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Wednesday 6th December 2023

Dear parent/ carer,

Message from Mrs Thompson

I hope you have enjoyed the start of December – I know the mornings have become much more exciting in my house with Advent Calendars to open!

It was so lovely to come together as a school last Friday to sing festive songs and decorate our beautiful tree. We are really looking forward to welcoming in lots of families to see the EYFS and KS1 Nativity next week – the children (and staff) have been doing a brilliant job in their rehearsals and it looks set to be a great show.

We have asked the children to refrain from wearing Christmas accessories during the school day – they are welcome to wear them at playtimes, on non-uniform days and during the last week of term.

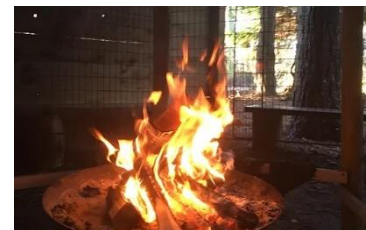
Punctuality

I would once again like to remind you about our school start times as there are still a lot of children arriving late, particularly in KS1. KS2 registration is at 8:45am and KS1 doors open at 8:50am and will stay open until 8:55am.

I know it is sometimes really helpful to catch a teacher before or after school to deliver a quick message. However, if you need to discuss something in more detail, please contact the teacher directly via their email, or via the school office, to set up a meeting.

Campfire Experience

On Thursday 14th December, we are going to be having a campfire experience for children in reception, year 1 and year 2 led by Adam from the Woodland Adventure Company. Each class will have a 40-minute session where all of the children will have the opportunity to toast marshmallows, have some popcorn and hot chocolate and learn more about campfires – we have let Adam know about any dietary requirements to ensure these will be catered for.



We have set this up on Parentpay and ask for a donation of £2.75 a child to cover the cost of the session. We know this will be a lovely experience and we hope it kick starts our ambition to do a lot more learning outside over the coming two terms.

Donations

It has been suggested to us by some parents to open up the opportunity to make donations to school in order to enable us to provide more opportunities for experiences, such as workshops in school or school trips. We currently lose quite a lot of money on these experiences, which obviously limits what we are able to do.

We don't want anyone to feel obliged to donate. However, if you would like to, we have set up a donations page on Parentpay. The minimum donation has been set at £10 to ensure that it covers the cost incurred.

Thank you to anyone who chooses to donate.

Nativity Scene

Anyone who has visited school this week will have seen the beautiful Nativity Scene we have displayed in our entrance hall.



It has been donated by Mr and Mrs Harrison who live in the village. Mrs Harrison has kindly included some background information about the scene, which I have attached for those who would like to read it.

We are really grateful of the donation and promise to look after it well before Mr and Mrs Harrison's granddaughter puts Jesus in the crib on Christmas Day.

Disco Uniform Sale

We are really looking forward to our Christmas Discos on the 20th December. The PTA will have a second-hand uniform sale set up for the duration of the disco, where you will be able to pick up uniform for a small donation.

If you have any pre-loved uniform that you wish to donate to the sale, please drop it off at the school office. Please ensure it is clean and that any name labels have been removed/ crossed out.

Non-uniform Days/ Christmas Lunch

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 8th December. Children are encouraged to bring in their hamper donation and wear their hamper colour if possible on this day.

The children are also welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/ festive outfits on Christmas Lunch day, which is Thursday 14th December. I apologise that I had the date wrong for this in last week's newsletter. As a Christmas dinner is being provided on the 14th, the normal roast on Wednesday 13th is being replaced by pizza. We will send a reminder about this nearer the time.

Football Team

We had two football teams in action on a very wet and cold Monday evening this week.

Both teams played against Easingwold Primary School and battled hard to demonstrate some superb football and great team work. One team drew 3-3 and the other team lost 3-1. They made Mr Sellers incredibly proud. A huge thank you to the parents who provided lifts and stood in the pouring rain!



One team has progressed through to the East York Schools finals on Tuesday 19th December so watch out for more scores coming through!

Good luck to the boys in this event.

Year 3 Science

Year 3 have been investigating whether materials are opaque, transparent or translucent in science this week. Can you tell from their sun pictures what property each material has?



Resources for school

If anyone is having a pre-Christmas clear out and wants to re-home a small trampoline or an indoor dart board we would be very grateful of any donations.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2023

Any additional dates will be added in bold each week.

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.	Thursday 14 th 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

We hope to share term dates for next term next week.

Enjoy the rest of your week. As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments

- Five Minute Read – Instagram – Parent Factsheet
- Nativity Scene Information