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**Letter 15**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dear Parents/Guardian,

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

**AFTER CHRISTMAS AT SCHOOL**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Teacher training day, school closed for children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens for the spring term Week 3 dinner menu
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	
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.	

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

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

I have also been asked to make you aware of the following relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the Christmas holidays for all our children including preschool:

-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 of cases 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 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.

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.

**SCHOOL NOTICES**

What a crazy 10 months we have had! As I reflect on the year as we end 2020, it is hard to believe how much has happened and how things have changed. One thing that has remained the same, is our wonderful school family during this time. Our children have settled into new routines so well and have amazed me with their resilience. Our oldest children know what things we normally have in place, but have just accepted things have had to be different. Our youngest, don't know how it was different so have settled brilliantly into their first term at school, many having never been in our school before. Staff have rallied together, working as a wonderful team, covering staff absence due to illness and self-isolation as we all worry trying to keep everyone safe. Thank you to all our school families, for your messages of support and encouragement at this time, for following the government guidance and the many COVID safe procedures we have put in place at school, all this has meant we haven't as yet had any cases amongst our children and have been able to remain open. We don't know what things will be like after Christmas, but we will take one day at a time and deal with things as they happen.

### **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE - YOUTUBE**

Please do let me know if there are any problems with the DVD so I can swap it. The machine which burns the DVD's was being very temperamental!

I am aware that many people won't be seeing family this Christmas to watch the performance together and some people don't have DVD players. I have therefore put the performance unlisted on YouTube so that only those people with the following link can watch it. It cannot be accessed searching YouTube by the general public. **Please feel free to share the link with family members but PLEASE DO NOT POST ANY PART OF IT TO ANY SOCIAL MEDIA SITE.**  
<https://youtu.be/Ij8FVxDSOtE>

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER PHOTOS**

Please see the photos below from our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday. It had to be organised a little differently to usual since we would normally all be in the hall together, but the children still had fun. Everyone looked bright and colourful in their Christmas outfits and they enjoyed having an afternoon of no work and watching a DVD together.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

We have attached the spring term school menu which is very similar to the autumn term. Because it is so similar, we have not created a new form for choices. If your child was down for the main meal that day, they will automatically get the main meal. Mrs Holdsworth will check with the children during the first 3 weeks to ensure children are eating the chosen food.

### **STUDENT TEACHERS**

After Christmas we welcome two final year teaching students from York St.John University working in school. Miss George will be working in class 1 and Miss Vie in class 2 until Easter.

## **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**

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Please can I ask that parents don't use the preschool car park entrance to turn their car round. This is a safety risk as you could easily hit a parent or child leaving that area. I will be placing one of the cones in the entrance to this area. Please also don't let your children play on the kids club equipment whilst waiting to drop off/collect your children as play equipment must not be shared between bubbles as part of our COVID safety measures. Thank you.

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting preschool this morning and sharing our message from Santa. They were doing a singing competition- what talented children we have, they seemed to be having lots of fun.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Our week has been very busy finishing off lots of decorations and cards. The children will be bringing these home so you will be able to see what lovely things they have created.

We have been singing lots of lovely Christmas songs and on Tuesday we went to the school hall to watch the Christmas Nativity, the children loved seeing themselves on the screen.

It has been a very strange half term please stay safe and well over the Christmas holidays.

We return on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Merry Christmas From

Tracy, Alison, Helen and Fiona

## FASS (FRIENDS OF AINDERBY STEEPLE SCHOOL)

### FUNDRAISING THIS CHRISTMAS.

Colouring competition £44

Pop up shop/ Christmas eve bags £441.10

Christmas hamper raffle £463

Cake raffle £297

Tea Towels £393

Cauliflower cards £186

Wristbands £44 (£44 for the Friarage hospital too and more still to come in)

Thank you to everyone for giving so generously this Christmas and to FASS for organising our different fundraising events this Christmas. This is a staggering total of £1868.10 I never thought we would raise so much during these difficult times, so the total is absolutely staggering.

Thank you also to FASS who put in a grant application to Hambleton District Council supporting businesses and charities during times of COVID. FASS were awarded £500 which is amazing and goes towards providing things for our children. We are hoping to get some more laptops with this money having spent a lot of money on reading scheme books in the summer term. If we include this to what we have raised it makes an unbelievable **£2,368.10**. Thank you all so much!

### CHARITY WRISTBANDS

We are still 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. Top seller Kairan - Well done and thank you for your hard work at selling them!

## 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.

Spring term dinner menu - electronic copy

**On behalf of our staff, governors and Dales Academies Trust, we wish you all a lovely Christmas whatever you may be doing, stay safe and we will see you at the start of 2021.**

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp  
Headteacher



