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Dear Parents/Carers,

Bethlehem Bake-off!

A huge well done to all the EYFS and KS1 children for putting on such an amazing nativity production this week. We are so proud of how hard they all worked with their singing, dancing and acting, along with their beautiful smiles – it was certainly a show to remember! Thank you to all who kindly donated money for the mince pies and peppermint creams. We know the children really enjoyed making them!

Have a very Merry Christmas! From all the KS1 & EYFS team

Topic Celebration Reminders

Just a little reminder that our Y5/6 topic celebration will take place on Thursday 5th January 2023 and Y3/4 topic celebration will take place on Thursday 12th January 2023. Both will start at 2:30pm.

Message for Y5 Parents

After Christmas, for our new topic on Earth and Space, the children will be experiencing life as an astronaut! This will include tasting some 'Space Food', such as freeze-dried ice cream. If your child has any dietary/allergy requirements could you please contact the office or Miss Sugden directly to update school records if needed. If you DO NOT wish your child to participate, can you please inform Miss Sugden as soon as possible. We will be tasting on the first week back from Thursday 5th January.

Y5 and Y6 Residential

Information regarding the Y5 residential to Newby Wiske Hall and Y6 residential to Boggle Hole will be sent to relevant parents/carers separately.

Meeting for Y6 Parents

A meeting for Year 6 parents regarding SATs and Boggle Hole will be held on Monday 16th January at 6pm. If you cannot attend, information can be sent via email.

Vehicles Outside School

Can I, once again, plead with parents not to drop children off around the school perimeter? This week, possibly due to the cold weather, it has been particularly bad with lots of cars pulling up, children jumping out and trying to



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negotiate parked cars and moving vehicles. The signs, requesting drivers not to stop, seem to be ignored and I am really concerned that, before long, there will be a really serious accident.

Internet Safety Controls

With Christmas nearly upon us, children may receive new devices or may simply spend more time on them over the holidays. Parentsafe.lgfl.net is a really useful website to help you set up the right controls and privacy settings on your network, gadgets, apps and internet sites, for a safer online experience.

Support for Parents

Worrying about money?

The rise in cost of living is on everyone mind. There are three key steps to make sure you are in the best place to meet the extra costs this winter.

- Make sure you are getting all the financial support available
 - o Use one of the free benefit checkers at www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators
 - o Check the council's website for local support schemes at www.york.gov.uk/benefits
 - o Including the Household Support Fund (HSF) at www.york.gov.uk/householdsupportfund
If you have received a letter inviting you to apply for HSF please complete your application by Thursday 5 January.
 - o A range of holiday activity schemes will be available for children and young people during the Christmas, Easter and Summer school holidays. Details of events and activities can be found on the **Holiday Activities and Food Yor-OK webpage**.
 - o Check eligibility for free school meals <https://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolMeals>
- Reduce your outgoings, don't spend more than you have to on your bills, such as mobile phones, broadband, insurance.
 - o See how you can save on your energy bills
 - o Use approved comparison websites
 - o Talk to your existing suppliers about discounts and social tariffs

Find out more at www.LiveWellyYork.co.uk/talkmoney

- Don't struggle alone. If you are unsure or need assistance with the things above, there is help across the city from council services and other local organisations

Find out

- o how to contact an advice service at www.york.gov.uk/benefitsadvice
- o where there are community drop-ins across the city at www.livewellyork.co.uk events calendar

Or pick up a leaflet or ask at your local library, community centre or find information on community noticeboards



I hope that you all are able to enjoy a relaxing time with family and friends over the festive period and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2023. Please remember that Tuesday 3rd January is a staff training day- the children return to school on Wednesday 4th January.

Happy Christmas!

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy



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