



*All Are Welcome, All Are Accepted,
All Are Loved and All Achieve*

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers,

Once again, we find ourselves deep in to the dark nights and bright days, heading towards Christmas at what seems an alarming rate! I'm sure it feels quicker each and every year.

Since returning in September, your children have settled in quickly to the school year and continue to make us very proud of their achievements and learning. They are behaving well, showing eagerness to learn and have 'stepped up' in September to being the best they can be. School is a hive of activity and the children are soaking up all the excellent learning that is happening around them.

There are lots of exciting things planned for this busy half term and staff are always working as hard as they can to ensure the best for your children. Hopefully you will be able to join us in our Christmas celebrations and festivities as we get there!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and please don't hesitate to contact school if you have any questions.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Birks

Key Dates this half term: Autumn Term 2

7th November	Y3/4 Anglo Saxon and Viking Dig Day
10th November	Remembrance Service at memorial - 10:45am
w/c 13th November	Anti-bullying Week - 'Make a Noise about Bullying'
13th November	Odd Socks Day (to begin anti-bullying week and celebrate uniqueness)
13th November	Parents and Carers SEND Support Group (with SENDCo) at 2:30pm
17th November	'Children In Need' Day - children dress in spots or non-uniform
21st November	Open Morning for Parents 9 - 9:45am - time with your child in class
24th November	Rainbow Exchange Day - wear a colour & bring a gift
30th November	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight
5th December	Christingle services in AM at Church
5th December	After School 'Write a letter to Father Christmas' 3:10 - 4:10pm
6th December	EYFS Christmas Movie Night
7th December	Save The Children UK's Christmas Jumper Day
7th December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Movie Night
8th December	After school clubs end for the term
13th December	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Movie Night
14th December	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Movie Night
18th December	EYFS Parents Nativity - 9:30am and 2:15pm
19th December	KS1 Parents Nativity - 9:30am and 2:15pm
20th December	Christmas Dinner Day - Christmas jumpers welcome
20th December	Y3/4 Parents Christmas Performance - 9:30am and 2:15pm
20th December	EYFS and KS1 Pantomime 'The Naughty Elf'
21st December	Y5/6 Parents Christmas Performance - 9:30am and 2:15pm
22nd December	Last day of term - Christmas Jumper & Party Afternoon! Break up at 2.00pm

School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2023-2024

Autumn 2
Monday 30th October - Friday 22nd December 2023
PLEASE NOTE - INSET day 30th October
Christmas holidays - Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January 2024
Spring 1
Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February 2024
Half-term holidays - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024
Spring 2
Monday 19th February - Friday 29th March 2024
PLEASE NOTE - Bank Holiday 29th March and 1st April
Easter holidays - Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April 2024
Summer 1
Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024
PLEASE NOTE - Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
Spring Bank holidays - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024
Summer 2
Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2024
PLEASE NOTE - INSET Days 22nd and 23rd July
Summer Holidays - Wednesday 24th July - Friday 30th August 2024

Remembrance Service

We will be having our Remembrance Day service on 10th November at 10:45am. Rev Neil will be there to lead, and Mr Porter will be leading the brass players. You are welcome to join us at the memorial.



Anti-Bullying Week

This year, Anti-Bullying Week will be held w/c 13th November. The theme is 'Make a Noise About Bullying' and there'll be lessons, assemblies and activities all teaching the children about bullying and speaking up if they see it.



To start the week, we will be having an Odd Socks Day, celebrating the uniqueness and differences between all of us. Children are invited to wear odd socks and these can be as normal or as crazy as they'd like! Please note, this is not compulsory.

School Dinners

Please, please make sure you order your child's dinner **every day**. Not ordering means your child will only be provided with a sandwich.
We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Dojo

Class Dojo is our primary form of communication. The messaging facility is useful for communication, but please be aware staff have been instructed to only answer messages between 8:30 & 16:30; please allow 24 hours for a response. For urgent messages or queries, please contact the office.

Miss Walker

With delight for her, but sadness for us, Miss Walker will be leaving us at St Michael's in December. She is embarking on a new opportunity in owning her own 'Baby Sensory' business in Scunthorpe and we send her the very best of luck in her new and exciting endeavours. Miss Walker has led PE lessons across the whole school, and I know she will be missed by the children and staff, particularly in Y5W. I know you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future! We have currently got an advert out for recruitment of a cover supervisor to replace Miss Walker and will let you know the outcome in due course.

Parental Events

Coming up, we have a number of different parental events in the lead up to Christmas. One to draw your attention to, though, is:

21st November - 8:50am - Open Morning for Parents.

All parents and carers are invited to join their child(ren) in the hall and read a book with them. School will put on some hot chocolate to enjoy and there'll be a chance to find out more about how you can support reading at home too.



Unfortunately, we have deemed it necessary to cancel the Book Look event on 15th November. We apologise for any disappointment.

Write a Letter to Father Christmas club



On 5th December, all children are invited to join in with writing a letter to Father Christmas. There'll be music, letter templates and they'll come away with a letter, in a labelled envelope with a stamp - all it will need is posting! There is no charge for this club and children will need collecting at 4:20pm. Nearer the time, we will ask you to register your children's attendance.

Christmas Movie Nights

On the dates below, the children are invited to stay behind after school to watch a festive film. The cost will be £3 and is being ran by the PTA. The movies will be age-appropriate and there'll be snacks and a drink too. The children will need collecting at the following times each day.

FS1 and FS2 - 6th December - collect at 4:15pm

Y1 and Y2 - 7th December - collect at 4:30pm

Y3 and Y4 - 13th December - collect at 4:45pm

Y5 and Y6 - 14th December - collect at 4:45pm



Parents/Carers of SEND Support Group

Parents and carers of children with SEND needs (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) are warmly invited in to school for a cuppa and a chat with our SENDCo on 13th November at 2:30pm. This is a chance to support each other and meet other parents to share advice or simply listen to each other. Mrs Dyson is then there to facilitate conversations, as well as offer advice and support.

Please help us in making this event a brilliant success. We will be hosting these meetings every half term and is another way of us supporting our families however we can.



'Rainbow Exchange' Day

The PTA will be organising our annual Christmas raffle this year (thank you PTA!!) and, as a way of collecting a range of gifts for hampers, we are asking all children to bring in one item linked to a class colour. This item can be as small or as big as you'd like, as long as it is in the colour of their class as follows:

FS1 And FS2 - Green

Year 1 - Red

Year 2 - Blue

Year 3 - Yellow

Year 4 - Purple / Pink

Year 5 - Orange

Year 6 - White / Silver / Gold

For example, 'red' items might be a red candle, a packet of ready salted crisps, or a KitKat.

Thank you in advance for your support!

How can you help at home?

1. Encourage your child to read EVERY night.
2. Help them complete homework every week.
3. Help them to learn spellings and new vocabulary.
4. Help them to learn times tables
5. Encourage children to show excellent behaviour.
6. Make sure children arrive at school on time.
7. Ensure they wear their uniform.
8. Make sure your child comes to school every day that they are well.
9. Avoid taking any holidays during term time: children miss so much learning!
10. Encourage your child to play after school.
11. Talk to your child about what they are learning at school and celebrate their successes!
12. Come to school organized!

Christmas Events

There are a number of different events in the lead up to Christmas. Please see calendar on the front of this newsletter, or on the yearly calendar for dates and times.

Nativities and Christmas Performances - Performances will be held at 9:30am and 2:15pm for each key stage, and will be held in the sports hall. Parents will be able to come through the Y5/6 and field gate. Each child will be able to have 2 tickets to either performance, not both, due to space in the hall and fire regulations. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Dinner - Christmas dinners must be ordered by the deadline of **12th December**. Please ensure you place your child's order before this deadline, otherwise they will miss out. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers that day, if they would like to. School will provide crackers and music to celebrate as a school in style!

Save the Children UK Christmas Jumper Day - All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on 7th December to raise vital funds for Save the Children UK charity. Please send your child with £1 or whatever you can. Thank you.

