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Newsletter 12 Monday 25th November 2019

Dear Parents,

Dates and times of Christmas events and fundraising events are outlined in this newsletter so please take note as we have a busy few weeks ahead of us until the Christmas break!

Class News

FS1/FS2 – This week we have been learning about light and dark. We have really enjoyed doing experiments and making lanterns.

Y1 – This week we have been learning about penguins and how the world appears to them! Lots of adjectives have been discovered and used!

Y2 – This week we have been creating penguin information booklets. We've learnt lots of new facts.

Y3/4 – This week we have enjoyed writing penguin poems using rhyme.

Y5/6 – This week we have been learning about Viking Gods and we're going to write a magazine article for children.

Sporting Fixtures:

Quick Sticks Hockey

Congratulations to the children who participated in the Quick Sticks fixtures last Wednesday. Year 3/4 came third in their tournament and Year 5/6 won their tournament!

Year 3/4 children: Dylan, Ewan, Kaitlyn, Amelia, Michael and Alyssa

Year 5/6 children: Jacob, Hayden, Save, Israel, Awa and Lili



Thank you all for representing the school at this event.

Year 3/4 Dodgeball

On Tuesday 3rd December, Year 3/4 are competing in a Dodgeball competition at Great Ouseburn Village Hall – good luck!

Curriculum Topic Landing events for parents / carers

As we are approaching the end of term and finishing our theme of 'Once upon a time' we would like to invite you into school to see some of the work the children have been learning about this autumn term. Dates and times are below – please come and join your child / children in their classrooms!

EYFS	Wednesday 11 th December at 2.45pm
Year 1	Friday 13 th December at 2.30pm
Year 2	Monday 2 nd December at 2.30pm
Year 3/4	Wednesday 18 th December at 2.30pm
Year 5/6	Friday 13 th December at 1.45pm

Whole School Trip – Rainbow Factory Leeds –Thursday 12th December

A letter with details about the trip was sent out some time ago. The cost of this trip has been subsidised by the fundraising activities over the last year and is £10 per child. **Permission slips and payment are due by this Friday 29th November.** I am sure this will be wonderful and memorable day for the children.

School Dinner Special Events:

Christmas Lunch – order in advance **deadline this Friday!**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. A letter was sent home last week which must be returned **for all children by Friday 29th November**.



Clubs

Just a reminder that all after school clubs run by school staff, Sporting Start and Mr Whawell, finish this week. This does not affect Dandelions.

SAT Information Session – Year 6 Parents – Wednesday 4th December

Miss Newton will be running a SAT information session for Year 6 Parents on Wednesday 4th December from 2.30pm. The session will last about half an hour. This is an opportunity for parents to find out how their children will be tested in the end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments and how they can best support their children at this time. Parents will have the opportunity to look at previous papers and Miss Newton will provide lots of super ideas for how you can help your child with their reading and maths skills as well as their well-being! Please come along!

Christmas Fundraising Events for 2019:

Christmas Raffle and Hampers

The Christmas Season is nearly upon us and the PTA have managed to secure some amazing raffle prizes;

- Flamingo Land 2 tickets to the theme park
- Lizzie Care Baby Therapy gift
- Gorgeous gift voucher
- SAKS gift voucher for Cut and Blow dry
- Cream tea for two at Wakeman House Café
- Family ticket to Piglet Adventure Farm
- 2 x Afternoon Tea for Two from Gilchrist Bakery, Boroughbridge
- Movie t-shirts & posters plus two vouchers for popcorn
- Bowe & Co Tearooms Hamper
- Tray Bake from Café Tiempo, Ripon
- Voucher from Messy Buns, Ripon
- £5 gift voucher from Realitea
- Christmas cake donated by Mrs Horner
- Family Pass to Castle Howard
- Pamper Hamper

Raffle tickets will be on sale at all of the Christmas performances and at the KS2 carol concert with the draw being made after the concert on the 17th December.

Instead of our usual donations for the tombola, this year we are asking for items that can be made into Christmas Hampers. We would be very grateful if you could send contributions into class with your children **by Tuesday 10th December so that the hampers can be made for the following week:**

FS1/2 - Tea/Coffee/Hot drinks

Year 1 – sweets / chocolates

Year 2 - Savoury treats (non-perishable) such as crackers, crisps, biscuits for cheese, chutneys, preserves

Year 3/4 – mince pies / Christmas cake / stolen / Lebkuchen or festive biscuits

Year 5/6 - a bottle (of something to drink)

Please try and make sure that the best before date on cakes, chocolates, savouries etc is after 31st December.

Lucky Squares

This is an opportunity to raise money for the school and win a cash prize! Squares will be on sale at each event and the draw will be made on Tuesday 17th December.

Nativity and Carol Concerts

Rehearsals are underway for our Nativities and the KS2 carol concert. The children are really looking forward to showing off their creative and artistic skills!



EYFS (FS1 and FS2) Nativity, 'A Miracle in Town';

- Thursday 5th December **2pm** (this has changed from last week's newsletter)

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity, 'It's a Baby!';

- Tuesday 10th December **10am** and **2.30pm**



KS2 Carol Concert

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols

- Tuesday 17th December **2.30pm** in the school Hall.
- Following this at **3pm**, there will be the Christmas raffle and 100 square draw – all parents are welcome.

Emergency Procedure for School Closure Procedure for unavoidable closure of school

It is rare, however there have been occasions where it has been necessary to close the school because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs:

- Mrs Kestell will put a notice on the school Facebook page
- County Hall will be informed.
- I will inform radio stations Century Radio and Stray FM.

Hopefully, this will not happen but I feel it's better to be prepared!

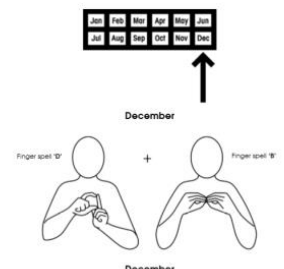
Please assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page.

Makaton in school

We have a growing number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is *December*

Here is a link to the sign of the week. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



New school gates

Thank you for the positive comments regarding the new school gates. The wooden gates were becoming very expensive to maintain due to swelling throughout the year so the governors decided to invest in metal gates to alleviate the problem. Every maintained school has two parts to their school budget – revenue and capital. Just to clarify, the gates were funded out of the capital budget which has restrictions on how the money is spent – this part of the budget has to be spent on the school building and computing not resources and staffing. One of the children thought we had won the Aldi competition of £20000 – sadly we haven't!!

Service Pupil Premium, Pupil Premium and Sport Premium

Information regarding how school uses the Service Pupil Premium, Pupil Premium and Sport Premium can be found on the school website and is updated termly when it is reported to governors. Clear government guidelines on the use of these sources of funding can be found on government websites.

Earrings during PE, Sport and Swimming sessions

Please can we remind parents, if children have their ears pierced they must take out their earrings for P.E. lessons. Children are advised to take their earrings out before coming to school on the days when they have P.E. lessons or swimming lessons. We also advise that children get their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for them to heal over the 6 week break.

Swimming – Year 1, 3 and 4

Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 children start on Wednesday 8th January. Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.

The voluntary cost of getting to swimming will remain at **£3.50 each week**. Payments are to be made on your Parent Pay account.

Emotion Coaching drop-ins with Mrs Dixon

In school we use emotion coaching to support children to develop their emotional literacy and navigate problems independently. This approach is founded in research and has proven to be very effective at supporting children to regulate and recognise their own emotions and behaviours. Previously the whole staff team was lucky enough to receive training in emotion coaching from the North Yorkshire County Council Educational Psychology department which has been tailored specifically to support service children and the challenges they may face. We are delighted that we are able to continue to pass this training on to you. Mrs Dixon has run a successful programme for parents in the past and is happy to continue to provide 'drop in' support for anyone who feels that they might benefit from emotion coaching at home. The dates are listed below and all sessions will be held in the EYFS classrooms. All are welcome, if you have any questions or would like to arrange another meeting then please feel free to speak to Mrs Dixon at any point.

Emotion coaching drop-ins are scheduled on the following dates:

Thursday 23rd January, Thursday 19th March, Thursday 14th May and Thursday 9th July

Cycling To and From School – Be Safe Be Seen!

If your children are cycling to and from school please ensure that they wear a helmet and understand at least basic road safety. The road is narrow and busy so all users need to be aware of each other.

Parent Volunteers

We always welcome parental support and help in school. If you feel that you may be able to help in school in any way such as: hearing readers, making resources, taking a small group for sewing or craft activities, please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Dinners update for November

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of **November** is £55 (for meals). Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date and we advise that credit is put onto the account at the start of each month.

Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

Parent Away

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support. Parent Away Club is run by Mrs Cunane on Thursday lunchtime and is available to children if they wish to attend.

30 Hours Funding for Nursery

Please be aware of the deadlines for parents to apply for 30 hours funding if your child is currently in Nursery or will be starting Nursery.

For the Spring Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31st December 2019.

For the Summer Term 2020 you must apply and have received your eligibility code before 31st March 2020.

Applying for a School Place for September 2020 – Moving from Nursery to Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 they are due to start school in 2020-21. The primary school application round is now open and **the deadline to apply is 15th January 2020.**

Please go to www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooladmissions and complete the online application.

Diary Dates

November	
w/e 29/11/19	Clubs finish
December	
2/12/19	Year 2 parents / carers are invited to join the class at 2.30pm
3/12/19	Year 3/4 Dodgeball Competition – Great Ouseburn Village Hall
4/12/19	Year 6 parents SAT information session 2.30pm
5/12/19	EYFS Nativity 'A Miracle in Town' 2pm (this has changed from last week's newsletter)
10/12/19	KS1 Nativity 'It's a Baby!' 10am and 2.30pm
11/12/19	EYFS parents / carers are invited to join the class at 2.45pm
12/12/19	Whole school trip to The Rainbow Factory in Leeds
13/12/19	Year 5/6 parents / carers are invited to join the class at 1.45pm Year 1 parents / carers are invited to join the class at 2.30pm
16/12/19	School Christingle
17/12/19	KS2 Christmas Songs 2.30pm Christmas Prize Draw 3.00pm in the school hall – all parents welcome
18/12/19	Last swim for Y2, 5 and 6 Christmas School Dinner – order in advance – deadline 29th November! Year 3/4 parents / carers are invited to join the class at 2.30pm
19/12/19	Christmas Parties – a separate letter about this will be sent home on 10/12/19
20/12/19	School breaks up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2020	
6/1/20	Training Day
7/1/20	School open for the spring term
8/1/20	Swimming for children in Years 1, 3 and 4
23/1/20	Emotion coaching drop-in 3.15pm

AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday afternoon, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

Celebration Cup

This week the cup goes to someone who is a pleasure to have in our class. They are always keen to have a go at any activity and will give 100% to all their learning. They are a great friend and are always a great role model to others. Well done to Tess Savage!



Ribbons



FS1 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been using lots of words to communicate. Well done, Daniel!

FS2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working really hard on his reading. Well done, Immanuel!

Year 1 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has settled really well into our class and is beginning to contribute more in lessons. Well done, Anshil!

Year 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying really hard with their writing. Well done, Jacob!

Year 3 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has worked really hard on their multiplication strategies in Maths. Well done, Alexia!

Year 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who really impressed me with their attention to detail when using ICT to create a mosaic border. Well done, Amelia!

Year 5 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who showed great skill and sportsmanship at the hockey competition. Well done, Savenaca!

Year 6 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is building their resilience when tackling challenging, reasoning and problem solving questions. Well done, Hayden!

Values in Action

This week our Values Award goes to Violet for her shining example of commitment, compassion, and respect. She was nominated by Tess, who said she made Tess feel very happy. Well done, Violet.



Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Week Commencing 18th November 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
94%	97%	98%	98%	96%

Kind regards,

Julie Lyon
Head Teacher