



1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a brilliant week in school and we are so excited about the start of Christmas!

### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be on **Monday 18th December from 2.30pm**. If you, or someone you know, would like a stall, the cost is £5 and a Prize donation for our Raffle/Tombola. There is limited space for stalls, so please contact the school office if you are interested.

### Careers Day and Careers Mark Award

We had our first careers day of the year on Wednesday. All children were introduced to the career they will spend the year learning about. Year 4 had a visitor from 'With me in mind' who talked all about their role as a mental health practitioner.

We are found out this week that we have been awarded the **Career Mark** which recognises excellence in careers curriculums in primary schools!



### Dodge Ball

On Tuesday, some Y3 and Y4 pupils represented school at a dodgeball tournament at the New College. They played against 8 other teams and came 5<sup>th</sup> overall. We were incredibly proud of how amazingly the pupils represented the school on this trip and their behaviour and efforts were exemplary. They really were Simply The Best!



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### EYFS trip- Sundown

All our early year's children had a fantastic time at Sundown Adventureland! The cold weather didn't stop them having a great time; they went on rides, loved the play areas and even got to meet Santa Claus!



### Climate Action Week

This week we had a fantastic time across school as we learnt about Climate Change including what it actually is and how these long-term shifts in temperature and weather patterns are impacting Earth. Some of us were shocked to discover that it is human activities that is the main driver for climate change and if we do not make changes then the Earth will continue to warm up at an unprecedented rate. In EYFS and Key stage 1, we pledged how we are going to positively impact our climate whilst in Key Stage 2 we became real life climate change superheroes as we considered not only the impact on our Earth but also on our City of Doncaster.



### Times table

Starting next week, we will be having a new approach to times tables in school. Children will have the chance to earn certificates to show that they have mastered certain times tables. Certificates will be awarded for mastering the following:

- 2s, 5s and 10 times tables
- 3s, 4s and 8 times tables
- 6s, 7s and 9 times tables
- 11 and 12 times tables





Children need to practise on Times Table Rockstars as much as possible. Once TTRS tells us that they know all of the times tables that they are working towards, or the children think that they are ready and request it, they will be given a timed challenge to see if they really know them. If they get most of these correct, they will advance to the next set of times tables and be awarded the certificate. We will be talking to children about this today in assembly and cannot wait to see how well they do.

### **Sponsored Santa Dash**

On **Friday 8th December** we are having a sponsored Santa Dash to raise money for school resources. All children will be taking part and doing a lap of the large field at the back of the school! Children can come up in Santa or Christmas dress up! The child from each key stage who raises the most money will win a Christmas prize. Sponsorship forms will be coming home next week. We really hope that you can support us.

### **Christmas Production Ticket Sale**

All tickets are £1 each and will be on sale on Parentpay soon. We will then send purchased tickets to parents with the children the day before the performance. The number of tickets available per session is determined by hall capacity and the number of children taking part in each performance. This is due to health and safety requirements.

### **KS1 Christmas Production**

Monday 11.12.23

10am & 2pm

1 ticket per parent per performance

### **F2 Christmas Production**

Tuesday 12.12.23

10am & 2.30pm

2 tickets per parent per performance

### **F1 & No.1 Christmas Production Morning Children and All day children**

Wednesday 13.12.23

9.15am

3 tickets per parent per performance

### **F1 & No.1 Christmas Production Afternoon Children and All day children**



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Wednesday 13.12.23

2.45pm

5 tickets per parent per performance

### KS2 The Greatest Show Christmas Production

Thursday 14.12.23

2pm & 5pm

3 tickets per parent per performance

### Safeguarding

New laws, new responsibilities? With the Online Safety Act now coming into effect, this week's guide highlights some key areas that the fresh legislation covers – and what this means for UK schools. If you have any questions about online safety, please leave a message at the office for Miss Brogan or Mrs Davey.

### Reading

Accelerated Reader

It looks like Reuben in 3B is one to watch: after winning last week's reading certificate for the most words read, he has done it again to claim back-to-back victories. For the most quizzes read this week we have Tomasz from 2K, showing KS2 exactly how it should be done. Well done to these two super readers!

As we look to engage our pupils into new and exciting stories, we are forever trying to make sure the books are appealing and eye-catching in the way they are housed around school – such as this example:





If you have any old chests or suitcases, we would be very grateful for any donations to go towards making the school environment more wonderful for the children.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick  
Principal

### **Diary Dates**

Attached are diary dates for the term. Obviously there may be circumstances where these have to change but we will do our best to give you plenty of notice.



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Thursday 07.12	Year 2 Trip to Cast to see a pantomime
Friday 08.12	Santa Dash – school fundraiser sponsored event
Monday 11.12	KS1 Christmas Production 10am and 2pm F2 & year 6 height and weight screening
Tuesday 12.12	F2 Nativity 10am & 2:30pm
Wednesday 13.12	F1/No 1 Christmas Production- 9.15 and 2.45
Thursday 14.12	KS2 Christmas production 2pm and 5pm
Friday 16.12.22	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 18.12	Christmas fair
Tuesday 19.12	Achievement assemblies Yr 3 – 9:15am Yr 4– 9:45am Yr 5 10:30am Yr 6 – 11am
Wednesday 20.12	No.1 and F1 end of term assemblies
Thursday 21.12	End of term assemblies F2 – 1:30pm Yr 1 – 2pm Yr 2 – 2:30pm
Friday 22.12	Christmas jumper day 50p donation Last day of term

