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Letter 11

Friday 24th November 2017

Dear Parents/Guardian,

NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

Collective Worship theme: Celebrations

Monday 27th November	12.30 - 1pm Change for Life club 1.00pm Adam Scaife sports in school all afternoon 3.30 - 4.30pm final multi skills after school club	Weekly Attendance 20th Nov-24th Nov. Class 1 99.1% Class 2 93.2% Class 3 93.9% Class 4 94.3% Highest Attendance % Well done to: Class 1 School attendance total for the week 95.1%
Tuesday 28th November	Darren Dudman Diocesan advisor visiting school 2.00pm Jen Holder leading collective worship	
Wednesday 29th November	Su Dixon gymnastics coaching Keyboard lessons 3.30pm Fun French club	
Thursday 30th November	Brass lessons 2.00pm Clive Todd leading collective worship Christmas fairies visit school	
Friday 1st December	10am Year 6 Squash session at Bedale Squash Club 6.00pm FASS Christmas Bingo night	

Please may I remind you to send a letter or email to school as soon as your child has returned to school, dated, explaining their absence for us to keep as a record at school.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Children with Nut Allergies in School- IMPORTANT

Please do not send any food into schools which contains peanuts, especially children who have packed lunches due to one of our children having a peanut allergy

New School Charity

Our children have chosen a charity called 'Bright Red' based in the North of England at the Freeman Hospital Newcastle. This charity helps create the best environment for the treatment of patients with blood cancer and supports their families. It is also playing a huge part in the research into treatment of leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and bone marrow failure.

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS NOTICES

FASS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Every year we sell raffle tickets at each of the Christmas performances to raise extra funds for our school. The prizes are Christmas hampers and the winners are announced on the evening of the last Key stage 2 performance. In the past parents have very generously donated prizes for this raffle and we have been able to make some fabulous



mixed hampers. Once again we would like to call on your generosity and ask if you would contribute towards the hamper that your child's class is creating. **All contributions to school by Monday 11th December please.**

The items collected for the hampers in each class are:

Class 1 (Reception/ year 1) - Chocolate theme

Class 2 (Year 2/Year 3) - Christmas theme

Class 3 (Years 4 and 5) - Toiletries theme

Class 4 (Years 6) - Drinks theme

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Class 1 and 2 (Reception - year 3) are performing 'The Little Red Robin' their performances are:

10.00am Dress rehearsal Wednesday 13th December

2.00 pm Thursday 14th December

6.00pm Thursday 14th December

Class 3 and 4 (Years 4 - 6) are performing 'Rock around Christmas', their performances are:

10.30am Dress rehearsal Monday 18th December

2.00pm Tuesday 19th December

6.00pm Tuesday 19th December

Due to space in the hall we are limited to how many we can seat at each performance. Like last year, we are allocating a maximum of **2 tickets for the afternoon and 2 tickets for the evening to each family**. Please complete the slip attached to state if you wish to have those tickets. If you do not require 2 tickets for both performances, please only request the ones needed. Please state how many additional tickets you would wish to have if some are returned. Anyone wishing to have an extra ticket will have their names put in a hat and names will be drawn. Please do not ask to stand at the back of the hall as due to fire regulations this is not possible.

There will be a limited number of seats in the hall at the dress rehearsal therefore some people can attend the dress rehearsal if they have more people. As these seats are limited, please complete the form below if you would like to be considered for tickets to the dress rehearsal.

If you are bringing pre-school children, please bring them to an afternoon performance and sit near an exit so that you can take your child out of the hall if they get noisy.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AT OUR SCHOOL



Advent ring and calendar

Over 30 years ago, retired ladies from Morton-on-Swale made an advent calendar for the school. The younger children open the calendar during collective worship starting with the youngest child in school. The older children (Class 4) light the candles on the advent ring starting with the oldest child in the school. The advent ring will be made by our younger children.

Nativity

We have a beautiful olive wood nativity which was made in Bethlehem. Class 2 children assemble the set, piece by piece, each day

Christmas Decorations

One evening just before December 1st, the Christmas decoration fairies visit the school so that when the children arrive at school the next morning, the hall has been transformed. Children decorate their own classrooms.

Tree

The tree will stand in the school hall with decorations made by Class 1. It always looks magnificent!

Christmas Post

From Monday 11th December, children can start bringing their Christmas cards to post in school. Children pay 5p for each card they post; to raise money for our new school charity 'Bright Red. The 'Post office' will be in the hall before school and during morning break. The cards will be stamped and then put in the 'internal' mail system. It is vital that full names and class numbers are used or the cards may not get to the right people. If you wish to have class list of names please call into the office and see Laura Hollinshead. In the excitement of writing the cards, it is also important to say who it is from! Please help to spread the sending of cards - we usually have an avalanche on the first day!

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 20th December

Mrs Walker is already making preparations. All children are given a cracker; and staff will have their lunch with the children. This is followed by the best afternoon of the year - we all sit down to watch the Christmas DVD (U certificate), the title of which, by tradition, is the best-kept secret of the year.

Parties - Thursday 21st December Class 1 & 2 am (Rec-Year 3), Class 3 & 4 pm (years 4-6)

We have 2 parties. Class one and two will have their party on Thursday morning and class three and four will have their party in the afternoon. Party clothes can be worn for each party. Father Christmas will be visiting to give out presents to all children (organised by FASS).

Carols & Readings - 2pm Friday 22nd December

We invite governors and parents to our Carol service in the school hall. Relatives that attend can take children home at the end of the service. Space is very limited and it is always a bit of a squeeze! Our resident cake decorator Mrs Amy Walker is kindly going to donate some amazing cakes for auction at the end of the carol service with money raised going to FASS.

FASS

FASS Family Bingo Night -REMINDER

We are holding another bingo night 6.00pm on Friday 1st December. There isn't a charge for tickets for the night, but we would be grateful if you could let us know if you would like to come and how many will be in your party. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. It will be £1 for your first card and a free dabber then 50p per card after that. Light refreshments will also be available. We hope to see you on the night.

FASS Collection

Planning ahead, please start saving bric-a-brac, books and any other contributions towards the tombola for the coffee morning in the town hall Saturday 16th December. Many thanks

FASS Dates Ahead

Friday 1st December Christmas Bingo night

Friday 8th December School Disco for children

Saturday 16th December Northallerton Town Hall coffee morning - FASS are looking for volunteer helpers for the Christmas coffee morning to be held at the town hall in Northallerton on Saturday 16th December. Help needed between 8am and 12 noon any time that anyone can offer will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to offer any time at all please let the school office or Mrs Sanderson know. Thank you.

Local Events

Morton Village Hall Christmas Party

Morton Village Hall is hosting this year's children's Christmas party on Saturday 2nd December at 4pm. Included in the £3 ticket price is food and a visit from Santa himself! Please contact Lynn on 01609 779447 **Only 10 tickets left!**

OTHER ITEMS SENT HOME TONIGHT

Sports hall athletics - selected children
Year 6 Abbeyfields singing and tree decorating letter
Year 6 Squash club letter
Year 3 Christmas experience letter

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT ELECTONICALLY AND AS A PAPER COPY DUE TO THE REPLY SLIP FOR THE BINGO NIGHT

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp

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FASS BINGO NIGHT FRIDAY 1st December

We would like tickets for the bingo night on Friday 1st December

Name of child/children..... (Please print)

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CLASS 1 AND 2 (RECEPTION TO YEAR 3) CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES
'THE LITTLE RED ROBIN'

We would like tickets for (please state how many in the box - maximum of 2 tickets per family for each performance.):

2.00 pm Thursday 14 th December		6.00pm Thursday 14 th December	
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If there are any spare tickets, we would like (please state how many in the box - maximum of 1 tickets for each performance):

2.00 pm Thursday 14 th December		6.00pm Thursday 14 th December	
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We would like tickets for the **dress rehearsal** (please state how many in the box)

10.00am Wednesday 13 th December	
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Name of child/children _____

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CLASS 3 AND 4 (YEARS 4-6) CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES
'ROCK AROUND CHRISTMAS'

We would like tickets for (please state how many in the box - maximum of 2 tickets per family for each performance):

2.00 pm Tuesday 19 th December		6.00pm Tuesday 19 th December	
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We would like tickets for the **dress rehearsal** (please state how many in the box)

10.30am Monday 18 th December	
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Name of child/children _____