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**Letter 14**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dear Parents/Guardian,

**ALL LETTERS ARE ALSO ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE NEWSLETTER TAB**

**NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Week 2 dinner menu Bring Christmas cards in and place in the box in the classroom
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Bring Christmas cards in and place in box in the classroom
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>LAST CHANCE TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS UP TO 12.00 noon</b> Christmas dinner day followed by DVD <b>CHRISTMAS JUMPERS CAN BE WORN</b> 2.00pm Drawing of the raffle for the hampers
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Class 2 party am PARTY CLOTHES TO BE WORN</b> <b>Class 3 party pm PARTY CLOTHES TO BE WORN</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas cards will be given out <b>Class 1 party am PARTY CLOTHES TO BE WORN</b> Preschool party am <b>PARTY CLOTHES TO BE WORN</b> <b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>
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.	

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

During the last week of term, please can I make a plea and ask you to follow the current tier guidance very carefully. Any families or members of staff contacted by Track and Trace or having a positive test for Coronavirus during the next week, will mean people have to self-isolate over Christmas. We have done so well, so far with not having to close any class bubbles and I thank you all for all you are doing to keep everyone safe. I am sure like me, you will be looking forward to Christmas, but it won't be much fun if people are having to self-isolate.

I have also been asked to make you aware of the following relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the Christmas holidays I will also include this information in next week's letter too:

-Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

-For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Please email school to

notify me so I can then follow the necessary procedures. I will be checking my emails regularly up to Christmas eve which is the 6-day limit of infection.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

Please see the attached link which has been announced today. It states:

*Self-isolation is essential to reducing the spread of COVID as it breaks the chains of transmission. After reviewing the evidence, we are now confident that we can reduce the number of days that contacts self-isolate from 14 days to 10 days.*

*People who return from countries which are not on the travel corridor list should also self-isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days.*

*People who test positive should continue to self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms or 10 days from point of taking a positive test if asymptomatic.*

*We urge everyone to self-isolate when appropriate, it will save lives.*

The link to the document is below.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020?utm\\_campaign=1640491\\_CYP5%20Covid-19%20update%20-%2011%20December%202020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=North%20Yorks%20County%20Council&dm\\_i=4BPJ\\_Z5T7\\_5TE5RY\\_4E6K3\\_1](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020?utm_campaign=1640491_CYP5%20Covid-19%20update%20-%2011%20December%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorks%20County%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ_Z5T7_5TE5RY_4E6K3_1)

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

To make things easier in this busy season, please note the highlighted parts below which are things you may want to respond to.

### **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DVD**

Our Christmas production has been a little different to normal this year, since none of our class bubbles could mix to rehearse together. Every child in school from preschool to Year 6 has taken part in some way, either singing with their class, acting out the Christmas story or narrating the story.

You would all usually have been into school to watch your children perform and then have the opportunity to buy a DVD as a keepsake for £3 helping raise funds for school. Since we are unable to have you in school to watch this, we will be giving each family a copy of the DVD, however, if you would like to donate to school to cover the cost of the DVD's and wallets it would be greatly appreciated.

I thank our children and staff for all their hard work preparing the children for this year's production. I would also like to thank Mr Sharp for putting all the filming together and creating the DVD for us. These will hopefully be sent home on either Wednesday or Thursday. We will send an email the night we send them home, so you can check your child's book bag. Our children will be watching the Christmas performance on Thursday or Friday.

**Please may I remind that you no part of the DVD should be placed on social media.**

### **MEAL CHANGE AFTER CHRISTMAS**

After Christmas there will be a change to the Week 3 Monday menu, to Mexican boats/wraps. If they are down for main meal your child will automatically change to this.



**CHRISTMAS**



## CHRISTMAS POST



Children can bring cards into school on a Monday and Tuesday for people in their class bubble only. The cards will be placed in a box and then handed out on a Friday. Please do not hand cards directly out to other children as we have been advised against it.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DVD

On Wednesday it is the Christmas dinner, a little different, as it has to be in separate bubbles. This is then followed by watching of a DVD, again this year differently as it has to be done in class bubbles. The film will be appropriate for the age of the children.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES-REMINDER

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

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the morning - Class 2

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon - Class 3

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the morning- Class 1

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the morning - Pre-School

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

## REMINDERS

### WARM CLOTHES IN COLDER WEATHER

Please ensure you send your child with appropriate clothes as the weather is turning colder. Hats and gloves with a warm coat. Please also ensure everything is named!

### CLASS TEACHER CONTACTS

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

In Mrs Montgomery's absence, please use [admin@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:admin@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Montgomery (Reception and year 1) [YASClass1@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:YASClass1@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Link (years 2 and 3) [YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Watts (Years 4,5,6) [YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

## PRESCHOOL PARENTS

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Hi Everyone

Once again, we have been busy with Christmas activities with the children, some of them have made Christmas trees and some children have made decorations. The Father Christmas advent calendars are looking really good his beard is getting longer. The children are learning the new Christmas songs really well.

We thought next week at the party, we would have a singing competition as some of the children love to stand up and sing on their own.

Please could you let me know if your child will be attending on the 18th if they do not already come on that day.

It has been Aspect 6 in our Phonics this week which is all about mouth movements and voice sounds so we have been making funny faces and reading Mr. Tongue story and looking in a mirror at the way we move our mouths.

We hope you have a lovely weekend

Tracy, Alison, Helen and Fiona

## FASS (FRIENDS OF AINDERBY STEEPLE SCHOOL)

### FASS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you so much for the contributions towards the hampers. This is a photo of one which has already been created. We are hoping to make 4 as well as having a child's chocolate bouquet and an adult chocolate bouquet.

Tickets are £1 each or £5 a strip. We will send your half of the ticket number in the envelope you have sent in, the other half will go in our raffle box. Ticket sales are finishing 12.00pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We will draw tickets live on the school Facebook page (technology permitting) Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm. Winners to please collect prizes by the end of the school day on Friday.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> prize, an ultimate treat box for 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and 6 Christmas themed cupcakes for 3<sup>rd</sup> prize which our very talented Amy Walker of Tea Cosy Cakes is very generously donating. Tickets are available now at £1. Please address your envelope to Amy Walker. Ticket sales close at 12.00pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We will draw tickets live on the school Facebook page (technology permitting) Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm. Winners to please collect cakes on Friday.

### POP UP SHOP FOR CHILDREN

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the pop-up Christmas shop. It was a fantastic success, making £394 for school.

### CHRISTMAS EVE BAGS

The Christmas Eve bags were also a sell-out. Children who have not received their bag yet will have had an email on Wednesday to confirm this. Due to the high demand we have had to make lots more!

### CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Thank you for all the wonderful entries. Every entry received a token prize and it helped raise £44 for school. The winners for each class are as follows:

- Pre-school - Ellie M
- Class 1 - Harry R
- Class 2 - Scarlett A
- Class 3 - Charlotte E

### CHARITY WRISTBANDS

We are currently selling wristbands in school, £2 each 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. Top seller will be announced next week and receive a prize.

## 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.

Tier 2 poster information

**STAY SAFE, REMEMBER HANDS, FACE, SPACE.**

Yours sincerely

*F. Sharp*

Mrs F. Sharp  
Headteacher

