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Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already completed the survey shared in a letter on Tuesday. It would be great if everyone could please spend 5 minutes completing this (if you have more than one child at the school, please complete it for each child). It is really good to know what parents/carers feel we are doing well, in addition to those areas that they feel we could further improve. Outcomes of the survey will be shared with you in the New Year and information actioned as appropriate. The survey can also be accessed by clicking on the link below.

[Please click here to complete the parent/carer survey](#)

Just a reminder too that all of the upcoming Christmas events, many of which parents/carers are invited to join, were shared in last week's newsletter. They are also on the school website calendar, which can be accessed by scrolling down the home page or [clicking here](#).



Have a lovely weekend.

Liz Clark

Road Safety

We would again like to encourage families coming to school in a car, to please park away from the school site. This enables the section of road directly alongside the school to be so much safer for our children. Thank you for helping to reduce the congestion on Station Road, whilst children and families are making their way both to and from school.



Christmas Jumper Day



Thursday 7th December

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas/Festive jumper instead of school sweatshirt/cardigan (only). Donations are entirely optional and will be collected via ParentPay.



Flu Vaccination

The school vaccination team have asked us to share the following dates of some 'catch up' clinics; children who were absent on the day the nurses visited our school, can attend one of the clinics below. Please note that appointments need to be made in advance.

Clinics are at Regus House Clifton Moor, YO30 4XL

Monday 4th December, Wednesday 13th December and Friday 15th December (3-4pm each day)

Please call 01904 237680 to book an appointment



This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.

Going to school **every day** can help your child experience new things.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



News from the Pupil Council

New Key Stage 2 Lunchtime Routine (Years 3-6)

The pupil council have been extremely busy over the last half term. During our meetings, we put forward the idea of improving the Key Stage 2 (KS2) lunch hall experience and, between us, came up with the fantastic idea of including our house teams into our lunch hall experience. After our initial ideas, we wrote to Mrs Clark asking if we could trial our idea and we were delighted that we were able to. So we got busy and started organising everything! This took a lot of time and effort from the pupil council members as there was lots to do to put our ideas into practice.

Each KS2 member of the pupil council took on an important role to ensure that everything would be ready. We met with Mrs Clark and the midday supervisors to explain the new routine, informed the kitchen staff, met with the Year 6 lunch time callers and we came up with a brilliant plan of how to rotate the houses around each day so everyone gets a chance to be called in for their lunch first in their house. This week, we held an informative assembly to explain the new routine to all of the KS2 children and teachers. We have also designed and created table signs / stands for each house and new signs for the lunch time callers. We think we have it all covered but, as pupil council members, we will also be around at lunch times in the hall over the next week to help and support our peers.

During the planning stages for this new routine, we identified lots of things that we believe will be a real bonus to our lunches. Not only do we get to become more united as a house and build our friendships with our house members, but there is also the added bonus of extra team house points for the tidiest table and brilliant, sensible and respectful behaviour in the hall. This new routine will also speed up the serving of lunches, reduce waiting time in the line and reduce the time queuing to wash our hands because of the smaller number of people going into the hall in a group.

The pupil council members are really looking forward to seeing their plans in action when this trial starts on Monday 4th December.



Thank you for supporting the pupil council members with their new idea. We will be asking for feedback from the KS2 children after the Christmas holidays to see what everyone thinks of the new routine.

Pupil Council Members

Football News

This week our Year 3/4 girls took part in their League competition at the Galtrees Centre in Easingwold. A big thank you to Easingwold Primary for organising a venue with floodlights so we could play at this late stage in the autumn term. Fielding a team of predominantly Year 3 girls (with one Year 4) and some having never played competitive football before, we produced some great performances.

Monday 27th November 2023

Huby 0-1 RBPS

The first game of any competition can be a slow burner as players get up to match speed and the pitch (think Kenilworth Road in 80s). This proved to be the case as RBPS started slowly but then spurned chance after chance before a powerful midfield run saw RBPS win the game in the last minute and get just rewards for their dominance.

Easingwold 0-5 RBPS

RBPS again started slowly missing a few early chances before clicking into gear and producing some great football. As the game developed, RBPS started to produce some slick passing to create and score several goals. The highlight of the game was RBPS's fifth goal that saw us play out from our rookie keeper (whose distribution was amazing) through our defender and into our winger who then slotted it into our midfielder who then squared it across to our striker for a tap in at the back post; a real team goal and one that both myself and Pep would have been proud of.

Huntington 6-0 RBPS

Having scored 17 goals in their previous two games, boasting players attached to Leeds United's Academy and a team made up mainly of Year 4s, RBPS showed bags of resilience and determination as they took on Huntington. Despite conceding 6, all our players acquitted themselves magnificently and even had a couple of chances to grab a couple of goals. I was impressed to see how our heads never dropped and we kept going till the end.

Competition: Year 3/4 girls League A									
League 1									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Huntington Primary Academy	3	3	0	0	23	0	23	9
2	Ralph Butterfield	3	2	0	1	6	6	0	6
3	Huby Ce Primary School	3	0	1	2	0	9	-9	1
4	Easingwold Primary School A	3	0	1	2	0	14	-14	1
5	Easingwold Primary School B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

All football training will now pause until after February half term when the nights start to lighten again. When we start up again, we'll be looking to give further opportunities to our Year 5/6 B team, Year 3/4 girls and our Year 3/4 boys. Our A team will also be entering the Primary Cup. As always, thank you to all parent / carers who have provided lifts, supported the team during matches and washed kit.

Mr Keaney



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week, the children have been enjoying practising their roles in our nativity 'I-Spy Christmas'. Bringing together the acting, character lines and songs has brought the nativity to life and we are very much looking forward to sharing it with you at our performance on Tuesday 12th December at 2:45pm.



Following on from our nativity work, we have also continued our 'Let's Celebrate' theme by exploring 'The Christmas Story'. The children have focussed on the characters in the story in our areas of provision through small world, role play and writing. They have also enjoyed making Christmas story spinners which we hope are helping the children to retell the story.

In **phonics**, this week, the teaching focus has been learning the digraphs **sh, th, ng** and **nk**. The children are continuing to work very hard to learn how to sound out and blend words and are enjoying being able to read labels, captions and short sentences. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and progress.



In **maths** this week, the children have revised all areas of their learning so far. They have shown off their skills in sorting and matching, comparing amounts and sizes, subitising numbers to 5, composition of numbers to 5 and day and night. The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their skills in all of these areas and shown that they have understood and retained this new knowledge. Well done!

On Friday, some exciting visitors arrived in Reception. The Christmas tricky word elves have arrived! The children were introduced to the tricky word elf challenge. Each day, the children will be looking out for the Christmas elves and reading their tricky words. We will keep you updated!



Reminder

Next Thursday, **Class 1** will be visiting Haxby library to return their books and choose new ones. Please remember to put the books and library card in their book bag. Thank you.



Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

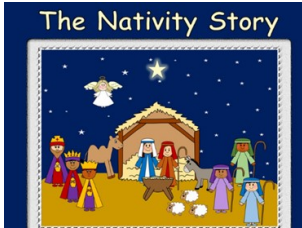
Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team





Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

We may be heading towards the end of 2023 but there is no sign of the children in Key Stage 1 winding down. We have been just as busy as ever as we head into this exciting time of year.



You may have heard your child humming or singing some of the songs from our Christmas production around the house. That's because rehearsals are in full swing for "The Nativity". We have all been working hard to put together a truly spectacular show full of dancing, narrating, acting, singing and, of course, lots of Christmas cheer and goodwill. The children are thoroughly enjoying this exciting project and are working so hard to make it special. We are all excited to see it come together and assure you that it will be a real showcase of our wonderful children's special talents. This week as part of the children's homework they have been provided with the song words to practise at home.

In our maths lessons this week, the children have been learning all about multiplication. This started with securing our understanding of the concept by learning about it as the repeated addition of equal groups. We represented our work with addition number sentences (e.g. $3+3+3+3+3$) and also with pictures and objects that we could separate into equal piles and count. We then moved onto displaying multiplications as arrays (grids of equal groups set out in columns and rows) and linking this to the multiplication symbol.

$$3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 12$$

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$



In English, we have been enjoying the story "The Runaway Iceberg". We enjoyed listening to the story and discussing it, looking at the illustrations and sharing our ideas. We then had a go at writing our own stories related to it, focusing on really clear sentences with accurate punctuation. We learned how to make our stories more interesting and fun to read by including adjectives and conjunctions to vary our sentence structures. The children had clearly enjoyed writing them because the finished stories were amazing!

Well done Key Stage 1. It is great to see that you are all working hard as we head into this busy and exciting part of the term.

Mr Merrall, Miss Griffiths, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson





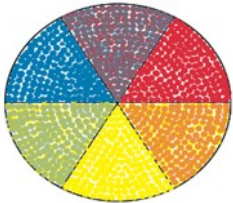
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

On Monday, we were delighted to hold our open classroom event to showcase all the exciting lessons we have undertaken as part of our learning about the Ancient Egyptians. The children were very eager and enthusiastic to share their knowledge of this period of history and involve their parents, carers and grandparents in some of their favourite activities from this topic. In the hall, the children had a 'splashing' time testing out their shadufs which they had planned, made and evaluated during a series of Design and Technology lessons. Alongside this, it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers taking up the challenge of building their very own Egyptian pyramids using sugar cubes. Whilst in the classroom, the children proudly showed off their clay cartouches, which they had made and expertly taught their adults all about hieroglyphics so that they could then have a go at writing a message for themselves. Adults, we were very impressed with your drawing skills! The children also really enjoyed sharing their 'mummified apple' experiment. It was fantastic that so many of you were able to join us for this special event. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed it!



In art this week, we have been learning about the colour wheel and understanding how the primary colours of red, yellow and blue can be mixed together to form secondary colours. Once we had the opportunity to practise making lots of different colours, we then recalled the painting technique known as Pointillism.

It was used by the artist Georges Seurat, who we have studied in a previous lesson, and involved using a series of small dots which then merge together to form an image or picture. Using cotton buds, we used the Pointillism technique to create our very own colour wheel. This was great fun and really helped us to consolidate our understanding of what happens when you mix different primary and secondary colours together.



Colour Mixing			
Red	+	Blue	= Purple
Yellow	+	Red	= Orange
Blue	+	Yellow	= Green
Red	+	Blue	+ Yellow = Brown
White	+	Red	= Pink
White	+	Black	= Grey

In PSHE this week, we welcomed some very special visitors from the R.N.L.I. into our school who kindly came to talk to us about the very important subject matter of water safety. Firstly, they talked to us about who their voluntary organisation are and what they do to ensure people stay safe near and in the water. They challenged us to think about the potential dangers we could face during a day trip to a beach or river - there were a lot more than we first thought! They also taught us the four golden rules of water safety: stop and think, stay together, float and, when necessary, call 999 or 112! Please ask your children about these to see if they can remember and explain these to you! The children asked some really insightful questions during the presentation and our visitors were very impressed with the children's behaviour. We were really proud of you!



We hope that you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

In English, we have been learning about how to write effective character and setting descriptions. As our inspiration, we used the character Fagin and his lair from the novel 'Oliver' by Charles Dickens. To improve the overall quality of our work, we have spent time using a thesaurus to learn a wider range of higher level vocabulary which was used to support our descriptions. We applied this figurative language within our descriptive paragraph.



This week, we have started our D&T project in which we have been tasked with making a model steam locomotive. Before designing our own locomotive, we began looking at a range of examples of real and model steam locomotives. Following this, we then drew detailed, labelled technical drawings showing front, side and rear views of our steam locomotive. Part of the process required us to carefully follow guidance before accurately measuring the materials required. Additional skills we will develop in the coming weeks will be the use of a hack saw and glue gun.

The Year 6 pupils welcomed Mr Messias back, who is working with them to guide them in how to be resilient and develop a positive growth mindset. This experience will be valuable as the year progresses and we move towards secondary school. We have additional sessions planned which we hope will support the year group with their learning over the coming months and later life.

Reminder:

UKS2 History open classroom event will take place on **Monday 11th December, 3.00pm - 3.40pm.**

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

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod

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**RB BIG
Christmas Prize Draw**
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**1st PRIZE
Nintendo
Switch Lite
worth £200**









Turn over for
more details.....



Christmas Eve Treat Bags



Order forms are out!

Please make sure you order your Christmas Eve Treat Bags and Baubles by Friday 8th December.

Please put completed forms in the PTA box, which is outside the school office.



Christmas Concert



Get your tickets now for this wonderful Christmassy event!

On **Friday 8th December**, we will be welcoming **York Concert Band** for an evening of live music!

The Christmas concert will be in the school hall, from 7pm - 9pm, with a short interval. Tickets are £6.00. During the interval, we will be selling refreshments and there will be a small raffle, with some wonderful prizes.



Cash and card payments are available on the night.

Please come along and bring family and friends to really get in the Christmas mood!

Get your tickets early via this link: [**CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS**](#)

BIG RB CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

We are really pleased to launch our **BIG RB Christmas Prize Draw** with our star prize being a Nintendo Switch Lite, worth £200!

Plus many more fab prizes including Amazon vouchers, hampers, family days out, Lego, gift vouchers and tickets.

We have had wonderful local support from some awesome Haxby and Wiggington businesses! We hope you can support this amazing fundraiser and please copy and share the link below with family and friends. Collection of prizes only.

£1 a ticket - drawn at 4.30pm on Friday 15th December

LINK: <https://raffall.com/348936/enter-affle-to-win-ralph-butterfields-christmas-prize-draw-hosted-by-ralph-butterfield-school-pta>

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Entry fee - Donations to the Hall





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Join Santa

**for Story time, tell him
your Christmas wishes & listen to his
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BOOK A SLOT: £2 per child . (including gift)

11.am, 11.30am, 12noon 12.30pm or 1pm

Send us a message @TheMemorialhall—Haxby

Text: 07989 193758 or

email fundraising@haxbymemorialhall.co.uk

With time, name and age of child.

Where: Haxby Memorial Hall

Christmas Fayre

When: Saturday 2nd December.



Haxby Memorial Hall

16 The Village

Haxby YO32 3HT

Charity No: 508205

Christmas Holiday Scheme

– with food



Open to all children in the area donation on the day or free for all children on free school meals (HAF).

There will be a light snack for lunch or bring your own packed lunch.

See below on how to book.



Wednesday 27th December

10am to 1pm

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Wednesday 3rd January 2024

10am to 1pm

Craft, Games Day with Face painting.



To book your place please email:

hmhholidayscheme@haxbymemorialhall.co.uk

or text 07989193758 (between 9am and 5pm)

Please note parents/carers must be present during the session.

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