

Farewell to 2016!

We are in the last week of school in 2016. My first year as Headmaster has been action packed and very enjoyable. In today's assembly I asked the children to say their highlights of the year. This is what they came up with...

- "When the planetarium came to school"
- "When we visited the Hindu Temple"
- "Doing drama lessons and playing Grandma's footsteps"
- "When we got to go underground during our visit to Caphouse Colliery"
- "When we went to the farm"
- "Going to Whitby...twice!"
- "Getting to go to Temple Newsam and finding out about the Kings and Queens"
- "Visiting the Church graveyard when it was Remembrance Day"
- "I loved Children in Need day for all of the activities, especially non-uniform day."
- "I loved the bun sales for charity!"
- "My favourite thing is going swimming"
- "Movie nights, especially the nativity one that we just had"
- "Seeing Father Christmas" (This was *technically* December 2015!)
- "Going to the Safari Park and getting to see the elephants"
- "Visiting Tropical World"
- "Learning how to ride a bike"
- "Learning about computers with Mr Hewitt"
- "When the Police Officer came in to tell us about the things she does"
- "Doing French with Mrs Berry"
- "Earning my black belt in Taekwondo and being able to show this to everyone in assembly"
- "Doing tricks with visitors from the Circus"
- "Having PE lessons with Mrs Ellen and Liam"
- "Getting the chance to use the school library to take books out"
- "Doing after school football/dance/taekwondo/sports"
- "Being able to learn Arabic in school"
- "Becoming a prefect"
- "Being voted onto the School council"
- "Showing the dancing trophies that I won in Assembly!"

As you can see, the children came up with lots of ideas. I'm sure that we could have gone on for much longer had we not reached the end of the assembly! This was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the vibrant nature of our school. No two weeks are the same, with many enriching activities and memorable experiences. We look forward to creating many more of these in 2017!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 13th December 2016

Christmas Concert at St. Barnabas Church Hall – **9.15am start** – Estimated length is 1 hour - Please come and watch!

Wednesday 14th December 2016

Titus, Cartwright and Peel visit the West Yorkshire Playhouse

Thursday 15th December 2016

Christmas School Dinner Day

Friday 16th December 2016

Christmas Jumper Day

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Break up for Christmas holiday at **12:00pm**

Wednesday 4th January 2016

Back to school for the new term

Sports clubs are now finished until the week commencing Monday 9th January. Arabic lessons are on this week and then resume on Monday 9th January.



The final charitable activity we will be hosting this term is the 'Christmas Jumper Day' for Save the Children. This will take the form of a non-uniform day on Friday 16th December (Suggested donation: £1.) If the children do not own a Christmas jumper then they can wear Christmas colours such as red or green. We are running a sweepstake competition for this charity this week, which is 25p to enter. The winner will win a chocolate selection box.

Remember to collect your child at 12pm on Friday. Have a wonderful holiday and Merry Christmas everyone!