Newsletter



From Mrs Greenaway

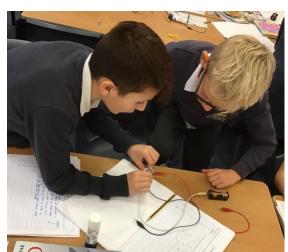
When I drove to school this morning it was 2 degrees. Clearly winter is here!

Please can you ensure the children come to school with a coat and a jumper as sometimes it can be cold walking around in school too.

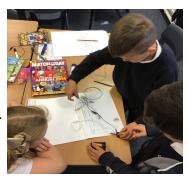
Next week the children will bring home a pamphlet setting out the expectation for their learning as well as a learning milestone sheet which we hope you will find useful.

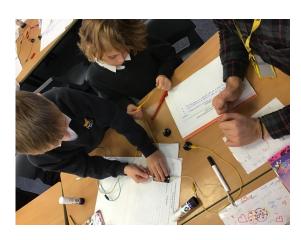
I will also be writing to you about the home learning that can be done to support the teaching going on in school.

This Week



Year 4 have been looking at circuits this half term and this week they started to test them.







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Christingle Helpers

Can you help with our Christingle making? On Wednesday 5th December we will be making Christingles ready for our church services the following day. We envisage needing lots of helpers in all classes throughout school. A letter should have come home with your child this week.



If you can help then please return the reply slip or contact the school office.

Notices

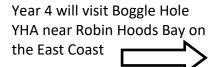
Uniform—please note that winter uniform is now compulsory. Children should be wearing a navy blue cardigan, V-neck jumper or V-neck sweatshirt, white shirt with a collar, school tie, grey or navy skirt/pinafore/trousers, navy blue, white, grey or black socks, smart black school shoes (not trainers). School ties are available from the school office at a price of £3.00.

As the weather has changed can we please ask that all children bring a warm coat and if necessary hats and gloves. We always try to get outside for some fresh air whatever the weather.

Christmas Lunch—we will be having our Christmas lunch on Thursday 20th December. If your child already has a school meal you do not need to do anything else. If your child has a packed lunch then please return the letter (that came home last week) before 28th November to order a Christmas meal. Years 3 and above will need to pay £2.40 via the Parentpay system 'Christmas Lunch'.

Trips

Our KS2 residentials are all confirmed and we are looking forward to sharing some exciting times with our children. The trip letters will be coming home with your child(ren) today and Parentpay has been set up so that you can start to pay in instalments.





Year 5 will visit Lineham Farm near Eccup in Leeds



Year 3 will visit Netherside Hall near Grassington in the Yorkshire Dales



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Christmas Fair Friday 30th November, 3:30-4:30



It's nearly here! We invite you to join us next Friday for our Christmas Fair. There will be children's games, tombolas, bric a brac plus Father Christmas will be stopping by to hear what the children (and maybe some adults!) would like for Christmas.

We need some more Elves (aka volunteers) to help with manning a stall and getting things ready during the day. If you can help for any amount of time, please contact us at fomsjames@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Dress down day - Friday 30th November

Friday 30th November will be a dress down day to collect donations for our Christmas Fair tombola's.

Please could your child bring:

Reception classes and year 3 & 4 - chocolate

Years 5 & 6 - a bottle

Years 1 & 2 - a small unwrapped gift

Please send your donations into school with your children on Friday 30th November.

Donations sought:

Bric a brac

Clean teddies

Bottles of wine

Empty wine bottles

Bottle gift bags

Christmas decorations

Please leave donations at reception.

Hollywood Bowl, 19/11/18 - £60 raised

Monday saw a number of families take to the lanes at Hollywood Bowl to have fun on the inset day. We are grateful to Hollywood Bowl who offered us use of the lanes free of charge, meaning all the money from lanes sold has gone in to our PTFA funds.

Next PTFA meeting - Tuesday 11th December - 6:30 pm at school

Key Dates for the Next Academic Year

Week Commencing	Autumn Term Dates
12th November	Anti-Bullying Week Thursday 15th Friday 16th Children in Need—full uniform must be worn but with spotty accessories (socks, tights, bow tie, hair accessories etc.)
19th November	Monday 19th TRAINING DAY
26th November	Bikeability Week (year 6) Monday 26th Flu Immunisations for years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
3rd December	Monday 3rd—Wednesday 5th Bikeability continues (year 6) Thursday 6th 9am KS2 Christingle service in church. Thursday 6th 10.30am Rec/KS1 Christingle service in church.
10th December	Thursday 13th Reception Class Nativity 2.30pm Thursday 13th KS2 SEN Meeting with Mrs Kelly
17th December	Monday 17th Year 2 Carols Round the Tree 2.45pm Wednesday 19th Year 1 Nativity 2.30pm Wednesday 19th Year 5 Carols in the Playground Wednesday 19th Year 3 & 4 Christmas in Church 6pm Thursday 20th 1pm Optional Eucharist for Yr 5 & 6 pupils in church Thursday 20th 2pm Christmas Service in church Friday 21st Christmas party day

Week	Spring Term Dates
Commencing	
7 th January	Monday 7 th school re-opens at 8.50am Thursday 10 th Epiphany Service in Church – All Welcome

Safety

We take safety very seriously at our school

If you have any concerns or observations regarding health and safety please contact: *Mrs Pratten or Mrs Cockerham.*

If you have any concerns or questions regarding Child Protection issues contact: *Mrs Spofforth*

Christian Value—Trust

Talk together about Trust.

This term the children will be considering the importance of trust and knowing who to turn to when they need help in different contexts. They will be thinking about the importance of reflection, preparation and communication alongside gaining a deeper understanding of what it means to be trustworthy. We will also have a focus on celebration and giving thanks.