



Proud to be part of The White Rose Federation

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One family branching out together

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Dear Parents/Carers



Only two weeks until we close our doors for a well-deserved Christmas break. Our children and staff have been working so hard to catch-up with the curriculum that was disrupted by the original Covid lockdown, whilst still continuing with the current curriculum.

Christmas Cards

A reminder that the Christmas post box will be in place in school for children to post their cards on **Monday 7th December** and **Monday 14th December**. Cards will be quarantined for 72 hours before being distributed. Please only send cards into school on these days so we can control the quarantine timeline.



Meal change

On Wednesday 9th December, Mrs Page will be making Chicken Korma, which is one of the children's favourite meals instead of the advertised roast chicken dinner. If your child normally has Korma on the week 2 menu, your child will automatically be put on the list for a school lunch on the 9th, those who have jacket potatoes on Korma day will automatically be changed. Anyone who normally has a packed lunch will need to bring a packed lunch or let Mrs Charlton in the office know by Monday 7th December if you would like to change your meal choice for that day.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December we will be supporting Save the Children by asking the children and staff to come to school in a Christmas Jumper **with their normal school uniform** for a donation of £1.00. We ask you to spend as little as possible on a Christmas jumper and to encourage you and your children to



be as creative as possible by decorating an old jumper with tinsel, baubles, sequins, etc. Payments to be made on ParentPay.

Christingle

A Christingle is a symbolic object used in the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany services of many Christian denominations. Christingle, from a word of German origin, Christkindl, meaning 'Little Christ Child', is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World". Mrs Brunyard has very kindly provided the school with all of the candles and decorations for our children to create their own Christingle in a little gift bag. **Could each child please bring an orange in to school with them on Wednesday 16th December and we will continue this tradition of making a Christingle with your child. Thank you again, Mrs Brunyard.**



Christmas activities and parties

Each class will have their individual Christmas parties on Friday 18th December. There will be party games with prizes, dancing and party food. All children should come to school in the morning wearing their party clothes. Due to the current situation with Covid, we are changing the way we cater for the party and requesting a donation of up to £3.00, which is available for you to pay on ParentPay, and school will purchase the food. Thank you for your contributions in advance. On Wednesday 16th



December we have lots of lovely activities planned for the children including crafts, a treasure hunt and a visit to Santa's grotto.

Christmas Raffle

The raffle tickets went home with children earlier this week, please contact the office if you would like more tickets to sell to family and friends. Payments are to be made on ParentPay by Monday 14th December and ticket stubs to be returned to school by Monday 14th December. The draw will take place in school on Wednesday 16th December, good luck!



There is still time to send in raffle prize donations of wine/chocolates/Christmas treats/jars of anything delicious. We are asking for donations to be in school by Monday 7th December.

Community Christmas card

This week the children were challenged to create a Christmas card that the school could send to the local community. Ella's was chosen as the winning design and will be made into a professional Christmas card to be sent out next week. Well done Ella!

Wriggly Nativity

Key Stage 1 performed their delightful nativity musical last week entitled 'Wriggly Nativity'. The children worked so hard to learn their lines and the acting performances were wonderful, along with the lovely songs, sung so beautifully along with all the actions. We can't wait to share our performance with KS1 parents on Friday next week, in an email with a link to the re-recorded version, and hope that you enjoy watching it just as much as the children enjoyed performing it. Well done Key Stage 1, we are extremely proud of you all!

Severe Weather and Emergency Contact

In the case of the school having to close for severe weather or an emergency, please be assured that you will be notified by a text message. Thank you.



Pastoral Support – Fortnightly Focus

This fortnightly focus - Give

Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger.

Thank someone.

Smile.

Volunteer your time.

Join a community group.

Look outwards as well as inwards.

Seeing yourself, and your happiness, linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and creates connections with the people around you.



For all the children in the federation who take part in the fortnightly focus, please email the evidence directly to Mrs Thornton at s.thornton@wrfed.co.uk and one will be selected printed in the next newsletter.

North Yorkshire Police Community Message

Please be aware of scam telephone callers stating “you have been near a Covid positive case” and asking you to purchase a Covid test over the telephone. DO NOT pass them any banking details over the phone, DO NOT purchase a test. Please contact NHS 111 for trustworthy Covid advice and information.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R. Lindley
Deputy Headteacher

Diary Dates

Thursday 10 th December	• Christmas Dinner
Friday 11 th December	• Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 th December	• Christmas activities/parties day
Friday 18 th December	• Break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January	• Back to school
Friday 15 th January	• Deadline for online applications for Reception 2021 new starters
Friday 12 th February	• Break up for Half-Term
Monday 22 nd February	• Back to school
Friday 26 th March	• Break up for Easter
Monday 12 th April	• Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday 13 th April	• Back to school
Monday 3 rd May	• May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 28 th May	• Break up for half term
Monday 7th June	• Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday 8 th June	• Back to school
Friday 23 rd July	• School ends for Summer



Monday 26 th July	• Training Day (school closed)
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