

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant week we have had in school! We started with our incredible Christmas Fair. I was so impressed with the beautiful decorations that the children had made as part of their enterprise stalls, they looked spectacular. Once we have finished deducting the costs from the profit we will announce which class has made the most money and how much each class has made to spend! I also need to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported school by buying raffle tickets, mince pies, hot dogs or visiting Santa. You helped us raise money which will be spent directly on the children within school.

Raffle tickets are still on sale from the school office or in celebration assemblies and we will be drawing the winner in assembly on the last day of term. Finally, a huge thank you to our amazing staff team and parent volunteers who gave up their time to make the event such a huge success. Your time and efforts are hugely appreciated.



Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run

We had a brilliant day on Thursday raising money for the Prince of Wales Hospice by taking part in their Reindeer Run. All the children had a great time chasing Santa and raising money for such a worthwhile local charity. Thank you for your generous donations. Sponsor money can still be brought into school up until Friday 15th December.



Christmas Tree



Thank you to everyone who has brought in a decoration for our Christmas tree, it really is looking spectacular! If you would like to add your decoration to the tree, there is still time! Please remember to label it with your child's name and class so we can return it at the end of term.

Christmas Meal

Christmas lunch is now available for parents to order on School Grid. The deadline for ordering is 15th December. Please be aware that after this date the option to order will be locked and Parents/ pupils cannot order on the day.

Wakefield SEND survey

Wakefield's Parent Carer Forum have launched their School SEND Survey which is live on their website. Please see the attached message below.

As part of our commitment to improving SEND services within the Wakefield area, we are gathering parent/carers voice to help us identify areas where improvement is needed & to learn from good practice.

- Your voice is important in helping us to make positive changes, so we need as many of you as possible to help by filling in our survey.

- Education plays a huge part in all of our lives so it's essential that we work together to make positive changes for all SEND children in Wakefield.

- If you have more than 1 child and would like to submit responses for each child, please complete a different survey for each child.

- We know how important your time is as a parent/carer, so as a thank you for taking the time to complete our survey, we will be giving away thank you gifts to 200 parent/carers who will be chosen at random from the fully completed surveys we receive.

- Our survey can be found on our website or by clicking the link below:

Wakefield Parent Carer Forum (wakefieldparentcarers.co.uk)

Have a wonderful weekend! Mrs Mason Headteacher

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Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Boon	87%
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Year 1 – Mrs Turfrey	87%
Year 1/2 – Miss Vollands	87%
Year 2 – Miss Blakeway	95%
Year 3 - Miss Binns	92%
Year 3/4 - Miss Holding	94%
Year 4 – Mrs Longoni	93%
Year 5 – Miss Lynch	97%
Year 5/6 – Miss Gibbins	92%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	91%

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 18th December – Nursery Performance plus stay & play 10:00am and 1:45pm Tuesday 19th December – Reception Nativity 2:00pm Wednesday 20th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 2:00pm Thursday 21st December – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 09:15 am and 2:00pm Thursday 21st December – Christmas Dinner Day Friday 22nd December – Christmas Party Day Friday 22nd December - Break up for Holidays