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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Dojo

A reminder for parents and carers following the letter sent out during the week that we will now be using the ClassDojo app as a whole school. The letter details all the features that will be used on ClassDojo. All parents and carers should have had login information sent; if there are any issues logging onto the app please direct questions to your child's class teacher or through the email enquiry system. This app is a brilliant way to open communication with parents / carers and share a personal insight into your child's school life. An information pack for parents, including tips and helpful videos to help navigate the app, will be sent out next week.

Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9th December, we will – once again - be taking part in the Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run in the school playground. Every child wishing to take part in this fun event, will receive a pair of reindeer antlers and will raise money for Wakefield Hospice by running/jogging/walking as many laps of the school running track as they can. Children are also invited to wear Christmas jumpers or tops as this date is also Christmas Jumper Day. Sponsor forms will be sent out with the children nearer the time.

Baby news

We are also absolutely thrilled to announce that Mrs Bateman gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Thea Iris Bateman on 6th November 2022, weighing 8lb 4oz. I'm sure you will all join us in congratulating Mrs Bateman and her family on this wonderful news!

Remembrance

Thank you to our wonderful school council for the Remembrance assembly this morning in the hall which included a minute's silence. We are very proud of all our children who were very respectful. Thank you to all our children/parents & carers for all your kind donations which will go to The British Legion.

Christmas Foodbank Collection

Our school council are collecting vital food items for our local foodbank this Christmas. All donations should be canned or packets and can be delivered to the school councillor in each classroom. Christmas items would be extremely welcome but we would like to collect as many staple food items as possible to help to prevent anybody going hungry in our community this Christmas. All donations can be delivered into school from Monday 14th November and will be donated to the Resource Foodbank before Christmas.



Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we will be taking part in 'Children in Need' Day and this year's theme is the 'Great Spot-tacular'. We invite children to wear non-uniform (spots if possible but not mandatory) for a donation to BBC Children in Need.

Music Lessons

In school, we offer fantastic musical opportunities for children to learn to play the drums, cello or guitar. These lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers who specialise in these instruments. We currently have spaces in all classes for these lessons, with a chargeable fee of £70.00 per term.



Key Term Dates

Please see attached dates for your diary for this half term. PTA dates have been added in bold for your attention:

Date	Event	Class
15.11.22	Year 4 INSPIRE event @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 4
17.11.22	Nursery Stay and Play @ 2-3pm (for all current nursery children)	Nursery Parents
18.11.22	Reception and Reception/Year 1 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 1
18.11.22	Children in need day	All children
22.11.22	Wakefield hospice assembly	All children
24.11.22	Open evening for new parents 4pm-5pm	Parents new to school
25.11.22	Year 3 INSPIRE event @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 3
25.11.22	Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school	All classes
25.11.22	Individual & family photographs with tempest	All children
02.12.22	Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles / sweets for the Christmas Fair.	All classes
05.12.22	Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Production 9.30am & 1.45pm	Year 3 & Year 4
05.12.22	Assessment week across school	All school
06.12.22	Early Years Christmas Production @ 10am & 2pm	Nursery, Reception, Reception/Year 1
07.12.22	Key Stage One Christmas Production @ 9.30am & 2pm	Year 1 (Parents welcome) Year 2
08.12.22	Upper Key Stage Two Christmas Production	Year 5 Year 5/6 Year 6
09.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day and Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run	All classes (school council event)
12.12.22	Christmas Fair after school @ 3.30pm	All families
13.12.22	Early Years Christmas Party 1.30pm	Nursery and Reception
14.12.22	School Christmas dinner	Reception to year 6
14.12.22	KS1 - Christmas Party @ 1.30pm	Year 1 & 2
15.12.22	Open evening for new parents @ 4pm-5pm	Parents new to school
15.12.22	UKS2 Christmas Party @ 10am	Year 5, Year 5/6 & Year 6
15.12.22	LKS2 Christmas Party @ 2pm	Year 3/4
16.12.22	Christmas Church visit @ 10PM	Reception to Yr6
16.12.22	Break up today	Whole school





Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Well done must go to Year 3 who achieved a fantastic 92.91%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week nursery has been thinking about positional language such as, on top, behind, in front, under, they have been brilliant at using this language to show where their mini me was hiding. In phonics this week we have been learning the initial sounds for 'm' and 'a' the children were able to identify the 'Maisie, Mountain, Mountain' phrase for 'm' and 'a, a apple' for a. Our topic this term is Let's Explore, we have been exploring light and dark and what happens to the earth to make it day and night, the children were very interested in this. Thanks for your support!

Miss Haigh and Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/ Year 1 we have continued to explore celebrations. We built a bonfire and cooked some chocolate bananas at the start of the week to celebrate Bonfire Night and discussed how to keep ourselves safe by a fire, creating fire safety posters to share what we had learnt. We also used a range of artistic materials, such as cotton buds, glitter and paint, to create some amazing firework and bonfire pictures. Towards the end of the week, we introduced the book 'Night Monkey Day Monkey' and discussed nocturnal and diurnal animals. We loved using the small world to create our own jungle for Night Monkey and Day Monkey to explore. In Maths, we have continued to look at the composition of numbers and have focused on the number four this week. Rehearsals have begun for this year's Christmas Production too and we are learning the songs brilliantly so far! We can't wait to show you all!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have continued with our non-fiction text 'My first animal encyclopaedia'. The children have moved onto learning about birds and have planned and taken part in a discussion, asking their peers questions and answering them. They have continued to practice using full stops and have begun to look at question marks. In Maths, we have been exploring subtraction using counters and pictorial examples to support our learning. In Science, we have looked at what objects are made out of, looking closely at which materials and discussed if they are waterproof or not. We had our first book share which the children thoroughly enjoyed reading with their friends and parents/carers. Thank you for attending this session.

Year 1 have had an amazing week.

Miss Garside



Year 2

This week in Year Two, we have started subtracting numbers using our number bond knowledge. Our Maths is starting to get more difficult but we are being resilient and always trying our best. In English, we have been using our prior knowledge of the continents and Africa to help us write an information text. The children have found out some amazing facts and have been excited to tell the teachers the ones they have found out at home. In Computing, we have been learning how to take the perfect photograph, the children have taken some wonderful photographs. What a fantastic week we have had!

Miss Senior

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have enjoyed learning about prepositions of time in English and are working on applying these to our writing. We have also used our estimation skills in Maths to help us work out the inverse operation when doing calculations. We are very busy with our continued learning of times tables and all of us are gaining much more confidence with our eight times tables now. In Science, we have learnt how to measure a force using a Newton meter and in guided reading we have continued to read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, this is being thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! Well done on yet another superb week Year 3, keep up the good work!

Miss Riley

Year 4

We have been working very hard in Year 4 this week. In English, we have been writing a character description about our roman heroine Dido and in Maths, we have been learning how to measure the area of a 2D shape and how to compare areas. In Science, we learned about reflection and how it happens. We also learned about the difference between specular reflection and diffuse reflection. In Geography, we learned about different reasons why people migrate and during our French lesson, we learned to translate short sentences about 'Le monstre'. We have been very excited to start planning our Christmas Carol concert and today we enjoyed our Remembrance assembly by the school council. Well done for a great week Year 4!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week, in Year 5, we have produced some wonderful newspaper articles based on our new book, *The Island*. In Science, we have studied the particle structures within impure and pure substances, as well as the differences between these two concepts. In History, we have been working extremely hard to discover what life was like for both adults and children, living in the Benin Kingdom. We used our Chromebook to research this and produced a research report. In RE, we looked at how important 'love' was to Jesus and produced our very own poems about love, that were inspired by Jesus' teachings. Well done for a wonderful week Year 5 - enjoy your weekend.

Miss Wilson



Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have extended our knowledge of fractions by multiplying and dividing fractions. Our Y6 children have been dividing fractions by integers; using the keep, change, flip method. We have applied our fluency knowledge to reasoning and problem solving by completing word problems. Y5 children have been multiplying fractions by integers and have deepened their understanding by giving their answers as mixed numbers and simplifying their answers. In DT, we have developed our initial ideas for our pulley system and communicated our ideas through drawing exploded diagrams. In computing, we have looked at an introduction to programming by identifying variables and how these can be coded to change to display a score. In history, we have looked at how the inhabitants of the Benin Kingdom lived including religion and school life.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

This week has been another wonderful week in Year 6! On Wednesday, we had our Inspire Event, where we looked at Benin art and created our own masks. Thank you to all adults who attended and a big well done to all children, the masks were fantastic and it was clear a lot of effort had been put in! This week, in Maths, we have continued with fractions by learning how to multiply fractions with fractions and integers. In English, we have written our newspaper reports, which were brilliant to read! In science, we kickstarted our new unit of Chemical Reactions by looking at how particles behave in solids, liquids and gases. Once again, well done Year 6. I am looking forward to yet another week full of fun and learning next week.

Miss Richardson





Help support our local foodbank this Christmas!

Our School Council
are collecting vital food supplies
for The Resource Foodbank in Ossett.

Let's help ensure that nobody goes hungry this
Christmas.

Donations will be collected by the
School Councillor in each class.





THE RESOURCE

Food Bank

COLLECTION LIST

**A BIG THANK YOU!!
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING ...

DRIED PRODUCE

Cup-a-soup's
Packet Mashed potato
Rice (1kg bags)
Pasta / Spaghetti
Pasta'N'Sauce sachet's
Pot Noodles/Mug Shots
Biscuits

BREAKFAST PRODUCE

Porridge Oats
Cereals
Jam
Marmalade

CLEANING ITEMS

Washing -up Liquid
Dish Cloths
Pan Scourers
Washing Powder

TOILETRIES

Shower Gel
Hair Shampoo
Toothpaste/Brushes
Face Cloths
Shave Foam/Razors

TINNED PRODUCE

Tin Soups
Tin Potatoes
Tin Vegetables
Mince Beef & Onions
Chicken in White Sauce
Beef/Chicken Curry
Beef Stew
Irish Stew
Tin Ravioli
Spaghetti Bolognese
Chilli-con-Carne
Macaroni Cheese
Meatballs in sauce
Baked Beans
Tin Spaghetti
Hot Dogs
Sardines
Tuna
Sandwich Spread
Rice Pudding
Custard (sachet or tin)
Tin Fruit

BEVERAGES

Tea
Coffee
Sugar
Juice (concentrate)

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