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## Headteacher's Message

Hello

### Parent/Carer Governor Vacancy

Exciting news: we have a vacancy on our governing board for a new parent/carers governor. This is a fantastic opportunity to become really involved in the strategic work of Ralph Butterfield Primary School, providing both challenge and support to ensure the children are receiving the best possible education and preparation for future life. Information as to how the process of nomination and election works, including the forms to use if you are interested, will be shared on Monday. Please do take a look and seriously consider joining our governing board.

### Grandparents' Christmas Craft Morning

We are looking forward to our Grandparents' Christmas Craft morning next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Just a reminder that Grandparents can be in school with their grandchild/ren either between **9:30am - 10:30am** or **10:50am - 11:50am** (if attending both sessions, they will need to leave the site for 20 minutes in between). In order for us to efficiently support grandparents to the right classrooms on arrival via the main entrance, please ensure that they know the class number and/or name of the class teacher of their grandchild/ren's class. They will be asked for this information upon arrival. Here is a helpful reminder:

Year Group/s	Class	Teacher Name/s
Reception	1	Mrs Daniel & Mrs Greenwood
	2	Mrs Robinson
Year 1 & Year 2	3	Miss Griffiths & Mr Merrall
	4	Mrs Reeves
	5	Mrs Atkinson

Year Group/s	Class	Teacher Name/s
Year 3 & Year 4	6	Miss Clapham
	7	Miss Hodgson
	8	Mr Daniel
Year 5 & Year 6	9	Mr Tod
	10	Mrs Stephenson & Mrs Fitzpatrick
	11	Mr Bennett

As per the text message yesterday, where a child won't have a grandparent crafting with them on Monday, one parent/carers is welcome to come along instead. Please be reassured though that we will ensure any child without a family member will have a wonderful time.

### Parent/Carer Survey; last few days

Our parent/carers survey closes at the end of **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Please complete this by clicking on the link below if you haven't done so already. We really appreciate your time in supporting us to know what parents/carers feel we are doing well as well as what they would like to see develop further.

**[Please click here to complete the parent/carers survey](#)**





39% of parents/carers have completed the survey and we would very much appreciate an increase in this figure if at all possible. The survey can be completed in less than 5 minutes. Thank you.

Thank you for the positive feedback in relation to the Reception and Year 1/2 Nativities this week; the children were absolutely amazing and provided such a beautiful start to the festivities. I would like to thank all the staff who made the releasing of this magic possible.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend, *Liz Clark*





w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<p><b>Christmas Jumpers</b></p> <p>We welcome children to replace their school sweatshirt/cardigan (only) with a Christmas jumper throughout the week.</p>	
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 8.55am	<p><b>Christmas Singing each morning (8:55am)</b></p> <p>Parents/Carers are welcome to wait in the playground, after drop off, and listen to their child(ren)'s year group sing on the following days (weather permitting):</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Mon 18<sup>th</sup> <b>Year 1 &amp; 2:</b> Weds 20<sup>th</sup> <b>Years 3 - 6</b> Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></p>	
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<p><b>Christmas Parties</b></p> <p><b>Please send your child in non uniform on the day of their party</b></p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Weds 20<sup>th</sup> <b>Year 1 &amp; 2:</b> Weds 20<sup>th</sup> <b>Year 3 &amp; 4:</b> Tues 19<sup>th</sup> <b>Year 5 &amp; 6:</b> Mon 18<sup>th</sup></p>	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<p><b>Grandparents' Christmas Craft Morning (9:30am -10:30am or 10:50am - 11:50am)</b></p> <p>We are really excited about this special craft morning! More information to follow.</p> <p><b>Please send your child to school with something old and long sleeved, to cover their regular uniform.</b></p> <p><i>An old long sleeved top or an oversized shirt would be perfect.</i></p>	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<p><b>Christmas Dinner</b></p> <p><i>Those who did not pre-book their meal will need to bring a packed lunch. Thank you.</i></p>	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm	<p><b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Carol Service (Reception, Yr 1 &amp; Yr 2)</b></p> <p><b>At St. Mary's Church, Haxby</b></p> <p><i>Please use seats towards the rear of the church. Thank you.</i></p>	
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm	<p><b>KS2 Carol Service (Yr 3 - 6)</b></p> <p><b>At St. Mary's Church, Haxby</b></p> <p><i>Please use seats towards the rear of the church. Thank you</i></p>	



## Reindeer Rush in aid of St Leonard's Hospice

Today, the children took part in a fun 'Reindeer Rush' to raise funds for St Leonard's Hospice. St Leonard's Hospice provides care and support for people with life-limiting illnesses, and their families and carers, when they need it most. All children were provided with reindeer antlers to wear on their laps around their playground and to keep to take home.

Donations for St Leonard's Hospice are optional (as with all of our charity support). These optional donations can be made via ParentPay, by scanning the QR code or via the online fundraising page for our school which St Leonard's Hospice have created [www.justgiving.com/page/ralphbutterfieldprimaryreindeerrush](http://www.justgiving.com/page/ralphbutterfieldprimaryreindeerrush).



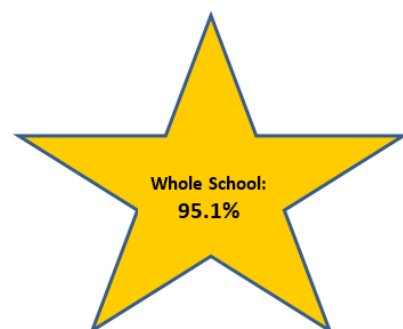
Scan the QR code to donate with a good luck/well done message!

Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you



### This Week's Attendance

**Not going** to school every day can make it more likely for your child to get involved in crime or antisocial behaviour.



For more information on school absence in York visit:  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.



## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



We are so very proud of all the children, they certainly put on a sparkling performance of 'I-spy Christmas'. Their singing was beautiful and they have done an amazing job learning all the different Makaton actions. Thank you again for all your help with the costumes and your kind messages after the show.

In **phonics**, we have been revising and consolidating the learning of the forty sounds taught since the beginning of the autumn term. What an achievement! We continue to work very hard to learn how to blend words for our reading and segment words into different sounds that we can hear in our writing.

In **literacy**, the children have used their fantastic segmenting skills to write a list for Father Christmas. Some children have also written captions and sentences, for example, **a red hat** or **It is a rag doll**. They are becoming much more confident at segmenting words to spell them and recognising sentences/phrases. Maybe they could write a Christmas list for you at home!



Christmas activities have continued in the Reception classrooms this week and we have enjoyed lots of Christmas learning in our independent play. We have been rolling a dice to select a number of items to put upon a tree; decorating Christmas trees, being an elf or Father Christmas in our role play grotto, acting out stories in our Christmas small world play and designing Christmas trees in the loose parts area. The most popular activity this week has definitely been a scissor control activity where the children had to cut Father Christmas' beard following the lines carefully.

We are looking forward to lots more Christmas activities next week, including our Christmas craft morning, Christmas party, Christmas Carol Service (on Tuesday afternoon) and of course Christmas dinner!

We will collect all the reading books in next week for the holidays. Please return all **Little Wandle** reading books and **Reading for Pleasure** books on Monday. Thank you.



### Reminder

Next Thursday, **Class 1** will be visiting Haxby library to return their books but they will not choose new books before the Christmas holidays. If families in **Class 2** would like books returning before the holidays, please also bring them in on Thursday. Please remember to put the books and library card in their book bag. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support

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





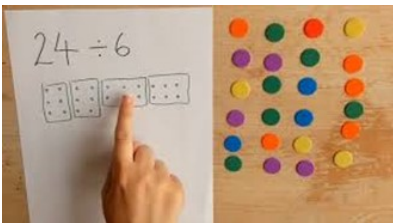
## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



Christmas is just around the corner and the excitement is building in Key Stage 1. After weeks of planning and rehearsing, it was a pleasure to be able to perform 'The Nativity' for our families and friends. We performed our dress rehearsal to the school on Monday afternoon and then the shows to our families on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. It was so exciting to see everything come together, with costumes, in a

wonderful display of music and acting that left our audiences wowed! The children did a marvellous job all the way through rehearsals, showing commitment and enthusiasm all along. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped by organising costumes. And well done to the children who put on an amazing show!

As well as our show, we have been busy in the classroom too. This week in English, we have been solving and writing riddles. A riddle is a poem that is also a word puzzle. We started by solving some and then looked at how they were written in first person perspective, also how they contained a question and used verbs and adjectives to add precise clues. We loved doing these! We then chose some Christmas characters and objects of our own to write our own riddles. We had to think about the order of our lines, putting the hardest clues first and the easiest ones last. When they were done, we played a guessing game, trying to work out which items other people had written about. It was lots of great fun and we thoroughly enjoyed writing and solving riddles.



In maths we have been learning about division, using the grouping method. This involves starting with a number of objects, subtracting equal groups until there are none left and then counting how many equal groups were made. In our maths story, Hector the Monkey was filling party bags with toys and treats and wanted to know how many bags he could fill. We related our practical work to

written calculations and used pictures to help us solve division problems.

We would like to remind everyone that our grandparents' Christmas craft morning will be on Monday and we are looking forward to seeing lots of our families there. On Wednesday morning we will be singing Christmas songs on the playground for our families and friends - we would love for you to join us!



**Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson**







## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

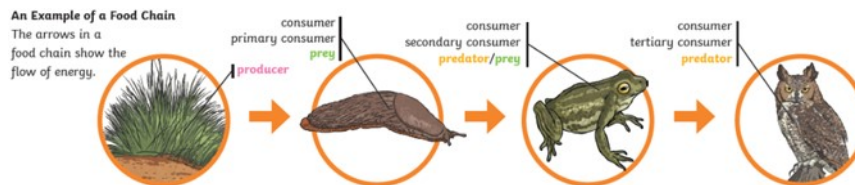
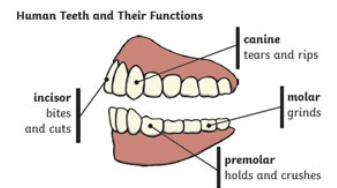
Another busy yet very enjoyable week in Year 3 and Year 4!

In geography, we have continued to learn about rivers; this week, we focused in on the water cycle. The children learnt the various steps of the cycle including evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. To demonstrate how the water cycle works, the children drew the steps on a sandwich bag, with it then being taped to the window. Whilst on the window, the water began to evaporate and form droplets on the inside of the bag. When the droplets became large, or joined to other droplets, they ran down the inside of the bag (precipitation) back into the water at the bottom (collection). The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the process in action.



Over the last two weeks, in PE, all the children have participated in a KOBOCA 'Ultimate Warrior' virtual competition. The challenge involved the children completing 15 reps of several movements, one after the other, whilst being timed. The movements included: speed bounce (jumping over a cone whilst keeping your feet together), shuttle runs (running back and forth between 2 cones that were placed 5 meters apart), step ups (stepping up and down on a bench) and star jumps. The challenge was hard but the children persevered and it was wonderful to see the children encourage each other and spur each other on.

To wrap up their science topic of 'Animals Including Humans', the children completed a double page spread to showcase all they have learnt over the term. The children drew images of the digestive system and how food was broken down and passed through the body; they recalled and drew the various teeth and their jobs and drew an example of a food chain. The children wonderfully recalled the knowledge they have gained from the Autumn term.



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

**We hope that you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.**

**Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham**



## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In history, we have been learning about the impact of the railways on Britain. Using a map of the United Kingdom, we were able to plot the cities with stations and the rail lines that connected them. By examining primary sources, we began to appreciate that, until then, holidays were not available to most of the working population. We also found that this had a profound effect on trade across the World.

As part of our work in RE, we have been learning about how different faiths use their place of worship. This week, we considered how important a church is for Christians. Not only as a place of worship but as a community hub providing emotional and physical support. Additionally, we learnt that some Christians consider places of natural beauty to be spiritually similar to a church.



On Monday, we were delighted to hold our open classroom event to show case all the exciting lessons we have undertaken as part of our theme for this term 'All Change'; this included our history, art, English and DT work. In particular, the children really enjoyed showing parent/ carers their steam locomotives which they had created in design and technology sessions. Thank you to all who were able to attend.



On Monday, we walked to Joseph Rowntree Secondary School to see their production of Elf. All staff were delighted with our behaviour and the manners shown throughout the performance. We thoroughly enjoyed the songs and it was exciting to see some familiar faces in the cast! For many of the Year 5 pupils, it was their first opportunity to see inside a Secondary School and they were enthusiastic to talk about it when we returned to class.

Next week, we are looking forward to the Grandparents' Craft Morning on Monday, Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party on Monday afternoon, the Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, our KS2 Carol Service in the church on Wednesday and KS2 singing on the playground at ~9:00am on Thursday.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod

## Clare's Kitchen - Cookery Club

Clare's Kitchen run a popular after school club, at Ralph Butterfield Primary school, each Tuesday. This enrichment cookery programme starts straight after school (3:25pm), with pick up at 5.25pm from the main gate. Each 4 week module costs £50, payable upfront. Clare asks that parents/carers provide their children with a light snack (to prevent them from eating all of their ingredients!), along with a sealable container. All dietary requirements are catered for.

Clare currently has spaces on this club, which starts back on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January; the first 4-week module of 2024 will be on Lebanese Food, followed by 'Traditional British Recipes'.

If you would like more information, please contact Clare directly by emailing [clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk)



## PTA News

### BIG RB Christmas Raffle

As you read this, the Christmas raffle will have been drawn and winners will have received an email from Raffall (hosting site) telling them their prize. A member of the PTA will then be in touch on Friday or Saturday to arrange collection of your prize and how to confirm this with Raffall. Good luck and thank you for all your support!

### Christmas Eve Treat Bags and Baubles

Thank you for all your orders. These will be made up and handed out to your child at school from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all the PTA team who have worked really hard getting all these together, we hope they bring lots of enjoyment on Christmas Eve (if they don't get eaten before!)

The PTA recently bought the Christmas party gifts for Reception, Y1 and Y2



Thank you to everyone that attended the Christmas Concert by **York Concert Band** last Friday – it was amazing, with such a talented group of musicians on show. They played lots of Christmas carols, some songs from films and musicals and also introduced the audience to each section of the band and the diversity of instruments. It was wonderful, and we hosted 70 people from either school or the wider Haxby and Wiggington community.

If you were able to come, thank you for your support - we raised £500 for school.



## Vacancies

**North Yorkshire Council (NYC) - Cleaning Assistant at Ralph Butterfield Primary.** Fixed term contract, to cover maternity leave. Working for NYC as a Cleaning Assistant, you will be responsible for the cleaning duties on site including dusting, vacuuming and the cleaning of sanitary fittings. Full training will be provided and the hours are between 3:30pm and 6:30pm daily, with some flexibility on start and finish time and totalling to 12.5 per week over 5 days. No weekend work! [Click here](#)

**City of York Council (CYC) - School Crossing Patrol.** Can you spare up to 10 hours per week during school term-time? Do you enjoy being outside in all weathers? Would you like to help your local community? If you answered yes to all these questions, please take a look at how to apply for a much valued role. [Click here](#)





# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

<b>Chickenpox</b>	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
<b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b>	48 hours after their last episode
<b>Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)</b>	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
<b>Impetigo</b>	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared
<b>Mumps</b>	5 days after the swelling started
<b>Scabies</b>	they've had their first treatment
<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
<b>Whooping Cough</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

<b>Hand, foot and mouth</b>	<b>Glandular fever</b>
<b>Head lice</b>	<b>Tonsillitis</b>
<b>Threadworms</b>	<b>Slapped cheek</b>



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.