

Kettlewell school Report – January 2014

Happy new year!

I would firstly like to extend my thanks to all those who helped make our Christmas Concert such a success, notably Revd Yorkstone, Miss Kidd, Mr Powell and Mrs Briggs. Thanks also to Mrs Nelson and Mrs Burgin for their help with the refreshments. The children performed extremely well and certainly got us all into the spirit of Christmas! The soloists and narrators demonstrated amazing confidence in front of such a large audience and I'm sure made all their parents even more proud than! The tragic passing of Russ brought some sadness to the event, and on behalf of the pupils, staff and governors, I extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends at this difficult time.

Our new pre-school pupils have joined us this week and had an excellent first afternoon. We hope that Ellie, Jake, Hermione and Sophie enjoy the start of their school lives.

This term, Key Stage 1 will be learning about "Castles and Dragons", while Key Stage 2 will be studying "Weather and Climate". We are aiming for a more cross-curricular approach to our learning, and incorporating a variety of literacy, numeracy, science and other links within our topics.

We will be welcoming some guest speakers to enhance the children's experience: including a fire and rescue talk; a representative from Childline; and a handwriting expert. As with everyone, we are looking forward to some lighter, warmer and dryer weather to take full advantage of our outdoor learning environment, and plans are in place to improve our Early Years outdoor area

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Best Wishes,

Andrew Taylor.