



Walton and Lees Hill CE Primary School News

Caring, sharing and always learning

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Happy New Year! As we reflect on our Christmas celebrations and festivities this year, we were thankful that we were able to enjoy so many events as a school family. Preparing for Christmas and decorating school, helps to remind us just how beautiful our school building is. The photograph is of the cross that can be found in our school attic space. Our school used to be a church and it's a real privilege to be able to enjoy and preserve these signs. Our events included our Christmas play performances of 'Miracle Child'. All children in school told the story of enjoying giving at Christmas and remembering the true meaning of Christmas, as the gift of Jesus. We used the key message of enjoying giving, to share some of our talents around Walton. On Wednesday 15th December, we all attended St Mary's Church and shared the Christmas story through readings and carols. Afterwards, we all enjoyed hot chocolate at Helen's, before setting off on our Christmas Carol trail around Walton. We sang a carol at various points around the village, which was clearly enjoyed by many parishioners. The children also gave their time to raise money for Jigsaw, children's hospice in Carlisle. The Reindeer Run was their fundraiser this



Christmas and this gave us the perfect opportunity to put our new daily mile track around the school field to the test! We tied this in with one of our monthly walk to school Wednesdays. We all looked amazing out and about in our reindeer antlers!

After an action-packed autumn term in school, we have all returned, raring to go with our new topic, 'Let's Build!' On Thursday 13th January, we celebrated Cardboard Chaos Day, which linked brilliantly to our topic. Our school hall was filled with cardboard in various forms and the children spent time planning out their ideas of what they would like to create from this fabulous material! Although things were a little chaotic, the children produced some wonderful creations as you can see below from the photographs.

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This term, we are also learning about different jobs people do and the paths that they take into their chosen profession. Last week, we enjoyed a visit from Dane and Adam from Cumbria Police. As well as telling us about how they came to work in the police force, they reminded us about the different ways that we can keep safe in our school and community. They talked us through the different items that form part of their uniform and they brought their police car onto our school yard. The sirens and lights were very exciting!



Since we started to welcoming 2-year-olds into our school family in September, we now have 7 children in our nursery. The new starters have settled into their environment very well and love learning and

playing together in our fabulous indoor and outdoor space. Our toddler group continues every Thursday afternoon 1.15pm-2.45pm, term time. If you are interested in our nursery provision, do contact school on 016977 2577 or e-mail admin@leeshill.cumbria.sch.uk, to find out more.



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'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go' Joshua 1.9