

NEWSLETTER

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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 6th – 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

A super start to the new academic year!

Well, we have been busy! School has been a hive of activity over the last half term and the learning going on in school has been just brilliant. Walking the corridors, is always a joy—there can be music going on in one classroom, art in another and history in the next—such a broad and exciting curriculum at POPS. Pupils have been very focused in class with a large number of pupils already gaining their Base Camp certificate for demonstrating the 9Rs and many more almost there. Our aim this year is to encourage all pupils in school to have gained Base Camp by Christmas—the challenge has been set.

Encouraging active lunchtimes—bring your wellies!

As we continue to develop our play opportunities, we are inviting pupils to bring wellies into school and to leave them on their class wellington racks, to facilitate playing on the field over the winter. We also have waterproof trousers to keep uniforms as dry and clean as possible although your child may bring their own waterproof clothing in if they wish. By spreading the play, there will be bigger spaces and better play opportunities for all—what fun!



Art challenge

Each time I set an art challenge, I eagerly await the pupils’ response, and this time, I was not disappointed. Children have been leaving brightly decorated sticks in the office over the last few weeks and the collection keeps growing. A number of pupils have asked if they can bring one in after half term and the answer is of course ‘YES!’



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FRIENDS

Pupils had a monstrous time at the school discos last week. There was dancing, games and a good time was had by all. FRIENDS hired a professional mobile disco and the organisation was superb! An enormous thank you to FRIENDS for running the event and continuing to provide excellent fundraising activities for school.



Young Voices

Pupils attending Young Voices choir rehearsals have an enormous amount of fun. This term I am particularly enjoying the ‘hairbrush singing’ and dramatic enhancements that pupils are adding to the songs— absolutely brilliant to see! Could I please remind families that audience tickets and t-shirt/torch bundles must be ordered through ParentPay ASAP with a deadline being Friday 3rd November. Thank you. :)

Young Leaders

Our Young Leaders have been hard at work, carrying out their duties in school. Our Eco Leaders have been litter picking and our Playground Rangers have been supporting our younger pupils over lunch. Our Charity Leaders will be very busy over the next half term as we move into our special charities season. We begin with the Poppy Appeal, then move through to Children in Need and of course our Mental Elf Fun Run. Our children really are enthusiastic and they are an absolute credit to the school community.



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