



Next Week:

The PTA have planned an after school surprise for pupils on Thursday 13th December. They are showing festive movies for Rec-Y2 and Y3-6 please see below for details.

Advanced Notice

School Council have asked that we support Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. As pupils in KS2 come in PE kit on Fridays we have decided to hold Christmas jumper day on **Monday 17th December**. This is the Monday in the last week and not next week. All donations will go to Save the Children.



Attendance: All day, every day will take you all the way!

Year 4 and 5 have both won the best attending class award for this week, with 98.1% attendance. This week's attendance was 96.1%. This is our best figure for 4 weeks and a big improvement.

With your support we could still meet our 97%. Let's make the attendance for the next 2 weeks amazing.

Punctuality

Be in line by 10 to 9!

This Week

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas....

This week we have put up our fabulous tree and have started to rehearse for our Rec-Y2 nativity and for our Christmas service. We also held our PTA Christmas fair in the hall. We would like to thank Mrs Martin and the PTA for organising this. A Christmas fair takes lots of hard work. Our families supported the event well and we had some very lucky winners on the tombola's and raffle. The fair has raised over £800 for the school. Thank you for supporting this event.



The PTA has its own Facebook page and would welcome new volunteers. If you can help by supporting the PTA, please contact them through their Facebook page.

The PTA will also be serving refreshments at the nativity for a small donation and will be holding another raffle.

Year 6 Assembly

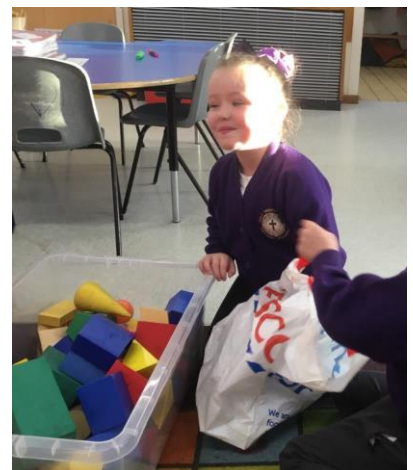
Year 6 said thank you to parents/carers and staff by having an assembly this week for them. They shared magical memories from Robinwood. What was most striking was the self-confidence and self-belief that the pupils developed over the 3 days they spent at Dobroyd castle. Year 5 now can't wait until it's their turn!



Mr Edwards Class

Mr Edwards would like to remind all KS1 parents that they are welcome to join his stay and learn session on Thursday morning at 9am and also story time at 2.45pm on a Wednesday.

This week Mr Edwards class have been looking at physical features in geography. His Year 1 / 2 mathematicians have also been looking at 3D shapes and have been trying to spot these around school.



PTA

The PTA have asked if they can have a Christmas film night in school. This will take place in the hall on Thursday 13th December and entry will be £2. Polar Express will be shown to Rec - Y2 at 3.30pm to 5pm and The Grinch will be shown to Y3-6 at 5.15pm to 6.45pm. More details are to follow about drinks and snacks.

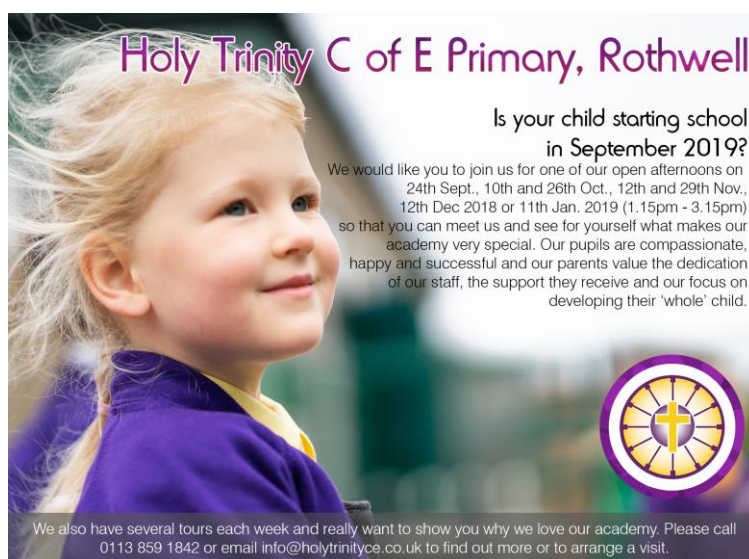
Open Days and Facebook

We know that many new families to the area don't actually know we are here. We therefore need your help in sharing our Facebook page and in promoting our Open Afternoons so that we fill our Reception places next year. I believe that there is so much that makes our small school with a big heart special.

New Starters 2019

Whilst September 2019 seems like ages away it isn't if you have a child due to start school then. Applications for school places are submitted from November 2018 to January 2019 and it is really important that we have another successful intake. I therefore need your help in promoting our school to prospective parents. Please tell them about our academy and please share the great things that we do. We also have fliers advertising our open afternoon (detailed below) if you are able to distribute them locally. We would like to get these in local shops, nurseries etc. so that prospective parents can arrange to come in and see first-hand how great our pupils are and what a fantastic school we have. Thank you.

Open Afternoons:



Dates for your Diary:

Please note that the Christmas Church Service date is provisional.

| Dates | Event |
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| Wednesday 12 th December | Open Afternoon for Reception Places 2019 1.15 – 3pm |
| Thursday 13 th December | PTA Christmas Movie Night 3.30pm KS1 and 5.15pm KS2 |
| Tuesday 18 th December | Rec-Y2 Nativity at 2pm |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Rec-Y2 Nativity at 9.30am |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Christmas Dinner |
| Friday 21 st December | Christmas in Church (provisional) at 9.30am |
| Friday 21 st December | Last Day of Term before the Christmas Holiday |
| Monday 7 th January 2019 | First day back after holidays |
| Weds 9 th - Fri 11 th January 2019 | Y4 Residential to Herd Farm |
| Friday 11 th January 2019 | Open Afternoon for Reception Places 2019 1.15 – 3pm |

For absences please call on 0113 8591842. All absences must be reported by 9.20am.

We take safety very seriously at our school

If you have any concerns please contact Mr Foulke or Mrs Owen