



29 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it is only three weeks until we break up for Christmas! We have lots to look forward to in the coming weeks as we get closer to the festive season.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.92% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **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 1 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW VISIT

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed taking part in Crucial Crew on Monday 18th November. They encountered a range of different scenarios and considered how to keep safe. They engaged with each activity with maturity and it was a worthwhile experience. Thank you to Ken Blackwood for providing transport and supporting the pupils.



CLASS 1 MUSIC SESSION

Our Reception pupils were treated to a musical performance on Friday 22nd November by Amelia and Ted's Mum and Dad. The children loved listening to Christmas music performed on different musical instruments such as the clarinet, saxophone, flute and double bass. The session was linked to the pupils' work in music and has inspired them to make their own music in Class 1. Many thanks to our visitors.



CLASS 2 VILLAGE WALK

On Monday 25th November, our Year 1/2 pupils enjoyed a walk into Appleton Wiske village linked to their science topic – seasonal changes – and art work inspired by the artist David Hockney. The children made useful notes and sketches of the local area and embraced the opportunity to learn in a different environment.



WINTER WEATHER

Please ensure that all children wear trousers or skirts with tights during this particularly cold spell. Some children are still wearing shorts or skirts without tights and it is very cold outside during playtimes, lunchtimes and PE. Thank you.



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT

A big well done to Daisy H in Class 2 for supporting the Little Princess Trust. Daisy decided that she would like to donate her hair to this important charity which makes wigs for children with cancer and other hair loss conditions. She donated 12 inches of hair and raised £375! A fabulous achievement.



POPPY APPEAL – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We raised £211.25 which is absolutely fantastic.

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NATIVITY – THE DONKEY SELLER – MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT 9.30AM and 2.00PM

Please remember to book your places for the Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity. The children and staff are working hard during rehearsals and it is looking and sounding tremendous.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Our wonderful cook, Elaine, will be serving Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Wednesday 11th December.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE – WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

Join us for a musical assembly on Wednesday 11th December in the school hall. There will be individual and group performances from children who are learning the piano, guitar and ukulele.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

We are supporting *Save the Children* on Thursday 12th December. Children can come to school in Christmas jumpers and non-uniform. A suggested donation of £2 would be appreciated. Please ensure that children wear sensible footwear and suitable clothing for cold weather.

CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF

The Friends have organised a Christmas Bake-off for Wednesday 18th December. Children can make 6 cupcakes or 6 biscuits. The cost is £1 per entry with prizes to be won. See the attached flyer for more information.

100-SQUARE COMPETITION

The Friends have organised a 100-square competition with fantastic prizes to be won, including a luxury hamper. It costs £2 to enter and you can purchase your square(s) at school events/assemblies around Christmas time. Any prize donations would be gratefully received – thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

Save the date for our Christmas Carol concert which will take place in the school hall. Afterwards, we will be announcing the winners of the 100-square competition and the Christmas Bake-off. There will then be a bake sale after school where you can buy all the delicious cakes and biscuits!

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children can come to school in party clothes on Thursday 19th December. School will be providing snacks and drinks.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Many thanks to Sam Turner and Sons for providing us with a fantastic Christmas tree. The children and staff will enjoy decorating the tree next week.



Thanks for all your support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

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- 9th December - Class 1/2 Nativity – 9.30am and 2.00pm
- 11th December - Christmas Lunch
- 11th December - Musical Performance – 2.30pm – 3.00pm
- 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
- 17th December - School Trip to Pantomime ‘Sleeping Beauty’
- 18th December - Christmas Carol Concert
- 18th December - Christmas Bake-Off
- 20th December - School closes for Christmas (**no assembly**)
- 6th January - School Training Day
- 7th January - School reopens
- 22nd January - Y3-Y6 Cross Country, Northallerton Leisure Centre

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 RNIB.

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 2nd December 2024 and 9th December 2024



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| MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024 | COOKING – MELTING SNOWMAN BISCUITS |
| TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2024 | CHRISTMAS MAGNETS |
| WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024 | COMPUTER GAMES |
| THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024 | INDOOR GAMES |
| FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024 | FILMS & GAMES |
| MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024 | COOKING – CHRISTMAS CUPCAKES |
| TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024 | CHRISTMAS TREES |
| WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024 | COMPUTER GAMES |
| THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024 | INDOOR GAMES |
| FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2024 | FILMS & GAMES |

LUNCH MENU W/C 2ND DECEMBER 2024

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP



- Monday – Cheese Whirl & Baked Bean Potatoes **OR** Cheese JP
- Tuesday - Chicken Korma **OR** Tuna JP
- Wednesday - Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** Baked Bean JP
- Thursday - Spaghetti Bolognese **OR** Cheese JP
- Friday - Battered Fish & Chips **OR** Baked Bean JP

LUNCH MENU W/C 9TH DECEMBER 2024

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

- Monday - Pizza & Potato Wedges **OR** Egg Mayo sandwich
- Tuesday - Curried Chicken Rice **OR** Cheese Sandwich
- Wednesday - Minced Beef Pie **OR** Tuna Sandwich
- Thursday – Meatballs with Pasta **OR** Ham Sandwich
- Friday - Salmon Star & Chips **OR** Cheese Sandwich