

20th December 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson

We made it to the end of one very long term!

After yet another very busy week I am sure everyone will be ready for a well-earned rest and, I am sure, a visit from the man himself, Father Christmas.

On Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening, children in Years 1 to 3 performed their Festive themed production 'A Christmas Recipe' to a captive audience. Families, children and visitors alike all thoroughly enjoyed the performance - we even welcomed a visitor from New York!

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to our 'collection bucket' at these performances.

On Tuesday morning, our very youngest children performed their Nativity. It was lovely to watch our younger children embrace the opportunity to share their acting skills with a captive audience made up of friends and family. Thank you once again for any donations that were made in our 'collection bucket'.

Wednesday morning saw parents/carers of children in Badger, Fox and Owl class join children at a festive Christmas Crafts Carousel and 'afternoon tea' in the morning! Well done to all our children for putting on such a delicious spread!

On Thursday, children in Reception to Year 6 joined in the community 'Carols at the Mart' Service. This is always a lovely end to the term and a really traditional way to celebrate Christmas and the festive season.

On Friday 10th January, children in Fox Class will be starting their swimming lessons at Settle Pool, with a small number of children in Year 6 joining them. Can parents/carers please remember to send children to school with their swimming kit. If you have not already done so, please also consider making a voluntary contribution towards the cost of swimming lessons (which are heavily subsidised by the school)

via Parentpay. If you are unable to access this online payment platform, cash can be handed into the School Office.

As is usually the case, over the Christmas holidays, Travel Agents start their advertising campaign for Summer Holidays! As a school we would encourage parents/carers not to take their children out of school during term-time; absences from school significantly impact learning. If you do decide that you are going to book a holiday during the Spring or Summer Term, can parents/carers of children in Year 6 please avoid SATS week, the week beginning the 12th May 2025.

When we return to school in January, we have been advised by North Yorkshire Council's Catering Team that we will still be following the Autumn Term Menu. Meal choices for the Spring Term will be served from the week commencing the 24th February 2025.

Next term, Mrs McGregor and Mrs Tyrer are really looking forward to taking some of our younger children in Year 1 to Forest School Sessions. To help support these visits, school are looking for a Parent Volunteer/Helper to join in children on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested in helping please contact the School Office.

Finally, we hope that all our children enjoyed their last day of term and their 'party day'. Have an absolutely wonderful Christmas and New Year. See you all back at school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Mrs C Pearson
Executive Headteacher

Monday 6th January 2025
School CLOSED to Children.
INSET DAY

Tuesday 7th January 2025
School Re-opens
Chicken Korma
Sweet and Sour Vegetables (v)
Jacket Potato

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Wednesday 8th January 2025

Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding
Veggie Nuggets (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

Thursday 9th January 2025

Spaghetti Bolognese
Veggie Shepherd's Pie (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

Friday 10th January 2025

Fun Day Friday – all children invited to join in and try a school lunch!

Fish Fingers
Veggie Pitta Pocket (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Fox Class Swimming (including some Year 6 children)

Effort Grade Letters go Home

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers welcome) IS THIS HAPPENING...

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance.

Attendance at our school **NEEDS TO IMPROVE**. If you need any support with your child around either attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch with the School.

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Safety on Social Media.

Safe around roads

“One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down by our daughter's death.”

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Here we help you to break it down and keep it simple.

Pedestrians – younger children

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you're out to help them understand simple ideas like 'fast' and 'slow'
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won't always remember safety rules, especially if they're excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits.



Pedestrians – older children

- Children find it difficult judging the speed and distance of traffic until they're at least eight. Accidents peak around 12, as children start making independent journeys
- Children learn by doing and practising. If they're moving to a new school, help them practise the route over the holidays. Where are the safe places to cross? What should they do if they see their bus and they're on the other side of the road?
- They can be mesmerised by their mobiles, so remind them not to talk or text on their phones or listen to music while crossing the road.

In the car

- Make sure your car seat is the right one for your child's height and weight and for your car – not all seats fit all cars

Cycling

- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet. If you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too
- Look out for cycle training. Many schools offer courses to help children gain practical skills.

Driving – speed is everything when it comes to a child's chances of survival. They're 3.5 times more likely to die if hit by a car doing between 30-40 mph.

- Keep an eye on your speed
- Keep your phone in the glove compartment so it can't distract you.

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