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Letter 12

Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardian,

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NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

Monday 30th November	Week 3 dinner menu Christmas Fairies hopefully arrive in school to decorate school and give some Christmas sparkle.
Tuesday 1st December	
Wednesday 2nd December	
Thursday 3rd December	
Friday 4th December	1.15pm Class 3 football skills with James Lofthouse - Outside PE kit to be worn all day please.
Please may I remind you to phone us if your child is absent so we know why they are absent and 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

Highlighted things are things which need a response to school.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

When class 1 and 2 children are collected they should not be playing on the tyres where children from different bubbles could be mixing. All fixed play equipment on school premises is out of use during the current situation. When you collect your child/children, please leave the school premises immediately so that different bubbles of children are not mixing and adults are not congregating as per the school risk assessment and Department for Education Guidance. As a reminder of procedures, I have sent home an adapted letter which I sent home at the start of term. I have highlighted in pink the key things which people particularly need reminding.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

During the next week, please can all children, preschool through to year 6, bring something Christmassy to wear when we record their songs for the Christmas production. Please don't go out and buy things especially, it could be a santa hat, a Christmas jumper, pyjama top or T-shirt, tinsel etc anything at all. If they did have a Christmas top, it can also be worn on Christmas dinner day - see Christmas traditions further in the letter. **Please bring to school in a named bag by Wednesday 2nd December.** Thanks.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Many thanks to FASS for purchasing our new school lights at the front of school. Thank you also to our school caretaker Stuart Walker who put them up this morning. It has made me start to feel quite festive already. I hope you agree they look lovely, I can't wait to see them when it is dark!



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!



In the next couple of weeks, I will be including various photos in this newsletter so that you can see some of the Christmassy things at school. I am very aware that since you can't come into school, you don't get to see how festive it looks.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

From Friday 4th December, we will be recording the various different sections of the Christmas production. This will then be edited and put together by Mr Sharp ready before the end of term.

ADVENT RING, CALENDAR AND NATIVITY SCENE

In 'normal' times, the whole school joins each day for collective worship and light the advent wreath, open the advent calendar and place nativity figures in the stable. This year we are unable to do that, so we will be splitting the three elements up to each class. The advent ring has been made by class 1 and looks fabulous. This will be placed in class 3 where it will be lit for our joint collective worships on a Monday and Friday, which we have on screen via Microsoft TEAMS.

Over 33 years ago, retired ladies from Morton-on-Swale made an advent calendar for the school. Our youngest children will open each door of the advent calendar.

We have a beautiful olive wood nativity which was made in Bethlehem and given as a leaving present by the previous Headteacher 14 years ago. Class 2 will assemble the set, piece by piece each day.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

One evening just before December 1st, (Monday 30th November this year), the Christmas decoration fairies visit the school so that when the children arrive the next morning, it has been transformed with decorations all made by our children. It looks a beautiful sight. This year the Christmas tree will be in the hall and we will put the majority of the decorations in the children's classrooms.



CHRISTMAS POST

'Normally' we have a post box in the hall and children pay 5p per card, (raising money for school) and the cards get sorted and delivered by our year 6 children. I am still waiting for clarification from the NYCC Health and Safety team that we can have children bringing cards to school. If we can, it will probably be that cards are only brought in for people in their class bubble.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Wednesday 16th December

Mrs Jeffery our school cook is already making preparations. In 'normal' times all our children eat together in the hall, served by the staff and it is a fun and noisy event with crackers being pulled and Christmas music played. Unfortunately, this year our children will have to continue to eat in their separate areas. **If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner on this day, please contact the school office. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers today.** 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. Each class will watch a film in their separate bubbles.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

This year, each class will have a separate party on the following days:

Thursday 17th December in the morning - Class 2

Thursday 17th December in the afternoon - class 3

Friday 18th December in the morning- class 1

Children can come in their own party clothes on those days, please remember sensible footwear and layers for when outside at breaktimes.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

In 'normal' times, Father Christmas would come to preschool and the younger children's Christmas party. Unfortunately, he needs to self-isolate ready for Christmas but I have been in contact with him at the North Pole and we are going to record a video message from him to our children.

REMINDERS

CLASS TEACHER CONTACTS

If you need to contact your child's class teacher directly, they each have a school email address:

Mrs Montgomery (Reception and year 1) YASClass1@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Link (years 2 and 3) YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Watts (Years 4,5,6) YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Hi Everyone

This week we have started to prepare for Christmas. The children have made a Father Christmas Advent Calendar which they will keep at school until we break up, then they can take it home and finish it with you. They have also been creating some sparkly baubles for our Christmas display in our Classroom. We should be filming next week for the Christmas Nativity. Our children will be singing a song which we have been practicing the last couple of weeks. Please could I remind you to send in a Christmas jumper, headband or anything with a Christmas theme for your child to wear in a named bag by next Wednesday thank you.

On the last day of term which is Friday 18th December we would like to invite all the children, even if they do not attend on that day to come to our Christmas Party. They can come dressed in party clothes and we will do games and have some party food for snack that day. Please could you let us know if your child will be attending that morning.

Have a great weekend

Tracy, Alison, Helen and Fiona

FASS (FRIENDS OF AINDERBY STEEPLE SCHOOL)

FASS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Every year we ask for donations of particular things to create some amazing mixed hampers. We then normally sell raffle tickets at each of the class performances. We have decided we are still going to do the hampers. Once they have been created, we will be asking if you wish to buy some tickets, sending money into school in a clearly named envelope. More details to follow in the next couple of weeks.

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 Thursday 10th 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/Year 4) - Toiletries and Christmas theme

Class 3 (Year 4/year 5/Year 6) - Drinks theme

CAKE RAFFLE

In replacement of the usual Christmas Cake auction that was ever so popular in previous years FASS has decided to hold a cake raffle. There will be the opportunity to buy tickets to win a Christmas themed cake for 1st prize, an ultimate treat box for 2nd prize and 6 Christmas themed cupcakes for 3rd prize which our very talented Amy Walker of Tea Cosy Cakes is very generously donating. The ticket information is to follow.

POP UP SHOP FOR CHILDREN- AVANCE WARNING

As another fundraising opportunity this year, our children will have the opportunity to choose a token gift for a family member which would be a complete surprise for you. More news next week.

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

A little fun for our children - colour either side of the sheet, putting name and class on the back and donate £1 for the entry. All money raised goes towards school funds. Prize for a winning entry in each class including preschool. Closing date 9.00am 11th December.

CHRISTMAS TEA TOWELS

Thank you to FASS for organising the tea towels and for your support in purchasing them. We have raised a fabulous £393 for school. We sold 200 and ran out, so huge apologies if you were unable to get any.

CHARITY WRISTBANDS

We are currently selling wristbands in school, £2each or 3 for £5. The money raised will be split equally between school and the children's ward at the Friarage Hospital. If you would like to purchase any, please send money in a named envelope.

OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS SENT HOME TONIGHT

Please remember to look at all the attachments attached to the school email to ensure you have all the information needed regarding school. I am now putting all letters on the school website.

Updated procedural letter with highlighted key reminders

NYCC flyer

FASS - Wristband poster

STAY SAFE, REMEMBER HANDS, FACE, SPACE.

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp
Headteacher

Kids Club: