



14th December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

What an incredible week it has been! The Christmas concerts across school have been absolutely spectacular. A huge well done to our pupils for their excellent performances. It takes great resilience and confidence to learn so many lines and to perform on stage. The Key Stage 2 production last night was amazing. Thank you so much to all staff for their hard work in putting each show together. Parents and carers have been so supportive and complimentary about them.

On Wednesday we had an external review focusing on French and maths. The maths review was incredible. The lead was a former His Majesty's inspector for Ofsted and he continues to do school improvement work across the region. During the review, he watched every teacher and also visited the learning hub. He said that our maths lessons were the best he had ever seen! This is unbelievable praise and everyone should feel incredibly happy and proud. Our pupils were brilliant and showed excellent behaviours and attitudes to learning. The French curriculum also came out very strong.

In other amazing news, the Doncaster KS2 league tables are out. Out of 139 schools, we are at the top for reading progress! 18th for maths and 34th for writing. We are also 10th for overall performance for disadvantage pupils. This is sensational data for our school. You can find out more using the link below:
<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=371&geographic=la&for=primary&basedon=Overall%20performance&show=Disadvantaged%20pupils>

Santa Dash

A massive well done to all our children who took part in the Santa Dash last week – they raised over £2000 pounds and sponsor money is still coming in!! We will provide our parents with an itemised break-down of expenditure so you can see that it will directly impact on our pupils. Ticket sales from productions and the raffle will also be added to this. We are so grateful. We have already used some of this money to buy prizes for the end of term and to fund resources for pupils to make products for the Christmas gala next week.

The children who raised the most money and will be receiving their prizes today (sorry for the delay!!) are ...
KS2 – Lilly-May Tunney £156





KS1 – Maddison Bunney £90

EYFS – Nellie and Logan-Joshua Slack – who both raised £145!

Christmas Party Day

On Wednesday 20th December, each class will be having a Christmas party and **can come to school ready in their party clothes!**

For this party, children can bring in some party food. If you are able to make a small contribution, this would be greatly appreciated. All letters should have been sent home with a request for your child's class (but if it hasn't a pack of biscuits never goes a miss!). Please remember that we are a nut aware school so we avoid nuts!

If your child has a dietary requirements, if you could please send them with their own packed lunch for the party this will help us to monitor food

If you make something yourselves, please include a copy of the ingredients or keep in original packaging if you buy your donation.

Christmas Fair

Monday 18th December is our Christmas fair from 2:30pm.

Children can be collected from their usual exits from this time. Please complete the form that has been sent on parentmail so we know which children will be collected at 2:30pm. If we do not receive this form, we will not be able to release pupils until 3.30.

If you are unable to collect them, they can bring a named envelope with some money in and a member of staff will take them around the fair. The fair will be cash only so make sure to bring your change! Children will be making money to sell.

Achievement assemblies.

Below are the times for achievement assemblies next week. A zoom link will also be sent via parentmail if you are unable to attend in person. However please note, we cannot guarantee the link will be good quality.

Following the assembly, you will be invited into your child's class to review their learning from the term.

Tuesday 19.12	Achievement assemblies Yr 3 – 9:15am Yr 4– 9:45am Yr 5 10:30am Yr 6 – 11am
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Wednesday 20.12	No.1 and F1 end of term assemblies No. 1 9:30 & 2:30 held in No.1 F1 9:15 – 2:45 held in F1.
Thursday 21.12	End of term assemblies F2 – 1:30pm Yr 1 – 2pm Yr 2 – 2:30pm

Safeguarding

This week's free online safety guide focuses on going tech-free at Christmas. It highlights a number of tips such as making your own Christmas decorations, baking festive treats and going for a winter walk.

If you have any questions please ask Mrs Davey or Miss Brogan.

Reading

Accelerated Reader

In the penultimate week before the Christmas break, the children in 4D have knocked out the rest of the competition in school. We have Basit who has completed the most quizzes this time round and the return of Micah for the most words read. Marvellous efforts from these two children indeed!

Learning with Parents

Thank you to all the parents who have registered and are using the online reading journal. We have only 13 families left to join. Please call at the office if you would like guidance on how to use the journal or how to log on. We would like ALL families to be registered by Christmas.

Parent Plea!

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 these below. If you have, or know of anybody who does, wooden chests or old suitcases or unwanted scarves/ fabrics then we would be truly grateful for any donations.





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Best wishes,

Miss Austwick
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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. Spring Term dates will be sent out next week.

Friday 16.12.22	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 18.12	Christmas fair
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Friday 22.12	Christmas jumper day 50p donation Last day of term



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