



# Helmsley Community Primary School Newsletter Issue 12

## THIS WEEK'S SUPERSTAR

IS:

THOMAS DOWSON

For being such a hardworking, cheerful member of our school, who always gives his best with everything.

### LIBRARY VISITS

Next week the following classes will visit the library:

Tuesday: Silver Birch

Thursday: EYFS

### SCHOOL UPDATES

#### Winter Weather



The school looked like a winter wonderland yesterday with all the white crisp snow, but we thought it was a good time to remind you of how we keep you updated, should it be necessary to close the school or send the children home.

- \* Tune into radio York - updates will be given at regular intervals.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/radioyork>
- \* Keep an eye on the school website [www.helmsley.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.helmsley.n-yorks.sch.uk)
- \* A text message will be sent to parents to inform you of any closures.

The School will only be closed as a last resort and in the interest of safety of both children and staff.

### DIARY DATES

#### Fri 1st Dec:

Choir singing at the preview of the Christmas Tree Festival. 6:00pm

#### Fri 8th Dec:

Big Sing @ Malton

#### Fri 8th Dec:

Christmas Aerobics Y5/6 @ Ryedale School

#### Tue 12th Dec:

Christingle @ Helmsley School 9:00-10:00am

#### Tue 12th Dec:

EYFS / KS1 Christmas Production. 2:00pm showing

#### Wed 13th Dec:

EYFS / KS1 Christmas Production. 3.30pm showing

#### Mon 18th Dec:

EYFS Christmas Party (morning).

#### Mon 18th Dec:

Y 1/2 Christmas Party (afternoon).

#### Tue 19th Dec:

Y 3/4 Christmas Party (afternoon).





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## Christmas Fair

A big thank you to everyone who turned out to support the Christmas Fair. We raised a grand total of £850.00 . It was a lovely evening and we are very grateful to all those people who provided prizes, baked cakes or just gave up their time to lend a hand. We couldn't do it without you.

A special thank you to Castle Gate Bakery (Auntie Ann's) who very kindly donated all the mince pies for the teas.

## Nationwide Building Society Competitions



Nationwide in Helmsley, as part of their links with the community, have run some competitions for the children in school. Rowan & Beech Classes had to compose a poem while Beech and Chestnut Classes painted pot piggy banks. The children did a wonderful job and all the entries are displayed in the Helmsley Nationwide Branch, which will be open from 1:00pm on Saturday 2nd December as part of Small Business Saturday. Why not pop along to view the children's work and sample the refreshments.

Winners of the competition are:



The winners all received a book token Courtesy of the Nationwide to spend at the Cut Price Book Shop.

## Lucia's on the Radio

Lucia recorded a message for Radio York as part of advent, the theme was Christmas wishes. Lucia's wish will be aired on Saturday 2nd December at approximately 6:30am, 7:45am & 8:30am. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/radioyork>

## Wed 20th Dec:

Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day

## Wed 20th Dec:

Y5/6 Christmas Party (afternoon).

## Fri 22nd Dec:

Carol Service All Saints Church @ 10:00am

## Mon 8th Jan:

Non Pupil Day—Staff Training

## Tue 9th Dec:

School opens for the start of a new term.





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### EVENTS

#### **The Big Sing**

The School choir along with Silver Birch are taking part in the Big Sing at Milton Rooms in Malton on Friday 8th December. Parents are invited to go and watch the children from 1:00pm. You don't need to reserve a ticket, just turn up. The children will be back in Helmsley for the end of the school day.

#### **Christingle at Helmsley School**

We will be holding a Christingle Service on Tuesday 12th December in the school hall. Parents and carers are more than welcome to join us between 9:00-10:00am. The service will involve making a Christingle with the children.

#### **Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**

Mrs Ridley will be serving a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December. There will be a letter coming home with your child to complete if they would like to have a lunch. The cost will be £2.20 per child or £1.70 for Nursery, Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 will still be entitled to their usual free school meal and won't be required to pay.

To add to the festivities we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day, also on Wednesday 20th December. We are asking for donations towards playground equipment if your child would like to come wearing a Christmassy jumper.

### IN AND AROUND HELMSLEY

#### **Small Business Saturday**

Helmsley makes Christmas Magical on Saturday 2nd December for small Business Saturday. There is a variety of festive things going on in and around the Market Place along with the fabulous star themed Christmas Tree Festival. See if you can spot the Helmsley School tree?

#### **Hilda the Hippo**

Jane Clack was at the Christmas Fair last Friday and was very pleased with how the children reacted to her book following the work shop she did with Chestnut Class. Seb Krapels wrote a review which is on the testimonial page of her website. Why not take a look at [janeclack.co.uk](http://janeclack.co.uk). Signed Hilda the hippo books are also available from school at a discounted price of £6.00.

### SPORTS

#### **Year 3/4 Dodgeball**

Another fantastic performance from Helmsley with the Year 3/4 dodgeball team winning the Tournament at Ryedale last Friday. Well done everyone.

### REMINDERS

#### **Clubs**

School run clubs have finished now with the exception of table tennis, the last session for them is on Monday. Robbie Hawkes football, Judo & Progressive Sports will continue.

