



Ralph Butterfield Primary School School Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

There are lots of Christmas festivities for the children (and yourselves) to enjoy in school over the remaining weeks of term. I wanted to share some dates with you, so that you are able to get them in your diary; we love being able to share these experiences with our children and their families. Please see the table below – parents/carers are invited to the events in bold; non-bold are mostly in-school activities for the children.

Date	Event
Thurs 1 st Dec	PTA Film Night
Tues 6 th Dec	★ Nativity for Year 2 Parents/Carers 2:00pm <i>Gates open from 1:50 pm; 2 people per family only please</i>
Weds 7 th Dec	★ Nativity for Reception Parents/Carers 2:00pm <i>Gates open from 1:50 pm; 2 people per family only please</i>
Thurs 8 th Dec	★ Nativity for Year 1 Parents/Carers 2:00pm <i>Gates open from 1:50 pm; 2 people per family only please</i>
w/c Mon 12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Week (Mon-Fri) <i>Children may choose to wear a Christmas/other jumper each day instead of the usual school jumper/cardigan.</i>
Mon 12 th Dec	Whole School Christmas Craft morning Reception Christmas Party afternoon (<i>details to follow</i>)
Tues 13 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party afternoon (<i>details to follow</i>) ★ Mince Pie and Mingle - Parent/Carer drop in <i>3:20/25pm – 4:15pm (school hall)</i>
Weds 14 th Dec	★ Reception, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Celebration at St Mary's Church <i>1:30 pm – approx. 2:30 pm (details to follow)</i> Year 5 & 6 Christmas party afternoon (<i>details to follow</i>)
Thurs 15 th Dec	★ Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Celebration at St Mary's Church <i>9:30 am – approx. 10:30 am (details to follow)</i> Christmas Dinner Day (<i>details to follow</i>) Year 3 and 4 Christmas party afternoon (<i>details to follow</i>)
Friday 16 th Dec	Last day of term (<i>usual finish time</i>)

Looking ahead, I can confirm that school will be **closed on Monday 8th May** due to the coronation of King Charles III on the previous Saturday. This date was due to be the first day of Year 6 statutory tests (often referred to as SATs). This morning, schools were issued with details in relation to how this changes the timetable for those tests:

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. The tests will take place Tuesday 9th – Fri 12th May.

Just a hopefully handy reminder too, that the children return to school after the Christmas break on **Wednesday 4th January**, as the previous day is a teacher training day. Have a lovely weekend.

Liz Clark

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



The children are enjoying practising the nativity songs and have also begun to practise our story. They are very excited about the idea of being actors on a stage and are looking forward to our performance as it approaches quickly. We are also looking forward to seeing their costumes next week. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions about these or need any help.



In **phonics**, this week, the teaching focus has been learning the phonemes **sh**, **th**, **ng** and **nk**. The children are continuing to work very hard to learn how to sound out and blend words and are enjoying being able to read labels, captions and short sentences. We are so proud of their progress!

In **Maths**, this week, the children have continued to use rhymes and songs to support their counting back/subtraction skills. We have enjoyed singing 'five currant buns, five little speckled frogs and ten green bottles'. These are all songs which teach the repeated subtraction of 1. We have also explored using new vocabulary 'more' and 'fewer' to compare amounts.



Please can we ask that reading books, both home readers and reading for pleasure books, are returned to school on a Monday each week? Your help in returning them each week will help us to manage our book stocks for all of our children and also ensure that children can receive a new reading book each week.

Thank you for your continued support.



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



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Another busy week in Key Stage One.

In English, we have focused on how we can improve our writing by adding a variety of different sentences - questions, exclamation and command. Alongside this, we have used adjectives and adverbs to make our sentences more exciting to engage the reader.



PE with Mr Stephenson from Total Sports, focused on team work. The games were really exciting and got everyone working together to throw and catch balls accurately with speed to complete the challenges set. We definitely improved our determination, communication and problem solving skills throughout the session.

Homework

We are really proud of the effort that everyone has put into their homework by making the most amazing and imaginative Christmas trees out of recycled materials. Thank you for supporting your children in this activity.



We have enjoyed learning our nativity songs in preparation for our KS1 nativity, which is approaching fast. Hopefully this week, you will have received a costume letter and song words to practise at home. Please do not hesitate to come and see us with any questions regarding nativity costumes. We have asked for costumes to come in by Thursday 1st December but if you would like to send them in a labelled bag at the beginning of that week that would be great.

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeve and Mr Merrall.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

We have all thoroughly enjoyed constructing our roundhouses during our design technology focus week. The children began by referring back to their planning and sequence of actions that they completed last week and then quickly got to work. The perseverance, determination and skills that the children have shown this week have been amazing. They have measured pieces of wood accurately, used saws to cut them to the correct length, rolled out clay bases and constructed the outline of the house. Afterwards, they patiently created the exterior of the house using card and string to create the natural woven look which was a lot trickier than we thought it would be. Then came the roof, where accurate cutting skills were needed to create the cone shape, including the smoke outlet hole in the middle. After all the parts were constructed and fixed together, the final touches were added such as hay covered floors inside the house. We are so proud of the children for their wonderful creations and we can't wait to show you them in person during our Stone Age classroom event on Thursday 8th December.



All three classes have continued their netball lessons with Mr Walton, our PE specialist. During this week's lesson, we focused on shooting and practised previously learnt throwing, travelling and passing and pivoting skills. The children rose to the challenge and thoroughly enjoyed the mini competition to see whose team could score the most goals within two minutes. The children have greatly improved their netball skills over the past few weeks and we are looking forward to putting all of these skills together in some mini-games next week.

In PSHE this week, the children discussed the definition of the word 'secret', what it means to keep a secret and identified people who we may trust to keep our secrets. They then discussed different situations of when it was safe and appropriate to keep secrets (such as a surprise party) and when it was necessary to break someone's confidence and share a secret if it was putting someone at risk or made them feel uncomfortable. The children did brilliantly with recognising the difference and the importance of seeking advice and help from trusted adults when secrets were inappropriate to keep.



Well done Year 3 and 4! We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

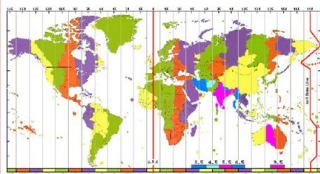
Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson and Miss Clapham.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In computing, we have been creating a blog on Purple Mash. We are using the research and learning we undertook, on the Vikings and Anglo Saxons, to write our blog posts. As we continue to work through the unit, we will learn how to embed videos and hyperlinks.

As part of our PSHE lessons, we have been holding class debates with one another. In addition to learning about the nature of debate, we have been taught the importance of listening carefully to someone's point of view then responding with an appropriate question relating to the point raised; this has not been easy as we are not allowed to just voice our own opinion! We also discussed the way in which debates take place in the House of Commons.



Within our science lessons, we have been learning about night and day. In addition to developing our understanding about the Earth's rotation, we discussed the impact of international time zones. The children were especially interested to learn about the International Date Line.

Please check that your child has their named indoor and outdoor PE kits in school every day. It may be necessary to have PE on a different day due to the weather or hall being in use.

Please do not hesitate to contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod

YORK CONCERT BAND

Last Chance to get Tickets!

We hope you can join us on **Friday 2nd December** when **York Concert Band** join us to perform their Christmas Concert. The event will run from **7.30-9.30pm** in our **School Hall**.

This is an amazing opportunity to hear some wonderful Christmas songs and even a carol or two!

Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £3.50 for children. Payment details are in the letter or email ralphbutterfield.pta@gmail.com



Christmas Eve Treat Bags

LAST WEEK FOR ORDERS!

Please get your orders in for Christmas Eve Treat Bags this week

The Treat Bags will be **£5** and include:

- Hot chocolate and marshmallows
- Reindeer food (bird safe)
- A candy cane
- Elf kisses
- A decoration to paint
- Marshmallow snowman to build
- Plus one or two other little Christmas activities



They are perfect little gift for Christmas Eve for your own children or friends. All profits go to the school and we know the children love them! Please order by **Friday 2nd December 2022**

There are also details on the Order Form for those who receive free school meals through the pupil premium scheme.

The BIG Christmas Prize Draw

Thank you to everyone that has bought tickets so far!!

It will be drawn on **Friday 9th December** at 4.30pm and tickets are **£1 a ticket**

We have food and chocolate hampers, £50 Amazon voucher, Boden vouchers, Bettys hamper, Beauty and hair treatments, lots of family days out and of course our star prize a Nintendo Switch Lite. There are over 25 prizes to be won!

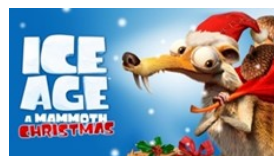
Here is the Prize Draw [link!](#)

CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT on **THURSDAY 1st December**

Year 1-3 – 4.30pm – 5.45pm

showing 'Shrek the Halls' and 'Ice Age Mammoth Christmas'

with hot dogs, crisps/popcorn and squash will served with a break in between.



Year 4-6 – 6.00pm – 7.45pm showing **Home Alone**

Again, hot dogs, crisps/popcorn and squash will served.



Christmas onesies, PJs, jumpers and a cushion/rug to sit on are encouraged but not essential (please label with names!)
There will be vegetarian hot dogs available.

Dance Festival

As a school, we are immensely proud of all the children in the Year 3/4 dance club who took part in the Yorkshire Schools' dance festival last Saturday. They worked incredibly hard to learn all of the moves and this was evident in their performance on the day. There were over 1000 people in the audience; this takes a lot of courage in order to perform to a crowd of that size. Thank you to the parents/carers who brought their child/children to the festival and for supporting us throughout our practises. On a personal note, a special mention to Mrs Reeves and Miss Dawson, who worked with myself, for giving up their time on Saturday and Thursdays after school, and for their support and help in order to sort out the organisational and administrative requirements in order to attend such an event. Thank you to you all!



Joseph Rowntree Leaders

Last Friday, a group of Year 9 pupils, from Joseph Rowntree School, came and worked with the three KS1 classes to deliver an active PE session. It was lovely to see the children engaged and active throughout the sessions and to see young leaders inspiring our children.

Cross Country County Final

On Thursday 10th November, Isobel and Heidi represented the school at the Cross Country County final in Settle. I just wanted to say thank you and well done to the girls for taking part and doing so well. I am also very grateful to the parents/carers who transported them all the way to Settle.

Mrs J. Atkinson - PE Leader.

Not going to school every day can make your child more worried about going in.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



This Week's Attendance



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

During the day, we encourage every child to eat a healthy snack at our morning breaks. Children receive a subsidized carton of milk each day until they turn five years old. If your child is five or over and you would like them to receive a daily carton of milk, this can be arranged through the Cool Milk scheme. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

FREE and subsidised school milk
Register your child today!

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?

- Child under 5?**
Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.
Register your child online for FREE school milk today.
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Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term.
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Haxby & Wigginton's Got T LENT

Saturday 3rd December 2022
3pm - 6pm

Join
Haxby & Wigginton Traders Association
along with YO1 Radio and HTC for
an afternoon of fun and Christmas
tree light switch on on the Green, Haxby

Spot Prizes
Fancy dress dog competition
On stage performances

For Further Details
please email info@hw1.biz

Get your application in by:
15 January 2023

Apply online

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, apply online now for a Reception place to start school in September 2023.

- Log onto <http://york.gov.uk/ParentPortal>
- More information york.gov.uk/PrimarySchoolAdmissions

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