



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a week! I am sure, if you attended 'Baarmy Bethlehem' on Wednesday, you were proud and amazed in equal measure. Our youngest children did a fantastic job of bringing the nativity story to life- it really made us feel festive. A very well done to them all and a huge thanks to the staff for their hard work – it definitely paid off!

I am sure you will have noticed our Christmas Tree outside school. It has been generously paid for by the PTFA – a huge thank you to them. The brilliant thing is, the tree is potted and so can be used every year.

Next week, we look forward to the final events of the year – our visit to Darlington Hippodrome, the Christingle Service at St Patrick's Church, Christmas Party and Christmas Crafts! We will all need a good rest this weekend to be ready for one of the busiest weeks of the year!

Have a super weekend,
Mr. Donaldson

Pantomime Reminder!

Just a reminder that we will return from Darlington at the later time of 5.00pm on Tuesday. Please wait on the path. Once the children are safely inside the building, we will open the gates for collection from the normal points. Thank you.

Christmas Party / Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Party Day is Thursday 15th December. Children may wear their party clothes on this day.

Friday 16th December is Christmas Jumper Day. Children may wear their Christmas Jumper on this day. You may also send in a donation to Save the Children if you wish. If you don't have a Christmas jumper feel free to add tinsel or decorations to any jumper!

Christingle Service

The Christingle Service at St. Patrick's Church will begin at 6.00pm next Wednesday. We would be grateful if children could be brought to St Patrick's by 5.45pm so their teachers can register and seat them safely.

School Uniform should be worn and long hair tied up. Children are welcome to return their Christingle envelopes to donate to the Children's Society.

Let's Celebrate!

Find out who is celebrating this week – this will be our final Celebration Assembly of 2022!

	Mr. Donaldson	Mr. Cope	Mrs Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Pole
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Leo		Margot H	Ava	Noah
	Woodpecker Class <i>(Y5/6)</i>	Partridge Class <i>(Y3/4)</i>	Kingfisher Class <i>(Y2)</i>	Robin Class <i>(R/Y1)</i>	
Curriculum Award	Matilda	Charlie	Theo	Toby	
Aims Award	<i>Anna</i>	<i>Annabel</i>	<i>Margot</i>	Erin	
Team Points	Bolton				
Tidy Classroom	Robins				
Golden Spoon	Coco				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole School Visit to Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime 'Peter Pan'	All	Information Sent
Wednesday 14 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	All	Information Sent
Friday 16 th December	H&A Christmas Jumper Day	All	Information Sent
Friday 16 th December	End of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 3 rd January	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Wednesday 4 th January	Start of Spring Term	All	Parents informed
Monday 8 th January	Whole School Stargazing (TBC)	All	Information to follow
2 nd – 3 rd February	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Parents informed
Friday 10 th February	Mid-Year Reports / Break up for Half Term	All	Reports to follow
Friday 17 th Feb – 1 st March	'Change-Makers' -Art Exhibition @ Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Monday 20 th February	Return from Half Term	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 27 th February	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 23 rd March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 31 st March	Break Up for Easter Holidays	All	See newsletter
Friday 31 st March	Easter Egg Competition	All	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Wow! What a week we have had in Robin Class. The children have all worked incredibly hard, showing how driven and determined they have been to put on such a special performance. We are so incredibly proud of them all and we're sure you'll agree they put on a fantastic show - getting us all in the festive spirit! Not only have they been busy getting into character for their nativity, but also in class taking on roles in our Santa's workshop and Christmas Post office! The Year 1 children have been very excited planning and writing riddles for Father Christmas and his elves which we'll post next week! Lots of festive activities have begun and the seasonal songs are playing, so we've been showing off our dance moves. The children have enjoyed starting 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' story! We wonder where he'll go to next on his Christmas journey...

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class were absolute superstars in their performances of 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. What super role models for the younger children. We have enjoyed finishing our poetry work this week and getting ready for our next big performance – the Christingle next week. We hope you can join us!

Partridge Class: This week we were lucky enough to be invited to watch the KS1 nativity dress rehearsal! We were blown away by their fantastic acting skills and their amazing singing- well done Robins and Kingfishers! We have also been preparing for our Christingle performance this week, rehearsing our songs and class performances ready for next week. In English, we have been sticking with the Christmas theme, writing Christmas Haiku poems. We are very excited for all of the Christmas events lined up next week!

Woodpecker Class: What a busy week, up in the Woodpeckers classroom! They have created some wonderful poetry, based around Christmas Eve, sharing their personal likes and traditions. We are getting closer to the end of our class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. Handwriting has been a great success this week and the children have loved challenging each other to come up with words using the focused letters. Statistics has continued well in maths, through really inspiring themselves with their work. In PE we are continuing with the hockey focus, which has been a great success, all the children have been 'happy and healthy,' even 'excelling' with their teamwork skills. History sees us come to the end of the Trojan Horse Story. We each had different opinions as to whether it is fact, legend or myth.

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.

2023 Term Dates

Please see below the term dates for the remainder of the academic year. Please note there are staff training days on Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 17th April, Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July.

Spring Term 1	Wednesday 4 th January – Friday 10 th February	Tuesday 3 rd January is a Staff Training Day
Spring Half Term	Saturday 11 th February – Sunday 19 th February	
Spring Term 2	Monday 20 th February – Friday 30 th March	
Easter Holiday	Saturday 31 st March – Monday 17 th April	Monday 17 th is a Staff Training Day
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 18 th April – Friday 26 th May	Bank Holidays on 1/5/22 and 8/5/22
Summer Half Term	Saturday 27 th May – Sunday 4 th June	
Summer Term 2	Monday 5 th June – Friday 21 st July	Monday 24 th July & Tuesday 25 th July are Staff Training Days