



New Attendance and Absence Policy

In early October, we wrote to parents/carers with information about new guidance that had been issued by the [Department for Education](#) and the [City of York](#) in relation to children's school attendance; we shared how this would need to be incorporated into our attendance and absence policy review. Our Attendance and Absence Policy has now been updated and approved by governors; it can be viewed on our website or by [clicking here](#).

We are very appreciative to our parents/carers as children's attendance here is generally high and not a major issue. However, it is also important that all parents/carers understand our attendance and absence procedures. I am sure that we all agree in the importance of helping children form excellent patterns and habits in relation to daily attendance and punctuality. By helping children from a young age develop consistent daily routines, this sets them up well for future life and gives them the best chance of accessing a full and rich educational entitlement. Schools do have an obligation to closely monitor daily attendance and intervene early if any patterns of absence are beginning to form.

The school register is an important document, which we are legally obligated to complete twice daily, having insured all entries are accurate. As you know, we believe very much in honest and transparent communication, and we know everyone understands there is a legal obligation on parents/carers to send their children into school every day and on time. Safeguarding children in knowing where every child is during the school day is of priority. Therefore, please pay particular attention to the requirements for reporting absences, both those that are unforeseen and those that are known in advance. In brief, daily absences can be reported via our online reporting form which can be accessed in the parent/carer section of our website, or [click here](#).

Leave of absence requests require completion of the 'Application for pupil leave of absence from school' form. These also need completing for medical and dental appointments known about in advance; please do show evidence of appointments where you have it. Please be aware that there is no entitlement to additional holidays outside of normal school holiday times. The policy does make clear what is and isn't eligible for consideration in relation to pupil leave of absence requests.

As a school, we are always available to talk through any concerns that you may have; please don't hesitate to call the school if you have any questions or concerns. Mrs Stephenson, our Deputy Headteacher, is also our attendance leader and should be your first point of contact via the school office. Thank you.

Liz Clark



Please remember to book your child's school dinner every day

Please could we make an additional plea for all parents/carers to book their child(ren)'s school dinners? We really appreciate the large number of parents/carers who do; unfortunately, school can be booking up to 50 dinners a day, which has a significant impact. If this is due to an issue with ParentPay, please contact school and we will support with resolving any issues. You can book for the whole term ahead, if you wish. Thank you.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week, the children have been enjoying finalising their roles in our nativity 'I-Spy Christmas'. Bringing together the acting, character lines and songs has brought the nativity to life and we are very much looking forward to sharing it with you next week.



Following on from our nativity work, we have also continued our 'Let's Celebrate' theme by exploring 'The Christmas Story'. The children have focussed on the characters in the story in our areas of provision through small world, role play and writing. We also enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Yo-yo team on Monday. They shared the story 'Angel Small, follows the star'. This is a brilliant story, written by a local author which the children really enjoyed.



In **phonics**, this week, we have focussed on reviewing all of the phonemes taught so far this year. As you can imagine, there are now many to practise and the children are brilliant at recalling and using these. We have practised adding **s** onto words this week to change them from a singular to plural version, for example, **cat – cats** and **pin – pins**. The children are using their phoneme knowledge to blend words when reading. We hope you are enjoying sharing their books at home.

In **Maths**, this week, the children have practised and learnt new vocabulary. They have used the term 'equal', meaning 'the same as' to compare amounts and share out objects. We have also compared capacities of containers, using the language full, empty, nearly full and nearly empty. This is something which the children could also practise doing at home.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that reading books are returned on Mondays each week and homework folders are returned each Friday. This is very helpful.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Our focus in English this week has evolved around the Julia Donaldson story 'Stickman'. We have had fun being Stickman and writing postcards to his family about the different adventures he has been on. We have also written short stories about the trouble he finds himself in.



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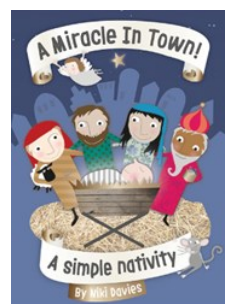


In maths, we have been learning about division and how to use the sharing method in order to solve problems. The Year 2's have also made the link between timestables and division.

We were really proud of how all of the children performed their nativity to the school during the dress rehearsal on Friday. The children used their resilience skills to overcome nerves as they sang and acted their little hearts out. We can't wait to show it to you next week.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us with any questions.

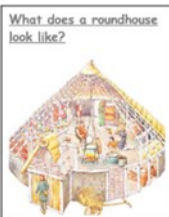
The Key Stage One team- Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Mr Merrall.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

This week in computing, the children have continued to use 2Calculate and worked on their budgeting skills. They were set the task of creating a budget for a party for 50 people with a spending limit of £1000. They had to ensure that they had food, drinks, decorations, invites, a venue and entertainment for their party. Some tough choices were made of what to include from the price list to ensure their party was successful. The children showed some fantastic budgeting skills and altered their selection well to ensure they kept their spending within the set budget.

Food	Cost each	Drinks	Cost each	Entertainment	Cost each
pizza	£2.50	milkshake	£1.25	DJ	£150.00
sandwich	£1.00	fizzy can	£0.50	streamer music	£75.00



In English, we have been looking at instructional texts and identified the main writing features that were included in our Iron Age round house model text. Afterwards, the children learnt how to write command sentences and use adverbs and imperative verbs effectively within their sentences to ensure a clear and detailed set of instructions were created. The children's knowledge of word classes and writing features is improving well.

Our RE topic this half term has been about the importance of family life and festivals to Jewish people. The children were introduced to the topic by identifying different festivals and whether or not they were religious events. They then learnt about Shabbat and some of the traditions that families took part in such as a special family meal, eating challah bread, sharing blessings and spending quality time together without any work. We were then very lucky that Ben came in to school and shared lots more information about the Jewish religion and showed us the precious Torah scroll, a menorah (candle stick) and showed us how to play the dreidel game.



A wonderful week, Year 3 and 4. Well done!

Reminder - The children and staff are looking forward to welcoming parents / carers to our Stone Age open classroom event on Thursday 8th December at 3:00 pm to view the children's cave drawings and Iron Age houses.

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, queries or would like to share any news with us.

We hope that you have a restful weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In our study of Christianity, we have been learning about how Christians follow the teachings of Jesus. One such person we focused upon was Mother Teresa. We learnt about the key historical events in her life, the work that she undertook and the impact of this work on the world. We discussed how her actions reflected her Christian faith and how she followed Jesus' teachings.



As part of our science lessons this week, we have been learning about the phases of the moon. We learnt that the moon rotates whilst it orbits the Earth so that the same side is always facing towards us. The children were especially excited to talk about how the moon was formed.

In English this week, during our narrative work, we have started to look at the impact of incorporating dialogue within our writing whilst also building suspense and tension to engage the reader. The story we are basing our writing on is 'The Controller'; this follows the story of a young boy who has to help his mother escape from a computer game. We have also looked at developing cohesion throughout our work in order for our stories to flow and the events to link together.



Date for your diary

Year 6 parents/carers meeting Tuesday 10th January 6pm - 7pm.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod.

The BIG Christmas Prize Draw

This is the last week to purchase tickets for our BIG Christmas Prize Draw which will be drawn on **Friday 9th December** at 4.30pm and tickets are **£1 a ticket**

Prizes include:

- Nintendo Switch Lite
- £50 Gift voucher donated by Britcab
- Large preserve hamper donated by The Fruity Kitchen
- Bettys gift box
- Nestle chocolate hamper
- Football Gift box donated by Haxby Town JFC
- £20 COOK voucher
- £30 Boden voucher
- £15 Millers fish and chip voucher
- Chocolate hamper donated by Conexo Travel
- Food hamper donated by Baxters
- Quartz Hair Design voucher
- £10 Aroma Coffee Shop voucher
- Sephora Beauty Salon manicure voucher
- Organic Veg Box donated by Riverford Organic
- Hair voucher donated by Emily at Zenn
- Meal deal donated by Spice Village
- £20 voucher donated by Sewcialising Fabric Shop
- Hair voucher donated by Lisa Thrower
- Chocolates and Wine donated by Stephenson's Estate Agent
- Tickets for Canon Hall Farm, Beetle Bank Farm, Dalby Forest and Jorvik Viking Centre
- 2 Tickets for York Theatre Royal

...Plus MANY More!!

Here is the prize draw [link](#)! Good luck and please share with family and friends but prizes must be picked up locally.

Christmas Card order update

We wanted to provide an update to those of you who have ordered Christmas cards, wrap, tags, mugs etc using your child's design. For many years, we have successfully used Class Fundraising who have reliably provided great and prompt service. This year they changed a number of processes such as using bar codes, ordering online etc which we have adapted to and ensured orders went in early. Unfortunately, this year Class Fundraising have struggled with the amount of orders and number of customer queries they have faced and this has caused significant delays in getting orders out to customers. We have tried over the last 2-3 weeks to get updates several times and have not been given clear responses from their management team – and we have really tried!

The latest delivery times we have been given today are as follows:

- * Christmas cards, wrapping paper and tags – delivered **w/c 5th December**
- * Coasters, teddies, tea towels, mugs – delivered **w/c 12th December**

We understand this is hugely frustrating and disappointing especially as some items will be presents, and not how we want to run a fundraising initiative. If timescales change, we will update you as soon as possible. Our sincere apologies once again and we will review if we try a new provider next year.

Email: Ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com



...to all our parents and local businesses that have kindly supported our prize draw!!



CHRISTMAS

GIFT & CRAFT

FAIR

HAXBY MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

10.00AM TILL 3.00PM

Locally made gifts & crafts

Come along and support your local businesses and the community

BUY LOCAL ~ SUPPORT LOCAL

Storytime with Santa
11.00am ~ 1.00pm
Limited places available



Refreshments & Light Lunches, Tea & Coffee

Entry fee - Donations to the Hall



**Story Time
With Santa!**

Join Santa

**for Story time, tell him
your Christmas wishes & listen to his
Christmas Stories & a gift from Santa**

BOOK A SLOT: £2 per child . (including gift)

11.am, 11.30am, 12noon 12.30pm or 1pm

**Send us a message @TheMemorialhall—
Haxby or Text 07989 193758 with time**

**Where: Haxby Memorial Hall
Christmas Fayre 10am to 3pm
When: Saturday 3rd December.**



Haxby Food Share Project

This amazing project will help many individuals and families
across our region

Venue ~ Haxby Memorial Hall

Wednesdays Times ~ 11am to 1.30pm

Or

Fridays 12.30pm— 2pm

You will find us near the garden area at the rear of
Haxby Memorial Hall.

Food is gifted by the community, local shops, businesses and
other food collection services to support those in need.

How can you help?

If you would like to help you can donate none perishable food, cleaning
materials, dog food etc. or any excess from your allotments or garden

Please can you drop it into the boxes at the main entrance. Or
donate at GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/2f701aec>

Contact Details:

Haxby Memorial Hall Charity No. 508205

Email: foodshare@haxbymemorialhall.co.uk

Telephone: 07989 193758 Address: 16 The Village Haxby YO32 3HT.

Website: www.haxbymemorialhall.co.uk

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Please note the donations will not be stored on site



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