

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 2 WEEK 7

15TH DECEMBER 2016



The Hopeless Camel

On Tuesday and Wednesday Years 1 and 2 presented their nativity, 'The Hopeless Camel', to parents and carers. They all sang beautifully and spoke clearly to make a lovely performance and get us all in the Christmas spirit. A special well done to Finley Turnbull for playing such a marvellous 'Hopeless Camel'!



Humph the Camel

The children in Early Years also performed their Christmas play this week. They delighted their families and friends with a performance of 'Humph the Camel'. The children had worked incredibly hard to learn the songs and gave a brilliant performance. What amazing memories the children (and parents!) will have of learning all the words. Thank you to all the parents who provided costumes and helped the children to learn the songs.

**Things that make
me happy...**



Seeing the proud, smiling faces of our parents enjoying the children's performances.

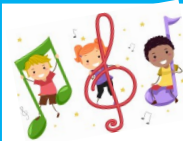
Christmas Jumper Day!



Don't forget that next Wednesday the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or decorate their school jumpers in return for a small charity donation.

Ark Winter Concert at Blacklands Church

On Tuesday evening Blacklands choir took part in a joint concert alongside William Parker, Helenswood and Little Ridge. It was a proud moment for all when the choir sang their rendition of 'The Holly bears a Berry'. Also memorable was Minkah Okojie from Year 4, who did a reading to rapturous applause. Our choir also sang 'Chestnuts roasting on an open fire' with Little Ridge choir and a variety of Christmas carols with all the four choirs together. It was a truly lovely occasion. Well done to all!



Blacklands Musicians

Our guitar learners treated a few classes to some concerts in which they performed group and solo items to appreciative audiences. The children were led by our East Sussex Music guitar teacher, Richard Butler. If your child wishes to have guitar lessons they may collect a letter from the office with further details.

Our violin learners also gave performances to different classes, led by their teacher and enjoyed by all. Further details of lessons with our music service violin teacher, Jennifer Benwell, can be found on the East Sussex Music website.



Silent Night, Holy Night

CAROL CONCERTS

The concerts for Years 3 and 4 take place on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th at 2.45pm in the school playground. The concert for Years 5 and 6 is on Monday 19th at 6pm at Blacklands Church and will last about an hour. No tickets are required but donation buckets will be available, with the proceeds going to St. Michael's Hospice.

Spot the Banner—Christmas Holiday Competition

Did you know that there are six buses in the Town carrying our Blacklands 'Outstanding' banner? We are challenging pupils to try to spot them during the Christmas holidays. All pupils who manage to take a picture of one and email it to us at info@arkblacklandsprimary.org will receive two raffle tickets for their class draw!

