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## **Newsletter: Autumn Term**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week in school. Last Friday Y1 visited the Deep and have been very eager to share their experiences. Today Year 2 have been to the Hepworth gallery in Wakefield linked to their topic of famous people. There are many events taking place over the coming weeks. Do keep a check on them at the bottom of this letter and make a note of them.

Have a good week  
Mrs Warters

### **Children in Need Day**

Thank you to all those who supported this event last Friday. We raised a total of £208.55 Well done!

### **PA School Disco**

Thank you to the PA for organizing the disco on Monday evening. It was very well attended by the children across the school. Thanks to all the PA, staff and parent helpers who gave up their time to ensure this was a successful event.

### **Election Day**

Our nursery is to be used as a Polling Station on 12<sup>th</sup> December for the General Election. Please note that the Nursery will be closed for both sessions on that day. Main school will be open as normal.

### **Nursery and Foundation Stage Nativity**

Please note that because of the General Election on the 12<sup>th</sup> December the Nativity that was to be held on that day has had to be re-arranged. This will now take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am or 2.00pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. All are welcome to attend.

### **Nativity plays**

Our Nursery and Late Foundation children will be putting on a performance of Nursery Rhyme Nativity on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and 2.00pm

KS1 children will be performing 'Hey Ewe' on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and 2.00pm. Refreshments will be available at both performances. All welcome.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

These will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for children from LF – Y6 for those parents who have requested this and returned the forms to school back in October.

### **Safeguarding**

Should you be worried about a child or have any concerns please contact any of the Safeguarding Team listed below. Other useful websites for support and guidance are the NSPCC and Childline.

### **Inspire Workshops**

Over the next few weeks we will be holding Inspire Mornings across school. Please look out for a letter from your child's class teacher with further information. The dates are:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Late Foundation Inspire Workshop 9.15am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Inspire Workshop 9.15am

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3/4 Inspire Workshop 9.15am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5/6 Workshop 2.00pm

### **Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December the children will have the opportunity to attend the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk performed by Acorn productions. This will take place in school and is part funded by the Parents Association but we would ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 towards the cost. Please see the letter with further details which was sent out earlier this week. It is a wonderful event and thoroughly enjoyed by the children across school. Oh yes it is!

### **Dolce Snowman Competition**

Please see the information sent home with your child. Get creative and enter the Snowman competition organised by Dolce our school lunch provider. A superb winning prize is on offer of a Nintendo Switch for the winning entry. Please ensure all entries are submitted to school by tomorrow Friday 22nd November.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Our celebration Christmas Dinner takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> December for LF/KS1 and 12<sup>th</sup> December for KS2. If your child wishes to have a school dinner on that day you will need to log on to your School Grid account to order. If your child normally has a packed lunch and wishes to have a school dinner you will need to register for a School Grid account if you have not already done so. More information will be given next week.

### **Dress Down Day for the PA Christmas Fair – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

On Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a dress down day. Children may come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a prize which may be used on one of our tombola stalls at the Christmas Fair.

In addition, if you have any unused gifts, toiletries, bottles or chocolate which you could donate to the Christmas Fair,

we would be extremely grateful. These can be left with Mrs Edginton, in the school office, or a member of staff. Many thanks in advance.

### **Christmas Fair, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3-5pm**

The Fair will open at 3pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Parents can collect children at 3pm on this day and visit the fair. If you do wish to collect your child at 3pm, you will need to go to the classroom doors, as usual, and come into the fair through the main entrance to school.

The PA are appealing for some support with preparations for the Christmas Fair. On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, at 9am, they would be grateful of any extra help that can be provided with wrapping gifts and tagging items for the various stalls. If you feel that you could spare an hour or two, come along to the school office once you have dropped off your child/ren and if you can provide the manpower, we'll provide the tea and biscuits!

### **Christmas Raffle Tickets**

Tomorrow every child should bring home an envelope containing 2 raffle tickets for the Grand Christmas Raffle. This will be drawn at the end of the Christmas Fair. Tickets are £1.00 each. Please write your name and contact details on the counterfoil and return them with the money to school in a sealed envelope. Can you return any unsold tickets to the school office, thank you.

### **Scholastic half price Book Fair**

We will be holding a half price book fair in school from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Come along to see the many bargains on offer and possible Christmas presents for the children in the family.

### **Masses at St John the Baptist Church**

Saturday at **6.00pm**

Sunday at **10.00am** – Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10.00am Mass during term time. All welcome

**Children's Liturgy** - We remind parents that the Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word is **only** for children up to, **but not including** those who have started their Preparation for or have already received the First Sacraments.

**Crib Sunday** – 16<sup>th</sup> December – Third Sunday of Advent. The traditional Blessing of the Church Crib will also include the

blessing of family / home Crib. Everyone is welcome to bring their home / family Crib to the Church for blessing at the 10am Mass.

### **100 Club**

If you wish to purchase a 100 Club number for £10 for this academic year please call in to the school office.

### **Gold Book Assembly**

The next Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.30pm. The following children have made it into the Gold Book this week. We are very proud of them, and their achievements:

**Lunchtime Awards** – James Y4 & Lexie Y3

**Late Foundation** – Emmett & Jenson

**Year 1** – Calvin & Emily

**Year 2** – Michael & Stanley

**Year 3** – Jan & Brea

**Year 4** – Jacob & Elsa

**Year 5** – Esther-Mae & Szymon

**Year 6** – Felix & Jos

### **Diary Dates**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Dress down day for Christmas fair

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Y5/6 Advent Praise 2.45pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Inspire morning 9.15am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Inspire morning 9.15am

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – PA Christmas Fair 3pm onwards

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** Y3/4 Advent praise 2.45pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3/4 Inspire Workshop 9.15am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5/6 Workshop 2.00pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner Late

Foundation/KS1

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas dinner

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Y1/2 Advent Praise 2.45pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am and 2.15pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas

### **Attendance**



Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week. This is acknowledged in the weekly Gold Book Assembly.

**Congratulations to Year 6 who had the winning attendance for week ending 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.00%	97.00%	94.33%	95.81%	98.00%	88.48%	98.93%

**Our Virtue to live by:**

**I trust that God's love has no end and that He is at work in my life and in the world.**

**Safeguarding:** Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the Safeguarding Team. **DSL:** Mrs L Warters (Head of School) **Deputy DSL:** Mrs S Spittle **Deputy DSL:** Mrs D Ferguson **Deputy DSL:** Miss B Noone **Mr K Flood** (Executive Headteacher)