Please see the extract kindly sent in to us by a parent.

Schools win sport and healthy activity awards

Pupils from Brockwell Junior School, Chesterfield with their award.

Schools from Chesterfield and Bolsover shared one of the top accolades at the 2018 Derbyshire Schools' Sport and Physical Activity Awards.

Brockwell Junior and Palterton Primary were named joint winners of the active and healthy school of the year.

The award recognised their work in ensuring that all young people were engaged with physical activity. Brockwell has increased the paricipation of girls in traditionally male-dominated sports, while Palterton has made lessons across all subjects active.

The awards are run by the Active Derbyshire organisation and the Derbyshire Schools Sports Association.

Among other winners were Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School, which landed the inclusive award for providing a range of opportunities for all children, and 14-year-old swimmer Jacob Whittle, of Tupton Hall School, who won the award for individual achievement after winning gold medals at the British Summer Championships.

INFORMATION IN THE EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER

In the event of adverse weather we will do our best to issue a text message as promptly as possible. You can also log onto Derbyshire County Council website for the latest information regarding any school closures. www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

We will keep Peak FM up to date too.

In the event of snow, please wear suitable footwear and bring a change of footwear and clothes so children can benefit from potential playtime in the snow. Sometimes we do this near the end of the day so they can go directly home afterwards. This is also because often the field is safer than the playgrounds.

The decision to keep school open during adverse weather is informed by conditions and knowing if sufficient staff can safely get to school. However, parents should decide if it is safe to get their children to and from school. We will keep you updated during any day or period of adverse weather via text message. You will have received a text about Christmas jumpers on 13.12.2018. If you didn't receive it, please call the office to check your listed number 01246 278542. Thank you

We break up on Friday 21st December.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas time and hope you enjoy some special time together.

Best wishes, Catherine Holmes

14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,
We've had a wonderful day today in our festive jumpers and enjoyed a super Christmas lunchtime with a little extra time in the sunshine today. I'd just like to say a huge THANK YOU once again for all your support getting children ready for the musical performance Peace Child. All the performances were great but on Thursday children excelled themselves. Children you are BRILLIANT – you work hard and, as I've heard today, have marvellous manners. I'm so proud of you all. Thank you for your Save the Children donations which reached over £90.

Hampers
There are loads of hampers and goodies to win in the raffle. The draw by our Councillors will be next Thursday. You can continue to buy tickets until 10am Thursday morning. We'll give you a call if you have a larger hamper to collect.

Shoe box art
If you came to see 'Peace Child' you may have noticed all the shoe boxes in the hall. Each has a scene from a whole class book the children are reading. They include scenes from Wonder, Stubby: A Story of Friendship, Zeraffa Giraffa and others. I think they are stunning and congratulate everyone who has completed one.

PFA Thank you
Thank you so much to the PFA who have organised a super disco, hampers, Christmas Shop, refreshments and Christmas cards. We really appreciate the time you have given.

Goodall & Anning Class Visit to Saltergate Methodist Church
Year 3 children produced some pyramid 3D art showing the Christmas Story. They were on display at the church before the children attended for a creativity morning. Thank you so much Mrs Jones for organising this event with the teachers.

Wheelie Fun Wheels
I'd like to inform you of the work of our Travel Ambassadors. There was a meeting between our Ambassadors and Derbyshire County Council's Highways engineer to make an intervention outside school where the Holmebrook Valley Trail crosses the road. DCC have responded by erecting warning signs. This will support our work within the 'Modeshift' initiative.

Cross Country Mount St Mary's
We have congratulated all our runners who took part in this event. They were resilient despite the cold weather and mud underfoot and most determind. Everyone finished the course…FANTASTIC! In addition, we received three trophies and several individual achievement medals. Huge well done to all the teams.

Dates next week:
Monday 1.30pm Children in Year 3 and 4 will attend the Key Stage One concert.
Tuesday – Musicians assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday – "A Christmas Wish" theatre in school
Thursday – non uniform "Party Day" If your child has school dinners they will have a plate with sandwiches etc and we all dine together at the same time - with those bringing packed lunches - rather than the canteen system they have routinely.
Friday – Carols by Candlelight with nativity