



Tuesday 5th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we start to make final preparations for end of term events, there are some seasonal notices.

Eco-Schools

Many congratulations to the Eco team who have managed to secure the Silver Award for school and are now taking steps towards achieving the Eco-Schools Green Flag award. Their main project is the development of the area at the back of school.



Toilet-Twinning



We are very pleased to announce that the money raised from the appeal launched at our Harvest Festival raised enough money to provide three toilets. After a vote amongst the children they decided to choose to provide toilets in the Central African Republic, Nepal and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Bikeability

Congratulations to all the Y5/6 children who took part in the recent cycling safety training. All of the children managed to pass the level 2 test which is as far as children at primary school usually progress as level 3 involves cycling in a town.



Y4 Cluster Art

Our Y4 children visited Kell Bank CE Primary School last month to spend the morning working with clay with other Y4 children from small schools in the Bedale Cluster. They had a very enjoyable morning and were reunited with children they met at Hackforth last year.



Carol Service



Our Carol Service will take place at St Patrick's, Patrick Brompton on 20th December at 6.30 p.m. As parking at the church is very limited, Ward's Garage by the crossroads have kindly said that we can park in their spaces but do make sure you take a torch. If there are two adults in the car, it might be prudent to drop one off with child/children at the church and then go and park.

Whoops-a-Daisy Angel



Tickets are available for Class 1's Christmas play and, having had a preview last week, it looks like it will set us up nicely with Christmas spirit. As the production is open to the general public, we are asking that there is no photography or other recordings of the production. Mrs Saunders will ensure that photos are taken by school to be distributed amongst parents.

Maths Morning



A reminder that parents/carers of children in classes 2 and 3 are welcome to join their children for their maths lesson on Thursday 7th December from 9-10.15 a.m. Class 1 will be sharing their learning in maths in their February DEEL day.

'The Wizard of Oz'

As our visit to The Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond takes place on the morning of the Christmas Party, children can come to school on that day in their party clothes if you wish. When we return to school, we will have our party food for lunch before decamping to the Village Hall for games and we may be fortunate enough to have a visit from a special gentleman... We will return to school afterwards to break up for Christmas at 3.15 p.m. Meanwhile, Mrs Godlee would like to remind parents to regularly check Parent Pay.



Christmas Post Box



The School Post Box will make its annual appearance on Monday 11th December until we break up. If your child wishes to post their cards for school friends, it would really help our post elves if the envelope says the surname of the intended recipient, or at least the class that they are in, as we currently have a few children with the same first name.

Governors' Corner



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Louise Wyatt as a co-opted member of the governing body following the departure of Lady Sarah MacAndrew who has moved from the area. Louise has kindly provided some information about herself:

I have lived in Hunton village for 23 years and our two children both attended the school. I am a primary school teacher and taught in a small school in all year groups but mainly in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Whilst at the school I was Literacy Coordinator and a Senco. I trained as a Forest School Leader and served as a staff governor. I left full time

teaching last year as my husband retired and I now spend my time cycling, walking and gardening. I now have the time and opportunity to support Hunton and Arrathorne Community school. I look forward to meeting you all in school and around the village over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Grainger
(Headteacher)

Diary Dates:

8 Dec 2017	Flu vaccinations for FS – Y4
11 Dec 2017	Class 3 at Masham School – English links
12 Dec 2017	Dress rehearsal of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' for school to watch
13 Dec 2017	Performances of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' for families & friends at 2.30 & 6.00p.m.
20 Dec 2017	School Carol Service at St. Patrick's, Patrick Brompton 6.30 All welcome
22 Dec 2017	'The Wizard of Oz' – whole school visit to Georgian Theatre, Richmond
22 Dec 2017	Christmas Party afternoon then break up for Christmas 3.15 p.m.
8 Jan 2018	Staff training Day
9 Jan 2018	School reopens after Christmas break
10 Jan 2018	Class 3 to Masham Primary School to begin English topic