



Newsletter

Thursday 15th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a busy first week back after the half-term holidays with lots of learning taking place and experiences shared. The chance to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day was a poignant start to the week and was followed by much thought-provoking discussion as the days went on.

Parent Mail

Last week, a letter was sent to parents giving further information regarding Parent Mail and yesterday you should have received a link to register. We recommend that you download the free app for your phone. If you require any assistance with registration, please contact Mrs Jennings or Mrs Williams in the school office. Mrs Meadows is also available for drop in sessions on Tuesday 20th November and Wednesday 21st November from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. As previously mentioned, if you would prefer not to use Parent Mail, the school will continue to send paper letters and receive money in the way it currently does.

Children in Need

On Friday 16th November, we will be fundraising for 'Children in Need'. The theme this year is 'Do Your Thing' and therefore children are invited to come to school dressed in 'their thing'. This could be a uniform from a hobby they take part in (for example, Rainbows, Cubs, football). If your child chooses to dress up, we suggest that they bring in a donation that will be sent to 'Children in Need' to help the charity continue with all the good work they are known for.

School Performances

Due to the larger intakes currently in Foundation Stage and the projected larger intakes across the rest of the school, the decision has been taken to alter the way in which school performances are organised. The dates for this year's performances are below:

Nursery Christmas Performance:	14 th December at 10:00am
Reception Christmas Performance:	7 th December at 9:30am
Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance:	13 th December at 2:00pm
Key Stage 2 Carol Service:	18 th December at 10:15am at Saint Nicholas Church
Year 3 and Year 4 Spring Performance:	TBC
Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Performance:	TBC

These alternations will help teachers logistically with the sharing of hall time for practising but will also help ensure that children are given the opportunity to continue to participate fully in performances and shine as individuals. As a school, we think it is important for children to all be given the opportunity to perform to an audience and we hope that, by spreading performances across the year, this will ensure participation for all is continued as the intakes increase. Also, for the

first time this year, the children in Years 1 to 6 have been invited to partake in the carol service at Saint Nicholas Church and parents are invited to attend and enjoy the performance there.

The build up to Christmas is a lovely time to be in school but it is also a very busy time. We recognise that the Year 3 to Year 6 participation in Christmas performances is well loved by parents but, as the school increases in capacity, it is becoming difficult and we hope that this is understood. We look forward to making the spring and summer performances just as special and memorable as the Christmas ones.

Christmas Dinners

This year, Christmas Dinner Day will be Wednesday 19th December. If your child is currently on packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner on this day, please fill in the slip below and return it (with £2.10 to cover the cost of the meal) no later than Wednesday 28th November. This will allow the ladies in the kitchen time to order the correct quantities of ingredients and food for the day.

If you have registered for Parent Mail, additional slips can be obtained from the school office if needed. In the future, we plan to introduce consents and payments via Parent Mail. However, for the short term, Parent Mail will be solely used for communication.

We would also like to invite the children to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day too to help us raise money for 'Save the Children'. The charity suggests a donation of £1 and this will be used to help bring essential food, healthcare, education and protection to millions of children around the world who are in need.

Remembrance Day

Last week, Mrs Meadows led a 'Remembrance Day' assembly for children in Reception to Year 6 to help them understand the importance of remembering and thanking the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty for us. The children have reflected on the significance of this day and created some thoughtful work in their classes which has been displayed in the school hall.

Year 5 and 6 also made poppies in school and then attended Guisborough Priory to partake in poppy planting, creating a display for the local branch of the Royal British Legion. Key Stage 2 also attended a Remembrance Service yesterday at Saint Nicholas Church. Thank you to our Year 4 children for their additional singing and to the Year 6 narrators too.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Our Christmas shoe box appeal for 'Children in Distress' has nearly come to an end. To date, we have received 39 boxes- thank you to all those who have donated. You will have made somebody's Christmas. If you would still like to send a shoebox into school for the appeal, it must be received by **Friday 16th November 2018**.

Reminder: the lid and box need to be wrapped separately and sealed securely with elastic bands. The shoe box label from the leaflet needs to then be attached to the shoe box along with £2.00 for delivery.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is 'Choose Respect'. On Monday, Mrs Westgarth led an assembly for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 about respecting everyone for their unique qualities. The children explored how our differences make us special and discussed how the odd socks we wear represent our individuality. The assembly is being followed up by learning in class.



Yesterday, the children in Key Stage 2 were told that they can apply to be an Anti-Bullying Ambassador for the school. Children who wish to apply for the position will be given the opportunity to present to their class teacher the reasons why they would make an excellent ambassador and the class teacher will then select 2 pupils per class to fill the role. Further details about how to present will be given to children by their class teachers.

Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents

On Thursday 29th November at 5:30pm, there will be a meeting for Year 6 parents. This will allow Miss Jeffery the opportunity to share with parents the expectations for the end of Year 6, and provide parents with the opportunity to ask any questions they may have and look at SATS papers from previous years.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 16 th November 2018:	Children in Need Day
Monday 19 th November 2018:	Road Safety Week
Monday 19 th November 2018:	FOGH Excel Workshop 5:30-6:30pm
Monday 26 th November 2018:	FOGH Excel Workshop 5:30-6:30pm
Monday 26 th November 2018:	Individual Photographs (letters to be sent out next week)
Thursday 29 th November 2018:	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents 5:30pm
Friday 7 th December 2018:	Reception Christmas Performance 9:30am
Tuesday 11 th December 2018:	Galley Hill Christmas Fair 4:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesday 12 th December 2018:	Year 3 and Year 4 Oriental Museum Trip (letters to be sent out next week)
Thursday 13 th December 2018:	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 13 th December 2018:	The Snowman at 6:30pm at Saint Nicholas Church for the School Choir
Friday 14 th December 2018:	Nursery Christmas Performance 10:00am
Tuesday 18 th December 2018:	Y1 – Y6 Carol Service at St Nicholas Church 10:15am
Wednesday 19 th December 2018:	Christmas Dinner Day and Galley Hill Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'
Thursday 20 th December 2018:	Christmas Party Day
Friday 21 st December 2018:	Children Break Up for the Christmas Holidays



Tuesday 8th January 2019:

Children Return to School

Hope you are all having a good week. If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to assist.

Mrs Crinion, Mrs Meadows & Mrs Westgarth
Acting Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher & Acting Deputy Headteacher

Christmas Dinner Day

I would like my child to have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 19th December 2018 and I enclose £2.10 for the cost of the meal.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

