

Issue: 500 Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Welcome to the 500<sup>th</sup> Edition of 'The Rauceby Growler'. I am not sure that the Head Teacher who started 'The Growler' would quite believe we have reached the 500<sup>th</sup> edition but here we are. In January 2017, we will be launching a new name for the newsletter that will hopefully last another 500 editions.

With the aim to be as efficient as we can in the way we communicate with parents, we have sent the newsletter electronically, but if you would like a paper copy, please contact the office.

#### Netball

This week our netball team played in the Sleaford and District Schools Finals at St George's Academy. They played really well and out of 28 schools, managed 3<sup>rd</sup> place. They were also the highest placed small school in the competition. The children really enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school with their sportsmanship. Well done!



#### Panto



On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school left at 9:15am and headed off to Newark to see the pantomime. We watched 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The pantomime was the classic 'Jack and the Beanstalk' but with dabbing and with a mannequin challenge.

During the interval we enjoyed some delicious ice-cream as well as chatting to our friends. After the interval we watched the rest of the play. After all the excitement was over we set off back to school and we all hope to visit again.



Annie said 'I think it was funny and had a lot of dabbing, which I found funny.'

Isabella said 'It was fun.'

By Florence Marshall and Jay Henton  
Year 6

#### Christmas Plays

The KS1 Christmas plays are almost upon us and I know the children are working very hard learning their lines and singing their songs. I would like to remind you that there will be two performances. The afternoon performance is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 1.15pm, with doors open at 12.45pm. The evening performance is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 6.00pm, with doors open at 5.30pm. There will be refreshments available at both performances to purchase, thanks to the PTFA.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Year 6 1940s Tea Party**

Further to our *save the date* in the Year 6 Autumn 2 newsletter please find below further details about this event.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 pupils will be hosting a 1940s tea party in the Millview Hall for their parents. The event will start at 1315 and finish at 1515.

In the morning children are to wear school uniform and a Christmas jumper. In the afternoon they are very welcome to dress in 1940s attire, but this is by no means compulsory. Parents are very welcome to attend in 1940s attire also!

*Mrs Robertson*

**Year 4 trip to see Santa**

On Tuesday, we went to see Father Christmas. We were very excited. We told him what we wanted for Christmas and maybe we will get what we asked for. We also enjoyed some scrumptious biscuits and a drink. Mr and Mrs Hix kindly gave us a puzzle and there was a prize for whoever could finish first. It was really hard and we are still trying now! Thank you to Mr and Mrs Hix for arranging this amazing trip for us.

*Jannine and Ruby Year 4*



**Letters to Santa**

As well as visits to see Santa at this time of year, we still feel it is important to send him a letter. Year 2 enrolled the help of Year 6 to help support them in writing the perfect, polite letter to tell Santa what they would like from him this year. It is lovely to see the interactions between the older and younger pupils.





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#### Choir Trip to Ashdene and Oakdene Nursing Home

We thought this year we would spread some of the Christmas cheer to parts of the community that often get forgotten. The children of the choir and our Rauceby Ambassadors went to perform to the residents of Oakdene and Ashdene Nursing homes. As you would expect from our pupils, they were a real credit to the school. I received this wonderful email following the visit;

*“Good afternoon, oh my goodness where do I start? I have just had a visit from your delightful children to sing to all our residents at Ashdene. The children (and adults!) were amazing, you should be extremely proud of all of them. They sang beautifully reducing some residents to happy tears. The children had the most fabulous manners and confidence; they interacted with our residents and have left a positive happy atmosphere behind. Please pass on my congratulations to them all and we hope to see them again very soon...Thank you so much for letting the children come, and please let them know the difference that they have made today. Thank you very much.”*

Jilly Hunt (acting manager)



#### Walking Bus

In my quest for harmony on the road outside of school, I am considering reintroducing a walking bus. I hope to speak to the owners of The Bustard and gain their permission to start a walking bus from there. I have secured lots of resources such as pin badges, stickers and certificates for the children who walk to school. I hope this will encourage more families to either park and join the walking bus, or if possible leave the car behind totally. In order for this to get off the ground, I will need a team of dedicated parents who are prepared to lead the walking bus every day. The more people that can do this, the less people will have to do. If you think you could support with this, then please let yourself be known in the office and I will collate the names. I will then hold a meeting with those parents and discuss the logistics.

Thank you.

#### Clubs

Please note that all staff clubs have now finished for this term. Guitar club and Forest School Club will continue.

#### Hamper Draw

The draw for the hampers will take place on Friday 16th December, the last day for accepting sold tickets will be Thursday 15th, we have over £1000 worth of hampers and prizes and for the PTFA this is usually an exceptional fundraiser, please may we ask you to return any tickets, sold or unsold at your earliest convenience.

Thank you all for your continued support in our fundraising.

The PTFA.

#### Infant Christmas plays

If anyone has any infant play tickets that they will not be using could they please return them to the school office so that they can be redistributed. Thank you.

#### Blue badge recipients

Congratulations to this week's blue badge recipients:

Reception – Ava, Finlay, Jack and Megan, Year 1 – Lucy R and Luke, Year 2 – Isabella, Jacob and Madison, Year 3 – Joshua and Mariam, Year 4 – Charlie, Liam and Lily M, Year 5 – Holly and Niamh and Year 6 – Alex, Jack and Millie.