

# Westville House School

## Christmas 2011 Newsletter

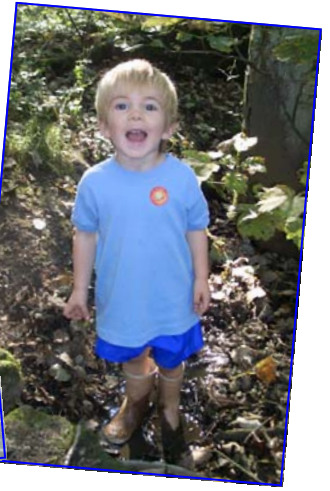
### A Message from the Headmaster

This term has been very busy and has been packed with activities and fulfilment for all the pupils at WHS, in the classrooms, on the sports field and the stage, in music and in the art room. Everyone has found a special area in which to shine and the year has got off to a great start! I hope that you will enjoy reading about some of the highlights.

*Charles Holloway*

### The Early Years and Pre-Prep

The Early Years at Westville House School achieved the highest recommendation in our recent Inspection Report gaining 'Outstanding' across all 4 areas. This term has been as busy and rewarding as usual with a fantastic range of opportunities and activities.





**PP2 Trip to Abbey House Museum for a workshop on toys as part of their class project.**



### Harvest

The Harvest Festival was the opportunity for the children to entertain parents and guests with a range of music and readings. The generous donations of fresh produce and tinned goods were donated to the Salvation Army in Bradford.



**PP3 Trip to Eureka! Learning all about our teeth and how the brain works.**



**Eco Collection**  
 Everyone pulled together to collect a huge amount of materials for recycling recently. Many Thanks!




**Wear it Pink**  
 Westville turned pink in October to support Cancer Research with children and staff turning up in something pink for the day. A large total was raised – well done everyone!



**Fun Day**  
 The traditional Parents' Committee Late Summer Fun Day was enjoyed by everyone at school and provided a great way for new families to get to know everyone. There was lots of fun with games, activities and competitions.





### Cranedale

Form 4 had an unforgettable and highly informative time on their visit to Cranedale Centre where they participated in science and geography field work during their two day stay in the North Yorkshire Moors.



Everyone enjoyed the experience of staying away from home and had great fun during the evening with activities and games.

### Nutcracker

Form 3 pupil Isabella Turner was picked from over 60 children to play one of the mice in the Northern Ballet's Production of 'The Nutcracker' at The West Yorkshire Playhouse – congratulations!



### Drama Assembly

This term's Drama Assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by all as the Prep Department children took part in a range of performances, recitations and improvisations. Particularly popular were the Drama Club's 'snapshot' pieces which are freeze frames of episodes in real life.



### Open Week

Instead of a single Open Day, this term we held an Open Week in mid-October. The week was a huge success with lots of fresh faces coming to see us at school. We were delighted to welcome many of our current parents who came to have a look around and also in many cases to share lunch!



### School Council

This year we have instituted a School Council. The children on the Council meet each half term with Mr Holloway and Mrs R James to discuss what is going on – and they also help with showing our visitors around the school.



Form 2 had an interesting History trip to Harrogate for an Egyptian Exhibition at the Pump Room as part of their topic on Ancient Egypt.



## Westville Sport



### Field Development Project

Patience is the watchword at the moment! The field is now beautifully levelled and has all its drainage installed. We are just having to wait while the special grass takes root over the winter months; fortunately the long mild autumn with plenty of rain has helped this enormously. We hope to be able to begin using the field in the summer term of this academic year.



### Hockey Kit

Hockey is popular with the children at Westville so they were very pleased to have some new kit delivered including a full set of goal keeper's protective clothing.

### Cross Country

A beautiful sunny Saturday morning was spent hosting the annual Westville Cross Country. About 550 children attended in what was a great event with the whole school community helping out to make it a fantastic success!



### Christmas Fair

This favourite event was a huge success, with lots of lovely activities for the children. It also provided everybody with a great opportunity to catch up at the end of a very busy term. Well done to everyone involved!



### Nativity

The children are getting excited about Christmas. The Pre-Prep children put on two excellent performances of their Nativity play for some very appreciative audiences. There was some super confident singing and acting from all the children involved - a great start to their drama experiences at Westville.



### Carol Service

Everyone has put in lots of hard work to prepare for a wonderful Celebration of Christmas at the end of the term. The beautiful singing and lovely readings are a great start to the festivities and put us all in a Christmas mood!



**Have a Very Happy Christmas Everyone  
from all at Westville House**

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