



Dear Parents & Carers,

We find ourselves with two weeks left until the Christmas holidays and lots of events in school to look forward to before then – don't forget to check the diary dates on the second page should you need a reminder of what is happening and when! We really hope to be able to continue as planned, however we hope you will understand if arrangements have to change between now and the events based on guidance from the government and our own risk assessments in school. We will keep you posted!

Key Stage 2 had a great afternoon 'landing' their history learning on 'The Stone Age'. It doesn't seem five minutes since they had their Stone Age workshop and now they have finished their topic – it is clear that they have learnt an incredible amount!

I must give a special mention to the Year 4 and 5 children who visited Bedale High School on Wednesday for a 'Musical Theatre Day'. Mrs Cromey-Hawke and Mrs Donnelly were incredibly impressed with their behaviour and attitudes – well done everyone!

I'd also like to extend a big thank you to Mole Country Stores who have kindly donated the Christmas tree at the front of school.

Mr. Donaldson

Christmas Lunch

We are really looking forward to Miss Whittaker serving up a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday.

Please make sure Mrs. Godlee has received confirmation that you wish for your child to have their Christmas dinner on this day

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is next Friday. Children may wear their Christmas jumpers alongside their own clothes – a donation of £1 is suggested and can be made direct to Save the Children to save bringing coins into school! Thank you.

Oops a Daisy Angel

There has been the sound of beautiful singing and some very impressive voice projection in Robin Class! They are looking forward to performing their nativity next Wednesday. We do request that audience members wear face coverings in the Village Hall.

Let's Celebrate!



This week our super support staff have chosen the Care – Aspire – Excel winners!



	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Special Mention
<i>Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Rose F	Rafe	Amelia	Niamh	Annie
<i>Writer of the Week</i>	Rose G	Olivia	Pip	Leo	
<i>Mathematician of the Week</i>	Seb	Bea	Annabel	Coco	
<i>Tidy Classroom</i>	Robin				
<i>Team Point Winners</i>	Bolton				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 8 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Details sent
Wednesday 8 th December	'Oops a Daisy Angel'	R/Y1/Y2 Parents	Details sent
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone	Details to follow
Tuesday 14 th December	Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime	Everyone	Details sent
Wednesday 15 th December	Christingle @ Patrick Brompton 6pm	Everyone	Details to follow
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas Party & Craft Morning	Everyone	Details to follow
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	Everyone	N/A
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Training Day	All	N/A
Wednesday 5 th January	Spring Term Starts	All	N/A

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Robin Class have been busy completing lots of assessment this week. Everyone has been so driven to show how much they know - well done Team Robin! In RE, we have been carol singing around the school. Perhaps you could challenge a 'robin' to sign 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' to you. Our Zoo jigsaw learning team have been making games for us to play and we had a fabulous performance from the superhero learning team. Our songs are sounding fabulous for the Nativity.

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have had a very determined week! They have all tried hard to aspire and excel during their assessments and been incredibly driven. In between their end of term assessments they have been driving their own learning by choosing spellings they find tricky; written a special poem and developed their inference skills through the story 'Mog's Christmas'.

Partridge Class: Partridge Class have worked incredibly hard this week, and we have been very busy! Alongside our usual lessons, we have been practising for the Christingle service and had our topic landing day on Friday. We worked with Woodpecker class to come up with piece of work to showcase what we have learned over our Stone Age topic. It was great to see both classes working together! Year 4 even enjoyed a trip to Bedale High School, where they took part in a musical theatre workshop. They were great role models for the school and all had a great time! We are very much looking forward to all of the festive activities and events over the next couple of weeks!

Woodpecker Class: This week, the Woodpeckers have been working on how to punctuate speech accurately and adding a little more narrative to our reporting clauses. Speech can be incredibly tricky but they have all made a great start with it. We have continued our fractions work in maths, this week learning how to order and compare fractions with different denominators. The attitude the children have shown to both of these challenging areas has been fantastic and I'm sure this will continue in the final few weeks of term. The Year 5 children also had an exciting day at Bedale on Wednesday where they took part in a Musical Theatre Day. I would guess by the singing and dancing we saw when they returned, it is safe to say they had a great time!

Lunches

Why not try one of delicious school lunches provided by our new meals provider, Taylor Shaw?

The menu is too vast (and tasty!) to include on our newsletter but can be found on the school website:

<http://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Autumn-Menu-HA.pdf>