

# NEWSLETTER



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And just like that we are in December! Frosty mornings and shorter days are upon us, but this is often the most exciting part of the year with so much going on....

## Christmas Fayre

What an amazing event this was! It was so nice to have old, new and present faces all be together with a fantastic buzz. A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time or donations to support the event. So much time goes into organising these things so a huge thank you must also go to the members of our P.S.A who worked tirelessly to make this a success with over £1,600 being raised.

## News from the PSA

Everyone from the PSA would like to say a massive thank you to you all, your generosity and support is amazing. Thank you so much for the fantastic donations from the non uniform day, all the donations went to raise a fantastic amount of money at the Christmas fayre. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who helped us set up/take down and people who manned the stalls, without you we would have struggled to stage such a fabulous event. Lastly a massive thank you to the school choir and everyone that came and supported our school, we hugely appreciate it, it meant that we could raise in excess of £1600 which is a fantastic amount of money that will go back into the pupils of the school. We truly can't believe the money raised so thank you so much.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone that purchased a Christmas Eve Craft Bag, these have now been all brought. Due to the interest in these we will be doing these again next year. Thank you again for purchasing these.

The next event we will be at is serving tea/coffee and mince pies at is the KS1 nativity on 7/12/23.

Following on from this we will be supporting the Santa dash on the 14/12/23 by again serving

tea/coffee and mince pies. More information on this will follow.

The money we have raised so far has paid for watches for Morpurgo Class to work along side class learning in telling the time.

We will also be providing a small gift for each child at the Christmas lunch on 8/12/23 as they are all entered into a raffle.

Thank you once again for your continued and fantastic support we do hugely appreciate it.

Many thanks

Katy, Laura, Caroline, Claire and Claire

## Thank you Cummins

Local company, Cummins, recently started working with us to help us provide the children with even more developments. They provided volunteers to paint our new developing reflection area (under our big tree) as well plants which will go here to provide an inviting sensory space. Not only this but they also donated a basketball net for our younger children and shed to help us with storage. If you know of any other companies who would be willing to work with us, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would love work with them.

## Home learning Showcase

We received some lovely feedback around our home learning showcase last term so we will be doing this again. After the Santa Dash on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec all children's home learning will be displayed in the hall for you to come and see and celebrate. It is a great opportunity for children to show off their hard work and efforts!



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## Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education is so important to us and our children, but for it to be as effective as possible children must be prepared for it. This means appropriate clothing and footwear. It is essential that children have a spare change of footwear, if they do not and we are not able to provide any within in school, they may have to partake in learning inside instead of out which would be a terrible shame.

## School Open Day

Last week we hosted an open day for perspective parents, the feedback we received was very positive with lots of fantastic comments on the attitudes and behaviour of our children – this was lovely to hear and again shows how great our children can be.

We are still showing perspective parents around, so if anyone is interested in seeing what we get up to please do not hesitate in telling them to get in contact with us to arrange a convenient time for them to come and see us.

## Christmas Lunch

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Lunch. We are inviting all children to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper with their school uniforms.

## Christmas Cards

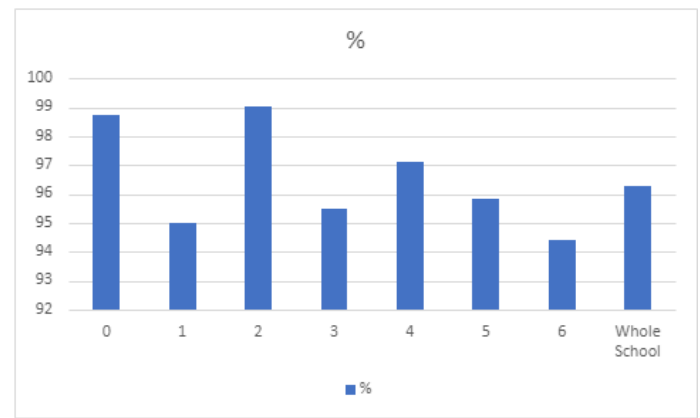
Christmas Cards may be bought into school for the children to post in the Christmas Post Box from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. These will then be distributed to bring home throughout the week.

## Important Dates

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Willoughby Christmas Lunch  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Service in Church 9.20am (all welcome)  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Santa Dash at the Village Hall (all welcome)  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Panto at the Cresset

## Attendance

Our attendance is currently at 96.37% which is good for this time of year with coughs and colds setting in. Please do bare in mind we do expect children have to have these sniffles and feeling groggy throughout winter, but often being in school busy with fresh air at lunch and break times can be the best place for them. There are lots of exciting things happening that we do not want children to miss, but there is also so much learning still to happen before we break up that is so important for children to be part of.



## Allergies

**Please remember**, we are a nut and kiwi free school. Any snacks or items in lunchboxes should not contain any nuts (*this includes nut-based chocolate spreads or cereal bars*) or any products containing sesame seeds.

