

NEWSLETTER

‘Capturing the imagination of young minds.’

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Some dates for your diary

6th November—Poppy Appeal is in school. Pupils can bring a small donation for a poppy. Our dedicated group of Young Leaders will be visiting classes each day that week.

November 17th – **Children in Need**

November 13th – 18th **Odd socks Day on Monday and Anti bullying Week – ‘Reach out’**

November 19th – 25th **Road Safety Week – Let’s talk about speed**

November 24th – **INSET Day**

December 1st – **TREE Day**

December 5th – **TUESDAY Festive film night**

December 7th–10th **Secrets room**

December 15th—**Mental Elf Fun Run** in aid of York Mind

December 18th – **Christmas shows week – 18th Reception shows, 19th Year 1 shows, 20th Nursery shows, 21st Year 2 shows.**

December 20th – **Festive Day - Whole school Christmas Dinner, Christmas Fair after school**

Message from Mrs O’Hara

Pupils arrived back in school refreshed and full of stories about Halloween and Bonfire Night. This half term is always very busy and the change in energy can be felt across the school. Yesterday our Charity Leaders began visiting classrooms with Poppy badges, bracelets, rulers and pencil sharpeners, inviting pupils to bring in a donation to choose an item from the Poppy box. All proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal, which we support every year. Next week will also be a busy week, so we are keeping it as simple as possible so that parents are not running around trying to organise additional things—more on this in the newsletter. At the start of the term, we held our annual Macmillan Coffee afternoon and together we raised £390.82—thank you as always for your support!

Next week

Next week is **Antibullying week**, which is marked by ‘Odd Socks Day’—an easy way to celebrate how different we all are and how wonderful that is. So on Monday, we invite all our pupils to wear odd socks—they can be different colours, different patterns, a short sock and a knee high sock—anything goes.

We will be discussing the values of standing up for each other and the importance of being kind. Our pupils understand ‘protected characteristics’ and the importance of equality, and so we will draw on their knowledge to affirm our intolerance of bullying.

Children in Need

We will acknowledge this day and learn more about how the work of the charity supports causes in the UK and across the world. We are aware that there will be charity collections across York and that you can donate online, but we will also offer pupils the opportunity to bring in a small donation so that they understand the meaning of ‘making a difference.’ We invite children to wear **non- uniform** on this day.

Chess Club

At lunchtimes we run board clubs and this is enjoyed by pupils across the school. We are happy to announce that we will be offering free Chess Clubs on Monday after schools for pupils in KS2. (3.15—4.15) Mrs Harbertson will be running the club and we ask that parents of pupils wanting to attend, complete the form using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/EA6YQtwkCWN2DPsUA>

Christmas Secrets Room

‘Just a reminder that the deadline for the Secrets Room, on ParentPay, is this Friday (**10th November**). Secrets Room will take place from 7th to 13th December (Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Your child will be taken to the Secrets Room with their class during school time and helped by one of our volunteer elves to make their selections and wrap their presents. You have the option of purchasing up to 4 gifts, priced at £3.00 each’

Brass/woodwind lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play a brass or woodwind instrument, please contact Mrs Hanson—details below.

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