

15th December 2023

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Firstly, before all the festive news! Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Girls Football team, who took part in the Craven Football Finals on Monday 11th December 2023. Our team of girls made up of Tanaia, Tallulah, Layla, Tilly, Francesca, Amelia, Elsa, Dora, Violet and Isabella all played amazingly and were a credit to our School and wider Community. Our girls were placed overall 2nd in the Finals – WELL DONE!

Whilst it might be the 'most wonderful time of year', it is also probably 'the most busiest time of the year'. This week has been no exception.

On Tuesday evening, children in Years 1 -3 gave their first 'live' performance of 'A Fireside Nativity' to a captive audience with their second 'Matinee' performance taking place on the afternoon of the 13th December. I am sure members of the audience will agree that we have some very talented and aspiring thespians at the school, with perhaps also some future comedians. Well done to children for their fabulous performances. Thank you also to members of staff who worked so hard encouraging children, helping them to learn their lines and endlessly practising the nativity to make sure it would be alright on the night! (or afternoon). Thank you to all those parents/carers who made a donation towards the cost of putting on these Christmas performances – we raised an amazing £233.00. This money will be used to further our drama and music resources in school.

Also on Wednesday, children in years 4 and 5 walked down to the Victoria Institute, where they sang and played Ukelele to the older members of our community at an Age Concern Dinner. Later in the day, our final Lantern Making Workshop took place. Once again thank you to Poppy and Hannah from Pioneer Projects for involving our school in this community project.

Children's beautiful lantern creations will form part of the community Walk of Light event taking place from 4.30pm on the 15th December 2023. Everyone is invited to join in with the Walk of Light procession which is leaving our School Car Park at 4.30pm. All children MUST BE accompanied by adults. There will also be an opportunity for everyone involved in the

procession, and perhaps those that are not carrying a lantern, to purchase a Glow Stick at the event.

Thursday appeared to be the busiest day of all with staff, children and some of our Governors, all thoroughly enjoying this year's Christmas Dinner. With over 150 portions consumed both Lila, our wonderful School Cook and John our equally wonderful Assistant Cook had an awful lot of preparation to get through and a huge amount of Brussel Sprouts to cook! Thank you to both Lila and John for all their hard work.

Thursday was also Christmas Jumper day. It was so lovely to see so many festive jumpers and accessories. Thank you to all those families who made a voluntary contribution in return for children wearing these wonderful winter woollies. All monies raised will go to Leeds Children's Hospital Fund. This charity was chosen because Leeds Children's Hospital have taken care of staff's children and siblings of some of our children at school. We are very grateful for the amazing care and support this children's specialist hospital provides.

Our EYFS Christmas Carousel also took place on Thursday; we hope that parents/carers of children in our Nursery and Reception all enjoyed coming into school, watching children perform and take part in some Christmas Crafting activities. It was so lovely to see so many parents/carers join us and a huge thank you must go to the EYFS Staff team for all their hard work and organisation before and during the morning.

After our Christmas Lunch, children in Year 1 to Year 6 walked to Bentham Auction Mart and took part in this year's Auction Mart Carol Service. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and families joining in with this lovely traditional Christmas event. Thank you.

Next week, all that remains to get through is Christmas Party Day and the last day of term!

Can we just remind parents/carers that when we return to school in January we will be running two additional After School Clubs alongside our regular provision.

Children in years 3,4,5 and 6 are invited to join a

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professionally coached multi-sport session after school on Thursdays; activities will include Archery, Ultimate Frisbee, Tri-Golf and 'in the dark' Dodgeball. To secure a place, please make payment via Parentpay.

Meanwhile, children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to take part in further Kanga Sessions. To register an interest in a place at this after school club, please either return the provided booking slip or contact Sally in the School Office.

Have a lovely weekend, re-charge those batteries and get ready for the last week of term!

Mrs Pearson and Mrs McGregor

Next Week:

Monday 18th December 2023

Creamy Mac n Cheese
Lightly Spiced Bean and Veg Curry with Rice
Jacket Potato

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Nacho Beef Bake
Cheese and Bean Enchilada
Jacket Potato

AM : PE with Kanga Sports : Badger/Fox/Owl
PM : PE with Kanga Sports : Rabbit/Hedgehog

3.30pm KANGA Sports After School Club : Invited
Children (6/6) – KS1

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Roast Chicken and Stuffing
Home-made Cottage Pie
Jacket Potato

Thursday 21st December 2023

Christmas Party Day

All Day Breakfast
Veggie All Day Breakfast
Jacket Potato

10.00am Keyboard Lessons (NYC Music Service)

Friday 22nd December 2023

Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a

school lunch

Fish Fingers
Italian Style Vegetable Lasagne
Jacket Potato

NO BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

**School CLOSED for Christmas. Re-opening Tuesday
9th January 2023**

Apply for free school meals online

If you would like to apply for free school meals for your child, simply login to your [Synergy Parent Portal account](#) and follow the process outlined below. If you have previously applied for school admissions or funding for your two year old you will most likely already have an account. If not, you can easily [create an account here](#).

- STEP 1**
Enter your National Insurance Number/National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number and date of birth.
- STEP 2**
Select the child(ren) you wish to apply for. If you have previously applied for a school place for your child they will already appear on the dropdown list. If your child does not appear automatically, they can easily be added by entering their forename, surname, date of birth and gender.
- STEP 3**
Attach any supporting documentation, if necessary, this could include documents such as a copy of your Universal Credit statement.
- STEP 4**
A message will then be displayed stating that we will be in touch with confirmation details. The school(s) at which your child(ren) attends will be notified as soon as the application has been fully processed by our team (5 working days). Your child(ren) can then begin enjoying free school meals once the school has received this notification.

If your application is unsuccessful you can then move to a further screen to find out why this may be the case.

If you need help or wish to discuss your application please contact us:
Phone: 01609 533 405
Email: schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk



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Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Prevent poisoning

“He thought it was a sweetie because it was bright and like a jelly so he gave it to Orla who bit into it.”

Mum talking about washing tabs/pods

Bright bottles of cleaning liquid, squidy washing tablets, shiny packets of painkillers... Small children are curious and want to learn more by putting things in their mouth.

Unfortunately things that make our lives easier can be harmful to small children, as their bodies process poisons differently. Thank goodness it's easy to keep children safe.

Laundry products – small children can mistake brightly coloured products for sweets or toys, especially laundry capsules. But the concentrated chemicals can do serious damage to children's insides, skin and eyes.

- It's tempting to keep products beside the washing machine. Move them to a high up or lockable cupboard
- Watch out for fast little fingers! Don't leave a washing tablet on top of the washing
- Put products away out of reach as soon as you've used them
- When you're shopping, look out for products with a bittering agent like Bitrex - it tastes so horrible, children spit it out instead of swallowing, preventing accidental poisoning.

Everyday painkillers – the most common way for young children to be poisoned.

- Keep all medicines out of reach and sight of young children, ideally in a high up or lockable cupboard
- Watch out for painkillers left on the bedside table or in the handbag on the floor.

Cleaning products – helpful for you but they can be harmful for small children.

- What's lurking under your sink or next to your toilet? Move cleaning products to a high up or lockable cupboard
- Put them out of reach again as after use
- Don't rely on safety caps – they slow children down but they're not childproof
- Look out for products with a bittering agent like Bitrex when you're shopping
- Don't pour cleaning products into other bottles like drinks bottles. Children can get confused.



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ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

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A selection of activities available in your area

KANGA
Holiday club to keep you children active, well-fed, and having fun



WILD EXPLORERS
Nurturing and fun forest school



SELFA
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