



November Newsletter

As the frantic yet wonderful festive season arrives there is lots going on. I have tried to outline as clearly as possible the events and who this involves. Please be patient with us as there is lots of organisation to be done to ensure that the children have the best Christmas activities we can offer them.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to welcome some new babies within the staff team. Mrs Adam's baby girl and Mrs Sharratt's baby boy were both born in October, and Mrs Tiffany had her baby boy in November. All are doing well and we are hoping to meet them soon.

Mr Kirk is now teaching in Snowdrop and Mrs Jolly and Mrs Davis will be covering in Daffodil when Mrs Russell commences her maternity leave in December. This week we have appointed another Mrs Clarke to cover Buttercup when our Mrs Clark begins her maternity leave in February

HARVEST THANK YOU, A MESSAGE FROM THE YORK FOODBANK.

I am writing just to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for arranging a harvest collection this year, for your efforts and very thoughtful food donations. Thanks in no small part to the generosity of your children, parents and staff we are entering the normally very busy winter months with a much replenished warehouse of emergency food supplies. We don't take your decision to help us for granted at all and would like to convey our appreciation to everyone involved, we really couldn't maintain the provision for local families without you!

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Thank you once again, and wishing you a happy and healthy half term ahead.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

Our FORW did an amazing job organising our Christmas Fair that was enjoyed by so many of you and your children. They are a small team of dedicated people who work hard to raise money to provide those much appreciated extras for school. If you are interested in joining this group or simply volunteering to help with their events please let the admin team and they will pass your details on to the committee.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We would love one or more volunteers to help our school librarians run our library at lunchtime. If you could spare 45 minutes on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday lunchtime please see the office staff. Thank you.

Of course we are also always on the lookout for parent volunteers in school to help with swimming!

PHOTO AND VIDEO PERMISSIONS

We have an ever growing number of children in school who do NOT have permission to have their images shared. As a result we must ask that you do not try to capture this on your devices. Thank you for respecting the privacy of our children.

STEM COMPETITION ENTRIES

Well done to all our children who entered the STEM competition this half term. The entries were amazing, we have some real engineers in the making!

DANCE FESTIVAL

Well done to our dance team who danced their socks off at the dance festival. You were amazing ambassadors for our school!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You have told us that early notice of school events is appreciated so we are working hard to make this a reality. Here are some of the dates for the new academic year. More will be added as they are confirmed.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday 7th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day
Friday 8th December	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 11th December	FS2 and Year 1 to the Christmas tree festival at the church
Tuesday 12th December	Carol Concerts 9.30 3WG, 4AB, 5HB, 6EL 11.00 3BK, 4JM, 5LD, 6HH 2.00 4EC, 5DT, 6ED Preschool Christmas Outfit day
Wednesday 13th December	Preschool Christmas crafts Choir to Forest Court 2pm Flowers concert for parents outside Jake's Tree house 2.30pm 5-6pm Trees Nativity Performance

Thursday 14th December	Preschool Christmas party Open the Book assembly 2-3pm Trees Nativity Performance	
Friday 15th December	Christmas Discos FS2 and KS1 4.30-5.30 KS2 5.45-6.45 Santa's Grotto	
Monday 18th December	Rock Band performance in assembly Preschool Christmas play 9.30am FS2 party	
Tuesday 19th December	FS2 trip to the library Year 1 and Year 2 parties	
Wednesday 20th December	Year 5 Party am Year 6 Party pm	
Thursday 21st December	Year 4 party am Year 3 party pm	
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas holidays at noon. (There will be no lunches or After School Club)	
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 8th January 2024	School opens for Spring term	
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term	
HALF TERM		
Monday 19th February	School opens	
Tuesday 27th February	Parents of KS2 to look at their child's books in the white and brown halls. Parents of KS1 to look at books in classrooms.	
Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY	

Week commencing 11th March	Parent teacher appointments	
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter holidays	
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 8th April	School opens for summer term	
Friday 12th April	STAFF TRAINING DAY	
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - school closed	
Week commencing 13th May	Key Stage 2 SATS tests	
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term	
HALF TERM		
Monday 3rd June	School opens	
Monday 10th June	Class photos	
Wednesday 12th June	6-7pm New Reception Parents meeting	
Friday 14th June	Sports Day	
Friday 21st June	Back up Sports Day	
Monday 24th June	New classes announced	
Friday 28th June	STAFF TRAINING DAY	
Week commencing 1st July	SPORTS WEEK	
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Year 4 Trip to Murton Park	

Tuesday 16th July	Reports to parents Year 6 performance
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 performance Graduation
Friday 19th July	School closes for Summer holidays

We have also added these dates to the school calendar on our website for your reference.

Best wishes Donna Bedford

Headteacher

DON'T MISS THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHANCE TO WATCH THE MINSTER BELLES!

We are excited to have launched ticket sales for our next game here at the LNER Community Stadium for a festive feel fixture on Sunday 3rd December against Middlesbrough Women.

All our games are aimed at the whole family with Under 11's FREE for general admission. We would love to see lots of you down at the LNER to cheer on the Minsterbelles at the LNER Community Stadium. A Variety Of Ticket Options Are Available However General admission Prices Are Standard £5 / 11 and Under FREE.

Tickets are on sale via: https://www.yorksmc.co.uk/buy-tickets?ftredirect=1

