



SCHOOL REPORT

As I write this article, memories of snow and ice, school closures (thankfully, not ours) and dark, miserable mornings seem very close. However, by the time that this edition lands on your doorstep, we may well have had a touch of sunshine and, hopefully, early signs of spring will be showing around our village.

As always, our school has been buzzing with excitement and there has been lots going on, both during and outside of the school day. In fact, today has been a very exciting day because we had a very important visitor; the Right Reverend David Rossdale, Bishop of Grimsby. Bishop David took part in an assembly hosted by Y5 and was then treated to tea and cakes, followed by a school tour organised by our newly elected School Council.

In the last Gander, we mentioned the upcoming Ceilidh - an Irish barn dance that we were holding as a fundraiser. The evening was a massive success and a really good time was had by all. Live music of a fantastic standard was supplied by 'The Workshy Profits', a professional Ceilidh band. We raised approximately £500 on the night and we are really grateful to our friends in the band who played during the evening, as well as Stuart from Goxhill Chippie who kindly donated the pie and pea supper.

The festive season was enjoyed by all. Christmas productions were staged by all year groups from Foundation to Year 4. We held a traditional Christmas Carol service in All Saints' Church featuring readers ranging from our youngest pupils in school right up to our young adults from Year 6. On the last afternoon of term, the school gathered together in the hall alongside members of the community to sing traditional Christmas carols. Both of these events were well received by parents and members of the community and we hope to make them a regular feature of Christmas time at our school.

Another very successful fund raiser for our school was the Christmas Fayre. We had a great evening with a traditional mix of games, competitions and activities. Much excitement was generated towards the end of the evening when the winner of our grand prize draw was announced. We would like to thank all of the companies and individuals who provided prizes to be raffled - with special mention to Mr Matthew Barrick who donated a PS3 Slim as the star prize!

As you know, the New Year brought snow. We were very lucky and managed to keep the school open throughout with virtually no interference to our pupils' learning. Due to the fact that many of



our staff live within walking distance of the school, it is highly unlikely that we would close due to snow.

As the spring term unfolds, so too do lots of opportunities for our pupils. We will shortly be performing at Brigg Festival - in a variety of categories and we will, hopefully, add to our previous successes. We will hopefully be raising more funds to enrich our curriculum by holding events such as Easter Egg Bingo and a Valentine's Disco.

Around the time of publication, we will be having a steel band in school for the day which we are all very excited about and looking forward to.

We are very much aware that our school is, for many people, the hub of the village. We take this responsibility very seriously and with great pride. We enjoy welcoming friends new and old into school and showing off the skills and achievements of our pupils. We work hard to actively encourage links with as much of our community as we can, from toddlers taking part in our sensory sessions (kindly provided by Barton Children's Centre), to pensioners being given sneak previews of our performances. We would very much like to expand our relationship with the community and we would like to offer community members a chance to suggest ways that we could build even better links. For example, there has been a suggestions of holding traditional dancing sessions (old-time / ballroom) in the school hall. If you think this would interest you, or if you have any other suggestions of the kind of activities that we could provide, we would really appreciate it if you shared your ideas with us. The easiest way to contact us is via email on info@goxhillschool.com (or use the suggestion box on the website- www.goxhillschool.com). Alternatively, feel free to ring the school on 530743.

We are very proud of our school and our village and look forward to a bright spring time filled with lots of interesting and enjoyable experiences for our children and our community.

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