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Headteacher's Update

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the weekend. No children in our school have tested positive for Covid-19 again this week. We have also really enjoyed welcoming Mrs Walker and Mrs Greenwood back into school this week.

I am sure you would agree that the children deserve as much additional joy as possible bringing into their lives, in the wake of such tricky times, and the festive season is a wonderful time to do this in school! I am pleased to be sharing with you the Christmas plans that we have put in place for our children to have fun with, including virtual theatre performances and parties; hopefully you will be able to enjoy a couple of the events too.



You will see that there are lots of opportunities for the children to wear more casual clothing, including full non-uniform days on December 10th (please see PTA section of the newsletter) and on age specific party days.



Seasonal Celebrations

Christmas Craft Day



Fri 3rd Dec

We are really excited about this special craft day; teachers have worked together to source some fantastic resources and we can't wait for you to see the finished products. Let's get crafting!

Please send your child to school with something old and long sleeved, to cover their regular uniform.

An old long sleeved top or an oversized shirt would be perfect.

w/c 6th Dec

Riding Lights Theatre Christmas Production (film)

Each class will have the opportunity to watch this Christmas production in their classrooms.

w/c 6th Dec

Magic Hatter Magician (virtual show)

Magic and laughter for each class.



Fri 10th Dec

Christmas Non-Uniform Day (PTA event)

Welcoming donations of sweets/chocolate (no nuts) Thank you for your support.

Fri 10th Dec

Christmas Tombola & Hot Chocolate (PTA event)

Visit the school playground, **from 3:20pm**, to try your luck on the tombola and purchase a delicious hot chocolate

w/c 13th Dec

Christmas Jumpers & Festive wear

We welcome children to replace their school sweatshirt/cardigan (only) with a Christmas jumper throughout the week.



w/c 13th Dec

Christmas Parties

Please send your child in non uniform on the day of their party

Reception Mon 13th Year 1 & 2 Tues 14th Year 3 & 4 Weds 15th Year 5 & 6 Thurs 16th



w/c 13th Dec

Christmas Singing each morning (8:55am)

Parents/Carers are welcome to wait in the playground, after drop off, and listen to their child(ren)'s class/year group sing on the following days:

Reception Mon 13th Class 3 Tues 14th Class 4 Weds 15th Class 5 Thurs 16th Years 3-6 Fri 17th

w/c 13th Dec

Christmas Nativity (Reception, Year 1 & 2)

Pre-recorded Nativity productions will be sent home via an online link. Tissues at the ready!

Thur 16th Dec

Christmas Dinner

Please preorder via ParentPay (special event) by Tues 30th Nov **and** also in the normal way. Thank you.





I just want to say how proud the staff at school are of the children who took part in the York Schools Dance Festival last Saturday. Their performance was amazing, they smiled throughout and enjoyed the whole experience. The behaviour of the children was impeccable on the day and they really did us proud.

It has not been easy for the dance group to practise due to illnesses, isolations and staff absences but they took it all in their stride and it didn't phase them.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Topliss, Miss Dawson, Mrs Schippers and Mrs Reeves for giving up their time and expertise to help with choreographing dances, assisting at dance club and coming along on the day.

Mrs Atkinson

Please help us to spread the word about our open event. Thank you



Ralph Butterfield **Primary School**

For children starting school in September 2022,
we warmly invite families to come and visit us on

Wednesday 1st December 2021
4:15pm - 6:00pm



OPEN EVENT

*'Releasing the magic in our children,
staff and school community'*

Accepting applications from both inside and
outside of our catchment area

Come and tour our welcoming school, whilst
also taking the opportunity to meet staff and
current pupils

Headteacher welcome talks are being held at
both **4:30pm & 5:45pm**

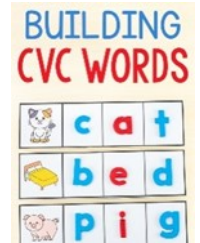
(come to whichever suits you best)

Please email us for more information and to
register your attendance

Ralphbutterfield.school@york.gov.uk



In phonics this week, we have been applying our knowledge of the sounds we have learnt so far in our writing. It has been a pleasure to see the children's confidence and ability, blossom! The children have been segmenting the sounds in simple -three sound- words. (for example cat, map, pig).



In Maths we have been focussing further upon our maths mastery skills in developing a greater understanding of numbers. We have explored addition to 5 this week using the part whole model. This can simply be created using paper and felt tips at home by splitting any 5 objects you can find – apples, lego, socks. Use your imagination! How many ways can they make 5?

The children have really impressed us with their enthusiasm in learning the Nativity songs. This week we learnt more about the story of the Nativity. The children have had the opportunity to dress up and act as characters through provision opportunities. Showing their understanding of the story, the children developed their fine motor cutting skills when making a nativity scene piece of art. The excitement is building for our upcoming Nativity film with each rehearsal that passes, we hope you are feeling the excitement too!



Have a great weekend!

Miss Knowles & the EYFS team



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

This week we have enjoyed a visit from Teddy and Speedy... Mrs Atkinson's tortoises. Everyone was amazed to meet them and find out many fascinating facts about our reptile visitors. We then used these facts to write our own super reports on Teddy and Speedy!



Our PSHE focus this week has centered around learning about different types of families and how our families look after each other and keep each other safe. The children have explored what their own families are like and compared these to families that we have learnt about. Through this work, the children have also learnt that it is important to talk, and who to talk with, if they don't feel safe, this includes a trusted adult.

Well done to everyone who has logged onto Bug Club this week! We love reading on Bug Club as it helps to build up our fluency and expression, which we are enjoying hearing in our Guided Reading sessions too! It also helps to practise our comprehension skills when answering the bug questions... Don't forget you can earn gold coins and buy treats for your bug!



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

It has been another busy and active week for the children in Year 3 and 4. The children completed their shadufs and we have been delighted, not only with the resulting models but the way the children have re-designed and problem solved, as they have worked to complete their models. We have also been pleased to see the cooperation they have demonstrated in supporting each other with the task.



In PSHE lessons this week, the children have been thinking about 'respect' and what it actually means. They decided that it is 'treating others the way we would like to be treated' and they came up with examples of how we can show respect but also thought of examples of how people show disrespect. When discussing things as a class and in groups, they were very good at explaining their thoughts and ideas clearly showing a good understanding.

In PE, the three classes have been super – active in different ways. Class 6 have been busy competing in a virtual Tri-golf competition and Mrs Petruso has been pleased with how well they have learned the skills and completed the tasks. Meanwhile, Class 8 have continued to work on team building with Mr Stephenson from Total Sports. Class 7 have been enjoying REAL PE lessons with the expert guidance of Mrs Topliss our PE specialist.



Well done Year 3 and 4, another great week! Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

We hope you have a lovely, restful weekend.

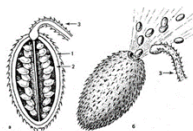
Miss Hodgson, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Petruso and Miss Clapham.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

We have been writing persuasive texts in English this week using a range of different techniques: modal verbs, alliteration, metaphors and rhetorical questions. We considered the audience and purpose when planning our leaflets.

BRAND NEW!



In science, we learnt about seed dispersal. We spent some time looking at different methods plants use to ensure that their seeds travel far and wide in order to locate sufficient space, light and nutrients to grow. A particular favourite of the children was the squirting cucumber!

During Interfaith Week, we have considered the faiths in our local and national community. The children understand the importance of celebrating our differences and considered how they could encourage community cohesion by creating a plan for an interfaith event.



Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod



Interfaith Week

This week the school have been celebrating Interfaith Week. Classes have been talking about different faiths, celebrated their differences and discussed their similarities. Children have had the opportunity to consider the breadth of faith in our local and national community and the importance of acceptance in our society.



Mr Tod – Computing & RE Subject Lead



Christmas Eve Treat Bags

Last week to order Christmas Eve Treat bags!

A great little gift on Christmas Eve. Including hot chocolate, reindeer food (wildlife friendly), some sweet treats, activity sheet and a decoration to decorate.

Order Forms (which is an envelope) have gone out and they will be **£5 each** and all money raised will go to school. The deadline for orders will be **Friday 3rd December**

Please pop all completed forms with cash/cheque inside in the Post Box in the playground

ALL Children in receipt of free school meals the through pupil premium scheme will automatically receive a Treat Bag unless you would prefer them not to (please speak to Mrs Moss or Mrs Robinson).



The BIG Christmas Prize Draw

More AMAZING prizes have been added to the growing list including:

- £50 Amazon gift voucher donated by Britcab
- Frogz Coda Wireless Bluetooth On-Ear Headphones with Built-In Microphone donated by GadgetWear
- Marks and Spencer's Christmas Hamper
- The Curious Coffee Company £5 Gift Voucher and Reusable Cup
- Thora and the Prince Reed Diffuser



This is the link: [RBs BIG Christmas Prize Draw](#) or this QR code. It will be drawn on Friday 10th December.

Thank you to all the local businesses and parents who have generously donated prizes!



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 10th December!



A chance for children to get their best Christmas clobber on – jumpers, Christmas hats, festive dresses, jolly-holly socks etc. Please wear sensible shoes though!

In return we would like you to donate a **sweets /chocolate item** (NO NUTS), which we can use on a chocolate tombola which will be run after school on the same day (Friday 10th December) when we will be also be selling Hot Chocolate and biscuits again.



We can't hold our normal Christmas Fair – but we hope this spread a little Christmas spirit with an Afternoon Treat before the last week of term!



Joanne Barrow—Chair PTA





As a school we have been taking part in virtual competitions during the pandemic. During lockdown last year, the pupils entered home challenges to try and win competitions for school. The York Sports Partnership have continued with this and are now holding a home football challenge for all children in Years 1 to 6. It would be great if as many pupils as possible could take part and represent our school. Additional details and competition instructions are attached to this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Atkinson



Booking School Dinners—Important, please read



If your child(ren) would like a school dinner, can we please ask that you ensure you have booked this on ParentPay? If a dinner is not booked on ParentPay, there is no dinner for that child as the kitchen prepare fresh meals daily based on the numbers. To clarify, dinners can be booked in advance and no menu selection is needed at the point of booking. **Thank you.**



Snippets from the Log Books of Ralph Butterfield School



30th November 1932 - Dr Wilkinson visited the school to examine scholars aged 8 years as well as new beginners.

29th November 1934 - School closed for the royal wedding - The Duke of Kent to Princess Marina of Greece and Denmark



Could you work a School Crossing Patrol?

Your School Needs You!!

We are looking for a committed person to join our School Crossing Patrol Service for your School. You will be responsible for ensuring the safety of the children crossing.

Full training and uniform is provided.

£9.17 per hour, term-time only and up to 6 hours per week. Suitable for Job-Share.

The job is sociable, responsible and we welcome applications from people of all ages.

Applicants must be prepared to work in all weather conditions, be polite and able to communicate well.



For an informal chat about this opportunity,
please ring 07909 68509