



12 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas festivities with your children and families. It is great to see our pupils settling back into the school routine and making the most of their opportunities inside and outside the classroom. Our celebration assemblies will continue on Fridays at 2.30pm and we hope to see as many of you as possible so we can share the children's achievements together. Please remember that we aim to be a friendly and welcoming school so do get in touch with any issues or queries.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.99% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **From September 2023, penalty notices are being issued for unauthorised absences which reach the local authority limit.** Thank you for helping us to maintain high rates of attendance. **Well done to Class 2 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**

CHRISTMAS ROUND-UP

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



A huge thank you to the Friends of the School for organising and running the Christmas raffle which raised £215 for school funds. A special thank you also to Mr and Mrs Price at Bluebird Care for providing such impressive hampers.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE



On Monday 18th December, we were treated to a fabulous musical performance from our talented musicians. Well done to all the children in Class 3 who performed their guitars and ukuleles so impressively whilst singing at the same time! A massive well done to all the piano soloists – Amelia, Beatrix, Ellie, Jay, Jemima and Percy – and to Daisy W for her solo performance on the ukulele. Very impressive! A big thank you to all the music teachers – Caroline Dyke (piano), Andrea Rhodes (guitar/ukulele) and Alison Trowsdale (ukulele).



CAROL SERVICE

Our Carol Service on Wednesday 20th December was a popular event and well attended by families and friends. Thank you for supporting us and also for joining in with the singing! A big thank you to Father Simon for leading the Service.

CLASS PARTIES



The children had lots of fun playing games and dancing at their class parties. Thank you to the Friends of the School for providing party food and drinks.



FATHER CHRISTMAS

We received a special visit from Father Christmas on the last day of term who took time out from his busy schedule to speak to all the children in Class 1. He even had time to say "Ho Ho Ho" to all the children in Class 2 and Class 3!



CLASS 2 VISIT TO SHILDON RAILWAY MUSEUM

On Friday 15th December, I had the pleasure of accompanying the children to Shildon Railway Museum with Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Guyll. We had a brilliant day and learned lots about all things locomotive! We were very fortunate to see the Flying Scotsman which was a highlight for several pupils. The children behaved impeccably and displayed outstanding attitudes throughout the day.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL FINALS



On Tuesday 9th January, our Year 5/6 football team took part in the finals at Thirsk. They had already done really well to qualify for the finals in the first place and were up against some very difficult opposition. Mr Hills and Mrs Noble were incredibly impressed with their attitudes and team spirit. Well done to Ben, Charlie P, Daisy W, Edward, Erin, Eva Mae, Imogen, Jack G, Kian S, Teddy and Zak.

INSPIRATIONAL PUPILS



Two of our pupils – Maddy and Izzy – have been busy making and selling bracelets over the Christmas period. The proceeds are going to Appleton Wiske Methodist Chapel for the Kids' Corner and will help them purchase arts and crafts materials. The project was the girls' idea and they have raised £50 which is a fantastic achievement. Well done, girls!



BOOK DONATIONS

A big thank you to two families for their generous donation of books to our school. Past pupils Olivia and Bobby have donated some excellent books to Key Stage 2, and current pupils Caleb and Dylan have donated lots of fantastic books to EYFS and Key Stage 1. We are very grateful indeed.



BINGO NIGHT - THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY AT 6.00PM

Save the date for our family bingo night. More information will be provided soon.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES



19th January – Judo Taster Sessions
 23rd January – Y3-Y6 Cross Country Competition
 6th February – Y3/4 Tchoukball Competition
 7th February – Class 1 Trip to Ripon Museum
 8th February – Bingo Night
 9th February – School Closes for Half Term
 19th February – School Re-opens
 22nd February – Year 6 SATS boosters begin
 20th February – Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition

ABSENCE

Please ensure the school office is notified by 9.00am either by telephone or email if your child is absent from school due to illness.

Thank you.



COMMUNITY LINKS



Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and cystic fibrosis.

Please keep sending in your used stamps, Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office.

CLUB ACTIVITIES – w/c 15th January and 22nd January 2024



MONDAY 15 TH JANUARY 2024	FRUIT SALSA & CINNAMON CHIPS
TUESDAY 16 TH JANUARY 2024	HUNGRY CATERPILLARS
WEDNESDAY 17 TH JANUARY 2024	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 18 TH JANUARY 2024	INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 19 TH JANUARY 2024	FILMS AND GAMES
MONDAY 22 ND JANUARY 2024	CHEESE PUFFS
TUESDAY 23 RD JANUARY 2024	DRAWING NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 24 TH JANUARY 2024	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 25 TH JANUARY 2024	INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 26 TH JANUARY 2024	FILMS AND GAMES

LUNCH MENU W/C 15 JANUARY 2024

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges **OR** Egg Sandwich
 Tuesday - Meatballs & Rice **OR** Ham Sandwich
 Wednesday - Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Tuna Sandwich
 Thursday - Spaghetti Bolognese **OR** Chicken Sandwich
 Friday - Fish Star & Chips **OR** Cheese Sandwich



LUNCH MENU W/C 22ND JANUARY 2024

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - Creamy Mac & Cheese **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Tuesday - Sausage & Mash **OR** Cheese JP
 Wednesday - Minced Beef & Dumplings **OR** Baked Bean JP
 Thursday - Chicken Korma **OR** Tuna JP
 Friday - Fish Fingers **OR** Baked Bean JP