



Christmas News

Celebrating Christmas together at Gig Mill:

As we approach the end of term and the end of 2019, there have been lots of wonderful performances taking place in school. Our youngest children in Nursery have been busy in Santa's workshop, each of the Reception classes showed superb singing in their "A Miracle in Town" nativities. Year One led a superb production "Born in a Barn" and there was amazing singing from Year Two children who told their Christmas story in songs for their carol concert for families and friends. Well done everyone!

Spreading Christmas cheer:

Thank you to everyone who attended/donated to our Christmas **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Well done to Year 6 pupils and staff and the choir for making this event really special. The total raised was £240.23. The choir have also performed Christmas songs for the community at Merry Hill and performed at Tudor Manor Residential Care home and Norton Lodge.

This week the children (and some staff) enjoyed a great Christmas lunch served by Julie and the catering team, and there has been lots of dancing and party games at Christmas class parties.

Everyone is really looking forward to our final event our Carol Concert on the final day of term on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm.

We wish you all a wonderful festive holiday, a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

thank
you!

They were all
superstars.
Loved it as
always.

We loved watching you
tell the nativity story.
Especially the dancing at
the end and all the
beautiful singing

Bravo, kids!!



A sterling
performance!
Broadway
(Norton!)
beckons!!!!

Best Show Ever!

**Well done to all
the staff
involved – very
impressive.**

What a lovely concert. All the children
sang so in tune. They looked lovely. We
saw the effort put in. Well done

**Thank you for joining us at Christmas performances,
comments from our recent performances...**

Thank you

Once again the HSA have made a fantastic contribution throughout the year, we thank them for their time, commitment and support for the children of Gig Mill.

**Please ensure that children have a warm
coat (preferably with a hood) for Friday's
carol concert. The weather forecast is
changeable, a text will be sent out by
11.30am if we are unable to go ahead.**

Congratulations to all the winners from the Christmas Fayre

Name the Bear – **Stanley** (Reception)
Hamper

Elf Hunt – **George** (Reception)

1st Prize – **Brianna** (Reception)

4th Prize – **Raheem** (Year 1)

2nd Prize – **Isla** (Year 3)

5th Prize – **Felicity** (Nursery)

3rd Prize – **Lily-Dawn** (Year 5)

6th Prize – **Zara** (Year 1)

**The Hamper raffle raised a fantastic total of £175.00 – a massive thank you from
Mrs Suchomski for your support.**





Huge thanks go to **Flowers by Andrew**, for this beautiful plant arrangement donated to our Macmillan Coffee Morning, which was the main prize in our raffle and won by Mum to Molly in Year 3.

Poppy Appeal.

We are very proud to let you know that an amazing **£818.71** was raised by the Poppy Appeal.

Pupils to Parliament visit - Year 6

It was lovely to welcome Roger from Pupils to Parliament to talk to our Year 6 pupils last week. The children had selected this term's discussion topic which was '**The Rights of Primates as Pets.**' This was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to have their say on issues they are interested in and their feedback will have a direct impact on influencing people's views in government. Thank you to all the Year 6 pupils for such thoughtful and insightful views on this subject. Well done!

A phonecall from Antarctica...

At the start of December, Year 6 pupils and staff were fortunate to have the opportunity to receive a phone call from Mike and Emma, both researchers working at Rothera Research Station in Antarctica. Many schools around the country applied for this opportunity and we were successful in our application. The children developed questions in class to ask them based on their learning in this term's Irresistible Learning topic - 'Ice Worlds.' All the pupils listened in amazement as we heard about life in Antarctica e.g weather, jobs, entertainment and research being carried out linked to climate change and how they would be spending their Christmas Day in Antarctica wearing their Christmas jumpers! Both staff and pupils found it an incredible experience and we were all inspired to hear about life in Antarctica, encouraging the pupils to widen their understanding of the opportunities available to them as they think about their own future careers.

Spring Term 2020

INSET: 6th January
Term begins: 7th January
Half-term: 17th February – 21st February
Break up for Easter: 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

INSET: 20th April
Term begins: 21st April
Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May
Half-term: 25th May – 29th May
Break up for Summer: 17th July
INSET: 20th July

We look forward to welcoming all children back in school on Tuesday 7th January.

E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>