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Wednesday 29th November 2023

Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

It has been a busy week in school filled with lots of hard work and nativity rehearsals – the children’s singing is sounding wonderful. I am enjoying the crisp winter weather – whilst very chilly it is so much nicer than the rain we have been having. We are hoping to take advantage of this and do lots of outdoor learning in KS1 over the next few weeks – so remember those wellies!

I am really looking forward to Friday’s tree decorating assembly on Friday – I have been told it is the loveliest collective worship of the year and I am certain we will all end the week feeling festive. We look forward to sharing lots of photos with you next week.

School Worship group

We had a real treat on Tuesday as the school’s worship group led our collective worship. They used the time to teach us all about the Lord’s Prayer, telling the school what each section means and teaching us actions to help us to remember the lines. The assembly started with a bubble blowing competition – who knew Newton had such a talent for bubble blowing?! The worship group then asked us to consider how saying a prayer can feel like blowing a bubble – it feels like you say it and it is gone, but Christians are certain it has been heard just like we are certain the bubble was blown.



The group were so engaging and confident, asked lots of brilliant questions and made it a really fun assembly. Thank you to all of the worship group and to Miss Dunn for working so hard to support them.

Punctuality

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving late to school. We would like to remind you that KS2 start 8:45am prompt and that KS1 doors open at 8:50am and will stay open until 8:55am. Thank you for your support – it really does have a detrimental impact on your child's learning if they are frequently late.

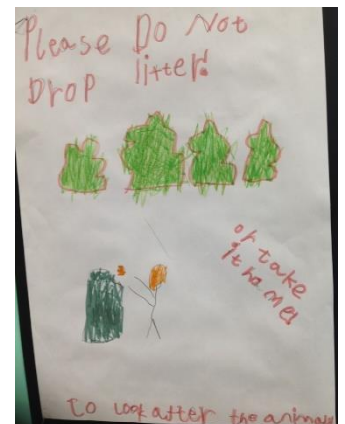
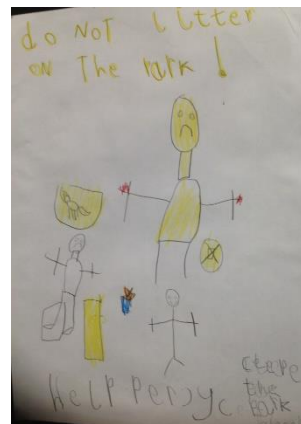
Things that have been happening around school ...

Year 3 have made these amazing Tutankhamun death masks out of papier-mâché. These were completed over several weeks using a variety of skills including drawing, constructing the 3D features of the face and painting. Well done year 3!



Percy the Park keeper has continued to inspire year 1 and they have made some wonderful posters encouraging people to stop littering.

Year 2 have been learning about Christingle.



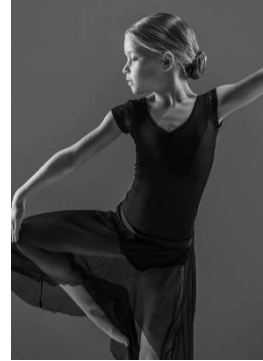
Reception have been doing some shape inspired art.



School Values

Last week, we said we would be celebrating those children and pupils who epitomise our school values of RESPECT (*Responsibility, Enjoyment, Security, Politeness, Effort, Care, Tolerance*). The worship group definitely demonstrated responsibility and effort through their wonderful assembly.

We also want to congratulate Riley, who has been offered a place at the Northern Theatre Arts, an elite training programme for dancers. We know how hard Riley has worked to achieve this and we are all incredibly proud of her. She has definitely exhibited our values of effort and enjoyment.



Theo in year 5 has also asked that we advertise the York Rocks Christmas Against Cancer Event (for more details see below). Theo joined the junior choir to raise money and awareness for this special cause, which is very close to his heart. It looks set to be a great night. We are really proud of you Theo – you have definitely exhibited our values of care, enjoyment and responsibility.

★ YAC PROMOTIONS PRESENTS ★

"ROCKS CHRISTMAS"

**York Against Cancer
IN CONCERT!!**

A ALES ANSTEY
Main Sponsor

FEATURING
Cast members of ITV's Emmerdale;
"SOMEWHERE NEAR HOTTEN"
Golden Rail Band
"Grab a Grand"
Emmerdale

**ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS CLASSICS -
INCLUDING**
MERRY XMAS EVERYONE
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
STEP INTO CHRISTMAS
AND MANY MORE

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023

YORK BARBICAN

TICKETS AVAILABLE WWW.YORKBARBICAN.CO.UK

Poppy Appeal

We received a thank you from the Royal British legion for raising £132.24 in this year's poppy appeal. Well done everyone.



Loom Bands

The children in Year 3 have been having a wonderful time, over the last few weeks, making loom band creations during wet play. If anyone happens to have any unwanted loom band supplies at home we would be grateful for any donations.

Many thanks, Mrs Jones

TICKET INFORMATION

YORK CITY LADIES VS MIDDLESBROUGH FC WOMEN
SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER
LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM

GENERAL ADMISSION: £5 STANDARD | FREE U11'S
HOSPITALITY LOUNGE: £10 STANDARD | £5 U11'S
HOSPITALITY DINING: £40 STANDARD | £20 U11'S

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A £1.20 BOOKING FEE PER TICKET

SPIN FITNESS **National League** **SPIN FITNESS**

Join us at our Christingle

Share the light with the Christingles

We would love for you, your friends and your family to join us at our Christingle celebration so we can support more vulnerable children.

Date: **Sunday 3rd Dec** Time: **4:00p.m**
Location: **St Nicholas Church**
Please contact:

The Children's Society **christingle.org** **Christingle**

Charity Registration No. 221241

Dates for your Diary
Autumn Term 2023

Any additional dates will be added in bold each week.

November 2023

Year 6 parent Consultations	Wednesday 29th November 2023 3:30pm-5:40pm
Year 6 parent Consultations	Thursday 30th November 2023 9:15am-11:00am 3:30pm-5:40pm

December 2023

Tree Decorating Assembly	Friday 1 st December 2023
Christmas Colouring Activity Packs on sale	w/b 4 th December – every day after school in KS1 and KS2 playgrounds
Non-Uniform Day – wear your hamper colour (is possible) and bring your hamper donation too!	Friday 8 th December 2023
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 2023 - 2pm Wednesday 13 th December - 2pm
Christmas lunch Everyone welcome to wear Christmas jumpers.	Friday 14th December 2023
Riding Lights Theatre Company Presents – Give it Back Mac! – Whole school	Monday 18 th December 2023
Yoyo Assembly and Workshops – Year 1 and Year 4	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
PTA Christmas Disco	Wednesday 20 th December 2023 EYFS and KS1 – 6pm – 7pm KS2 – 7:15pm – 8:15pm
Christmas Services in St Nicholas' Church Parents welcome	Thursday 21 st December 2023 10 am- EYFS and KS1 11am- KS2
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 21 st December 2023
Staff Training Day	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Back to School	Monday 8 th January 2024

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments

- Five Minute Read – What parents and carers need to know about SMART TVs
- Speech sound development workshop – information for parents
- York Holidays and Food Winter Activity Brochure
- Services in Dunnington this Advent