

Newsletter December 2022



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day – slight change to what was previously communicated

On Wednesday 14th December we will be having our Christmas dinner. This will be free to all children, pre-ordered through Willoughby Foods.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and other Free School Meals children - if you would prefer them not to have Christmas lunch, and you have a Willoughby Foods account please login and change the selection to something else by Thursday 1st December.

Rest of the school – if you have already ordered and paid for a meal, this will be credited back to your account by Willoughby Foods. If you have not ordered a meal and do not have an account we will provide a Christmas lunch free of charge. If you prefer your child not to have the lunch and you will provide a pack up, please tell us by Thursday 1st December.

This will also be our Christmas Jumper day to raise funds for Save the Children. You do not have to go and buy a new jumper. Details of the 'Christmas Jumper Exchange' the PTFA are organising went out via Parentmail on 22nd November. Children can wear any red/ green/Christmassy/ glittery t-shirt/top or jumper with their school uniform trousers or skirts and bring £1 to donate to Save the Children.

Christmas Cards

We have a post box in school which will be available from Monday 5th December for children to post their cards into.

Last day of term

Swimming will take place as normal. Green and Blue class will have the chance to do PE all afternoon on the last day of term, if they wish to. To save any confusion can both classes come in their PE kit on this day. Yellow class will not be doing PE, can they come in school uniform please.

Bad weather

If we have to close the school during the school day due to bad weather, we will message parents. This is not a decision we take lightly and it is always a last resort. Please be aware, we have to ensure our staff can get home safely. If there has been bad weather overnight and school is not opening, we will text you. It will be on local radio but this takes some time to show on the radio websites and news bulletins once we have notified them.

New Teacher in January 2023

Due to our unexpected and very welcomed increase in pupils, we can announce there will be an additional teacher joining us from January. Mrs Saxon will be supporting Mrs Richardson across EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, working on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's.

PE days Green, Blue and Yellow Classes

When Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 do PE can they bring their school shoes to change in to after PE. Years 1 and 2 need to do the same but only on a Friday please.

Nativity

On Thursday 8th December all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are performing their Nativity in the village church. Parents can park in the Community Centre car park. Please go through the gates and turn right towards the church, parking on the grass. There is a gate there so you can get to the church. Performances start at 1.30 and 5.30pm lasting no more than 1hr.

The Church Warden has asked if we could mention the following: The church would very much appreciate any donations towards the running costs and heating of the church. Collection plates will be at the back of the church.

Breakfast Club

All children need to be walked round to the hall and handed over to an adult unless they are in Year 5/6. Could you also tell everyone who drops your child/children off, to do the same. Due to a significant increase in children using breakfast club (which is great!) can we ask parents to book them in by Friday 12 noon, whenever possible. Knowing how many children will be in will ensure we have enough staff. The cost will be refunded if you cancel.

Children in Need

Thank you everyone who donated, we raised £101.

Change to school opening hours from September 2023

Government requirements for how long schools are open for will change in September 2023. To make sure we comply with the new guidelines we have to extend our school day 10 mins. Lessons will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. Reception children will finish at 3.05pm. The school gates will open at 8.35am to give children 10 minutes to put their belongings away and be ready to learn from 8.45am.

Diary Dates

These can now be viewed on our website

November

28th to 2nd Dec: Assessment week Years 1 – 6. Results will be shared with parents before the end of term.

December

8th Thursday: Nativity (Red & Yellow Classes) at the church. Two performances at 1.30pm and 5.30pm, everyone welcome.

12th and 13th: Christmas crafts in school. Please can children bring in a named carrier bag to take things home

14th Wednesday: Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

14th Wednesday: Christmas Carols around the school tree on the playground. Everyone welcome, 5.30pm.

15th Friday: Last day of term. We will finish at normal time.



Merry Christmas!



January

4th Wednesday: Back to school

February

3rd Friday: Young Voices Trip to Sheffield

March

Parents evening will be scheduled for this month

April

May

Year 2 SATs will take place in May – date to be confirmed

8th Monday: School is closed for Kings Coronation

9th – 12th: Year 6 SATs

16th Tuesday: Class Photos pm

June

5th: Multiplication tables check for Year 4's will take place during 5th to 16th.