



Saltergate Junior News

Christmas is here in earnest. The tree has been decorated, carols are being practiced and plays rehearsed.

Last Saturday 50 children went to the Pantomime at Harrogate Theatre to start the festivities, and this week our choir sang for a group of elderly and often housebound people at the Majestic Hotel. They sang beautifully and were much appreciated by the audience.



Drama Club put on another excellent performance last night called Christmas is a Dangerous Time. Both the performers and the audience had a fantastic evening.

Year 5 attended a Languages Day at St Aidan's last week. They got up to all sorts of things including watching a nativity play, singing the Hokey-Cokey and various games, all in French of course - what a great way to learn a language!

You should by now have received an invitation to your child's Christmas performance with two tickets attached. As we have around 90 children in each concert, 180 tickets have been issued which is the absolute maximum the hall can hold and this will be a bit of a squash. I hope you will understand that we can only issue extra tickets if we have returns. It would, therefore, be really helpful if you could send back any tickets that you won't be using.



Assessment records are now online for you to see. You will find log in details on the reverse of this letter. We are the first primary school in North Yorkshire to provide this information and we hope that you find it useful. As the scoring system is somewhat complicated we have presented the information visually in a graph so you can see at a glance if your child is making expected progress and how he/she compares with the national average. The report does include explanations of the grading system for those of you who want to get to grips with it.

Parents of Y3 children should be aware that our first assessments may not be exactly the same as those recorded by the infant school (keystage 1) as different tests were used.



We had a few teething troubles with our new website which made it difficult to update. That's all sorted now and we will endeavour to upload all school letters, including this one, the day they are sent out. You will also find a **current messages** tab which could be particularly useful if we have a difficult winter again. There is a diary tab linking to an up to date events list.

If you are shopping online you could help our school by going through 'The Giving Machine' link at the bottom of our home page. Each time you do this they give us a small amount of money for school fund. Every little helps and a lot of small contributions can soon add up to a substantial sum.

Please could you make sure that your child has a painting apron of some sort – an old shirt is fine. We do a lot of painting particularly at this time of year and we don't want any damaged clothes.

**Happy Christmas,
Chris Taylor, (Headteacher)**