



## Headteacher's Headlines

We have had another lovely week getting in the festive spirit. On Wednesday the children had a fabulous time at the Panto. Thank you to the PTFA for covering the cost of ice creams and the transport. We ended the week with our Christmas nativity plays. A lot of hard work goes into organising these with staff and children and we really appreciate it. Thank you to everyone who attended I am sure you were all so proud. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Castle Carrock Primary School.

## Christmas Donkeys – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am

We are very excited for Wyeknot Donkeys visiting school on Monday, you are all welcome to join us.

## Christmas Carol Service Years 1-6 - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm

We are busy preparing for our Christmas Carol Service at St. Peter's Church. Children from years 1-6 will be taking part in the service. Nursery and Reception children are also welcome to join us for the performance in the evening.

## Christmas Party Day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas party day. The children are invited to come to school in their party clothes. Extra treats and snacks will be provided by school.

## Staffing Update

Mr Flanagan remains unwell and unfortunately will not be in school prior to Christmas.

## First day back after Christmas – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

## Class News

### Team Honeybees

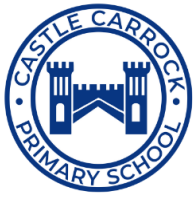
What a bunch of superstars! Not only did the Honeybees excel on the stage in their Christmas Nativity – Bethlehem's Got Talent, they also rose to the challenge of travelling to the big city to watch Peter Pan at the Tyne Theatre. Two massive achievements we couldn't be prouder of them.

### Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have been very busy with Christmas preparations this week. We have had lots of practises for our Nativity - Shine Star Shine - which I'm sure you will agree was superb! We also had such a lovely time at the Panto. The children sat beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had a lovely day pressing pause on our learning today to make Christmas crafts, cards and decorations.

### Team Queen Bee

This week Queen Bees have enjoyed more festive fun. We were lucky enough to watch dress rehearsals for both the Bumblebees and the Honeybees this week and were very impressed by their confident performances. In English we have been writing up our explanation texts about Wish Fountains and we have been editing and formatting our work to attract the reader. In Science, we finished our Electricity topic by studying conductors and insulators. In History, we have been evaluating the legacy of the Ancient Greeks. During our Press Pause day on Friday I really enjoyed spending time with each child learning more about them and sharing some interesting facts about myself.



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## Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Wyeknot Donkeys visit to school – 9:30am
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Carol Service St Peter's Church
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Party Day
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term – School finishes at 3:30pm
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Back to school