

## **Kettlewell Primary School News – December 2014**

We welcome Mrs Alison Simpson to the staffing team. She will be working as the School Receptionist/Admin Assistant. Also joining us is Cassie Bailey, a PGCE student, who will be with us until Easter, and will be working mainly with KS2.

Our reception children are settling in very well to school life. They were all ready for the break after such a long half term. We have sadly said farewell to Joseph Bowdin who has now moved house and is living in Embsay: we will miss you Joseph! Building work is progressing on the new outdoor area, and is due to be completed by the 21st November. Safety flooring is being fitted during the week beginning 24th November. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be able to use the area after this time.

On Friday 14th November the whole school had fun supporting Children in Need: the children came to school dressed as staff and the staff dressed up as pupils. The amount of money raised will be shown in a future issue.

Congratulations go to George Simpson and Rebecca Scott who played for the school alongside Threshfield Primary School on 23rd October at Sandylands and got through to the Craven Area football finals on the 7th November, where they came third.

We would like to say a huge “Thank You” to EVERYONE for supporting our latest blue bag collection. We will let you know how much was raised in the next issue.

This year’s **Christmas Carol Concert** is to take place on Wednesday 17th December, 6pm at St Mary’s Church, Kettlewell. Pupils from both Upper Wharfedale and Kettlewell Primary School will be taking part. There will be refreshments, kindly provided by the Church Wardens and there will be a collection for the two schools and the church. Everybody is welcome to attend. (Note, this year we will be using microphones and there will be NO LEGO!!)

Finally – On behalf of all the stakeholders and the school we would like to say a massive “THANK YOU – SO VERY MUCH”, for all the hard work by all who organised and put on yet another amazingly successful Scarecrow Festival. The school is very grateful for the hard work of so many individuals. We cannot emphasise enough what a huge difference the finance received makes to our small school.