2**

We have been comparing tales written by the author Michael Morpurgo. We have read the sandman stories and looked at how the author uses language in his writing. We have continued to work on descriptive writing. In numeracy, we have been multiplying and dividing. In topic, we have looked at Viking longboats and thought about their features in preparation for making our own soon. We have also talked about Viking warriors. In science, we used our donated plants to think about how plants grow and thought about the different variables we could change in order to investigate what plants need to grow. In PE, we have played hockey and started doing some yoga positions in our activity break in the afternoon. In ICT we are using word processing packages to develop our typing skills. In music, we have started singing some new Christmas songs ready for our carol concert at the end of term.

### **Class 3**

This week we really enjoyed space night even though it was cloudy and wet and we couldn't see a star! However Evie and Grace brought in a night sky projector where you could see the stars and the constellations. We learnt some of the names of the constellations including Orion and the big and little dipper and Cassiopeia and how to spot them. We also made constellations out of cocktail sticks and marshmallows - this should help us recognise some of them in future! We enjoyed watching ET and eating pizza and other treats. In PE, we have worked on balances and sequences. In topic, we have learnt about different cave paintings from thousands of years ago and we then created our own drawings from underneath our tables. In science, we tested parachutes to see the effects of air resistance and recorded our results in a table.

### **This week in After-School club:**

We have been creating collages of unicorns and snakes using a large variety of materials including feathers, wool and beads. The children enjoyed baking chocolate muffins with marshmallows. They have also enjoyed playing table tennis.