



# WISE UP

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## Heads Up

**School reopens**  
Tuesday 8  
January 2019

## Key Dates

- **Special Mention Assembly**  
on Friday  
11 January  
at 2.30 pm

## Thought of the Week

'He who has not Christmas in his heart, will not find Christmas under the tree.'

*R L Smith*



## Christmas Message

This issue of Wise Up is a momentous one as we celebrate the enormous commitment Mr Key has made to the school and the community over his 30 year career at Hambleton. Mr Key's passion for the wider life of the school has been a crucial factor in developing and sustaining the sport, arts, residential trips and environment of nurture that I know so many of you value about Hambleton, we are incredibly grateful to him for this. Mr Key and his family have touched the lives of a huge number of Hambleton children and we wish them all the best for their 'next chapter' in Scotland. (See below for a message from Mr Key).

We've reached the end of an action-packed and highly enjoyable term, rounded off with fantastic Christmas performances from all of the classes! I'd like to thank you all for your continuing support and involvement with the school, you are a vital part of making Hambleton the friendly and community-centred place it is. We are looking forward to a vibrant and exciting new year with our new faces in school (further details below) and I wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas.

*Mr Williams*

## A Message from Mr Key

"Well, as I sit here and reflect on a 30-year teaching career at Hambleton CE Primary School I am overwhelmed with the privilege of working with the young people at Hambleton and having a (hopefully positive) influence on their lives. Obviously things have changed a great deal over my time here, both in terms of the school itself and education in general. What hasn't changed, however, is the community feel and the friendship that surrounds the school. When I arrived I was warmly welcomed by Mrs Gregory (then head of infants) who took me under her wing and helped me develop in my early years of teaching – the circle of life continues as Lucy Gregory (granddaughter) has been a pupil in my final class at Hambleton.

I have so many fond memories, some of which I was able to share at my fantastic leaving assembly last Friday: the Mr Swain years; action-packed residential visits; super sporting moments; lovely leaving services; amazing acting and singing for Christmas plays and other dramatic occasions. As I reflected last Friday – when you walk through the door at Hambleton CE School you never know quite what to expect that day but, rest assured, it will be interesting and you will make a difference to someone in some way (even without knowing it).

I would like to thank everyone who has passed on kind words and best wishes. My family and I are moving to the North of Scotland – a real lifestyle change (a small holding with 6 acres of land and 2000 acres of sky!); the lovely gifts I have been given from staff and parents/friends of some extra special wellies and contributions towards a telescope will be most definitely useful – thank you so much.

Best wishes to everyone."

Mr Key



(Pictured above are Year Six in full song and a table tennis 'grudge match' between Mr Key and Mrs Farmery at Mr Key's leaving celebration).



### **Bethlehem the Musical!**

Earlier this week, after weeks of careful preparation, KS2 performed Bethlehem the Musical to rave reviews. Lily says "I liked the shepherds because Baillie's joke was really funny!" Thomas says "My favourite song was Hospitality because of the actions and the way we sung it". Henry reports "It was good for teamwork and acting experience". Finally, Ellis said "I liked being up on the stage, I really want to do it next year!" Thanks to the very many of you who attended the shows and to Miss Haigh and the KS2 teaching team for putting together such an ambitious performance.



### **Midwife Crisis!**

Last week Elf Owls and Barn Owls enthralled a packed house at St Marys with their performance of the Christmas Show – A Midwife Crisis! Jonquil and James led from the front and all of the children sung, spoke and acted beautifully. I was pleased to see how many children from Elf Owls as well as Barn took speaking parts and we were very grateful to the many of you who came along to support. Thanks to Reverend Anna and the St Marys team for facilitating our use of the church and to the KS1 teaching team for coaching the children to such a positive outcome!

### **New Faces in School**

You will be aware from my letter earlier this week that Mrs Sarah Fogg will be joining Hambleton on a secondment until the summer as Assistant Headteacher and Year Six teacher. Sarah was in school on Tuesday this week, she enjoyed meeting the children and is raring to go for the new year. As Mrs Fogg will be out of the classroom on a Friday to work with me, Mrs Farmery will be teaching Year Six on that day. Taking over from Mrs Farmery in Elf Owls on Fridays will be Mrs Suzanne Mills. Mrs Mills is very well known to us, having worked in every year group over the last year

### **VV Carol Singers**

Mrs Parkin and a team of volunteers took the VV Choir on the road last Thursday for a day of carol singing at venues including Sainsburys, Tesco, and our local nursing home, Hambleton Court and at Hambleton Luncheon Club. They had an extremely positive response wherever they went and the children had a fantastic time. They managed to raise a brilliant £262.20. Thanks very much to Mrs Parkin and her team for giving the children this excellent opportunity. It's Young Voices up next – we're looking forward to it!