



Dear Parents,

And in the blink of an eye, it is nearly December and our Christmas events begin next week with 'A Wiggly Nativity' performed by our Reception and Year 1 children. They have worked so hard learning their lines and singing the songs and we know the audience are in for a treat on Wednesday. This week we have also installed some collaborative artwork at Patrick Brompton and Hornby Churches and part of the Lower Wensleydale Nativity Trail (see further information below!) Don't forget it's also our 'French Open' for Year 2 – 6 parents next Friday from 2.30pm – the children would love to share their love of French with you.

On Wednesday, our School Improvement Adviser from North Yorkshire Council joined us for the day to look at safeguarding procedures in school. It was excellent to have external validation of our robust procedures and she was, as always, very impressed by all of our children.

We also had another visitor who came into school on Friday to work with a group of our Key Stage 2 Hunton Heroes, working collaboratively on an Advent Calendar, which schools from across the local area will contribute to. We will hopefully be able to share a picture of the finished product with you once it is complete!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Lower Wensleydale Churches Nativity Trail

Dear all,

The festive time is upon us once more. To begin our celebrations, the six churches of Lower Wensleydale have come together to create our Nativity Trail. Similar to last year, each church has a theme and has decorated their church accordingly. Look out for a stable themed leaflet then collect a themed sticker from each church to fill your stable. Head to Patrick Brompton, Hauxwell, Spennithorne, Crakehall, Hornby or Finghall to start your trail. To add Jesus to your stable scene, stickers will be available at Christmas services. Merry Christmas and have fun!

Y4, 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics

A reminder that Year 4, 5 and 6 will be representing our school at the Sportshall Athletics competition on Monday. Children may wear their PE kits to school all day, and should bring a packed lunch.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Donaldson
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Mary	William M	Emily	Margot D	Pippa	Isaac	Evie Y2
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Freya	Arthur	Rose	Charlie W		Max	
Aims Award	Sebastian S	Eric	Livy	Charlie R		Evie	
Team Points	Richmond						
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker						
Golden Spoon	TBC						
Monarch	Faye F						

Diary Dates

Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 2 nd December	Y4/5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition	Y4/5/6	Information sent
Wednesday 4 th December	'A Wriggly Nativity' @ 2pm and 6pm	R/Y1	Information sent
Friday 6 th December	'French Open' Afternoon for Y2-Y6 – 2.30pm	Y2-Y6	Information sent
Monday 9 th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 10 th December	Reception 'Drawing Club' Session for Parents	Rec	Information sent
Wednesday 11 th December	'Sleeping Beauty' @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information sent
Thursday 12 th December	H&A Museum	All	Information sent
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information sent
Wednesday 18 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6pm	All	Information sent
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party	All	Information sent
Friday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 th January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Monday 14 th January	Y5/6 Residential Meeting – 4.30pm	Y5/6	Information sent
Tuesday 21 st January	Skip2bFit	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 22 nd January	Parent Open Morning – Reception Phonics	REC	Information to follow
Wed 5 th – Thu 6 th February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent
Wednesday 26 th February	Spring Concert – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Mon 3 rd – Tue 4 th March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent
W/C Monday 10 th March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, we have been very busy practicing our Nativity - including getting into costume to try them on and really take on the role of our characters. We have continued our adventures with Paddington Bear in our Drawing club text 'Paddington and the Christmas Post'. We have started making Christmas cards and enjoyed exploring in our own role-play post office. Following our curiosity in ice, we have experimented with melting ice and what things help to make the ice melt the fastest. What a busy week!

Robin Class (Year 1): Another super week! We have been writing neatly and producing a wonderful piece of presentation writing in English, ending the text, 'I WANT MY HAT BACK'. In Maths, we have been busy continuing addition skills, we loved being outdoors jumping in hoops and adding together our scores! We have continued to enjoy finding out more about great explorers in History – Christopher Columbus. We are working hard with tricky words, please could we continue to have a tricky word challenge at home, to help us consolidate our tricky words. As always, we have cared, aspired and excelled across each of our curriculum subjects.

Kingfisher Class: Another great week for the Kingfisher Class! In Maths, we have continued our work with money, converting and comparing amounts as well as adding/subtracting with money. In English, we have continued our new story 'Water Protectors' which has included writing our own water-themed poems. In History, we continued our study of the Ancient Egyptians by learning more about the pyramids, we have learnt about food-chains in Science and we ended the week by leaning how to say goodbye in French! Au revoir!

Partridge Class: This week, Partridges have been amazing scientists and conducted their own dissection of a flower. They identified all the different parts and used their knowledge to explain their jobs. We have also started a new topic in Dance, the twist! In English, the children are exploring Shakespearian English through The Tempest, reading the playscript and watching it being performed at The Globe Theatre. What a lovely week it has been!

Woodpecker Class: Year 6 have had a busy week. In Maths, we have taken a break from our fractions learning to investigate measures in our Maths lessons – converting between metric and imperial measures. In English, we have launched a new series of lessons based on a new text, 'The Boy in the Tower'. We've enjoyed finding out more about the Trojan Horse and considered what evidence exists, whilst also creating discursive texts to decide whether it was a fact, legend or historical 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.