



Poppleton Ousebank PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Capturing the imagination of young minds'

Newsletter - Thursday 19th December 2024

A message from Miss Collier

What a term it has been! The children have worked incredibly hard, and continued to make the staff proud of their efforts and behaviour. We have seen some incredible progress made since September, even in the last couple of days of term I have been shown so many pieces of work which the children have been so proud to share with me. There is nothing better than a knock on my door and a child beaming with pride with their work. Their determination and hard work is a real credit to both them and you, and helps them to make continued good progress.

I have had the huge pleasure and privilege of watching an array of magical Christmas performances. I'm sure you'll agree the children were fabulous. They had so much fun and enjoyment performing to their audiences. Their energy, enthusiasm and confidence was a joy to see. They did incredibly well to remember their lines, dance moves and perform to a large audience. Many thanks to you as parents for coming to watch. Your attendance at such events is very much appreciated.

At the end of a term we celebrate one child from each class who has really impressed their teachers consistently, day in, day out. These children can always be seen to uphold our school values of **respect**, **kindness** and **perseverance** and act as great role models to other children in school. The children will join me on the first day back to school for hot chocolate and marshmallows. I'm already looking forward to this, hearing even more about their highlights and proud moments. Well done!

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising numerous successful events this term; school discos, tombolas, uniform sales, raffles, Elfridges and the Christmas fair. We have already raised over £2000 from the Christmas fair alone which will be used to support curriculum enhancements in school. This is fabulous! We are so very grateful to all the parents that help organise and volunteer to support these events. Without your help these events would not run. Thank you for supporting the PTA events and giving so generously.

Finally, to all the staff at Poppleton, thank you for always being positive, enthusiastic and hardworking in all that you do and for making our school a happy place to be. Thank you to all our families and friends for all your continued support throughout the term. We really do appreciate your encouragement. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes, Miss Collier

I hope you have a good
Christmas. Thankyou for being



Spectacularly kind and
supportive. It means so
much. x

Staffing update - Today we say goodbye to Mrs Ross who leaves us to take on a new role mentoring and coaching adults. We would like to wish her well and thank her for her hard work and support. We are therefore recruiting for a 2 day a week senior advanced [teaching assistant](#). We are also looking to recruit two full time [midday supervisors](#). Please spread the word!

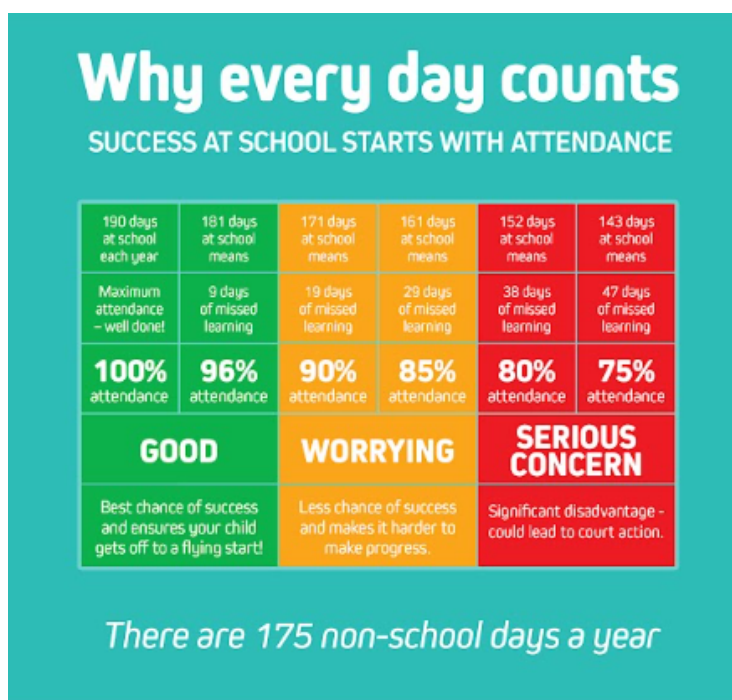
Smartphone free childhood - We would also like to make you aware of the smartphone free childhood [website](#) which has lots of useful information and research highlighting the harmful impact smartphones are having on children. If you have not yet watched the C4 documentary Swiped: The school that banned smartphones then please do so. The impact of smartphones is incredibly worrying.

Children in need - Thank you for your donations, we raised £404.80 in total.

Mental Elf - Well done to Mr Smith and all the elves who took part in our sponsored run last Friday. So far we have raised over £900 for [York Mind](#). York Mind is a leading local provider helping people recovering from mental health challenges. We've talked lots in recent weeks about giving to others at this time of year and how that may not mean a physical wrapped present, it may be a donation to a charity, an act of kindness, time spent with others. If you do still wish to donate to this charity you can do so [here](#). This message was also echoed in our assemblies from Revered Simon who retold the story of the Grinch.

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." The Grinch realised that the holiday spirit doesn't come from cookies and movies and presents.

Attendance and lateness – We are concerned by the increasing number of children arriving to school late or with persistent absence.. Please can you support us by ensuring your child attends school on time. Doors close at 8:45am. Sadly, the impact on children's confidence and self-esteem can be negative when they arrive after their peers and after lessons have started. It also has an impact on loss of lesson time and learning. If you are having difficulties bringing your child to school on time and would like some support and/or guidance please contact Mrs Mitchinson our attendance lead on hello@pop.hslt.academy.



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Important dates for your diary 2024 - 2025

Training days

Monday 2nd September
 Friday 20th December
 Monday 6th January
 Monday 21st July
 Tuesday 22nd July

Class sharing assemblies

Friday 28th February Y6 Nile
 Friday 7th March Y6 Amazon
 Friday 14th March Y5 Mekong
 Friday 21st March Y5 Mississippi
 Friday 28th March Y4 Danube
 Friday 4th April Y4 Douro
 Friday 25th April Y3 Rhone
 Friday 2nd May Y3 Rhine
 Friday 9th May Y2 Avon
 Friday 16th May Y2 Aire
 Friday 23rd May Y1 Tyne
 Friday 6th June Y1 Thames
 Friday 13th June R Foss
 Friday 20th June R Ouse

Spring Term

Monday 6th January Training day. School closed. Clubs start the second week back.		
Tuesday 7th January	School opens	
Monday 20th January	World Religion Day (19th)	A day celebrating other faiths
Thursday 23rd January	Y4 Jorvik Trip	
Monday 27th January	Y3/4/5/6 Young Voices	Sheffield Arena 1:00 - 10:00 pm
w/c 27th January	National storytelling week	
w/c 3rd February	Children's mental health week	
Monday 3rd February	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:00 pm Mr Holden's / Miss Goodwill's class
Thursday 6th February	Y5 Visit	Viking visit - coming into school
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day	
Tuesday 11th February	Parents' evening	3:30-6:30pm Classrooms
Wednesday 12th February	Friends Lantern Riddle	3:15-4:15pm
Thursday 13th February	Y3/4 VR workshop	
Thursday 13th February	Parents' evening	3:30-6:30pm Classrooms
w/c 17th February Half Term		
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	Author visit. Beth Walker

Thursday 6th March	Friends Book Bonanza	All children to receive a free book
Thursday 6th March	Reception 'Someone Special' reading in school	Reception Ouse/Foss 2:30 - 3:00pm
Thursday 20th March	Friends Disco	Y1/2 3:15- 4:00 pm Y3/4 4:15 - 5:15 pm Y5/6 5:30 -6:30pm
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day	Plans TBC by School council
Monday 24th March	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:00pm Mr Holden's / Miss Goodwill's class
Tuesday 25th March	Nursery Stay and Play - phonics	9:00 - 9:30am
Wednesday 26th March	Reception Stay and Play - phonics	9:00 -9:30am
Friday 4th April	Last day of school	

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school	
Wednesday 23rd April	Class photographs	
Monday 5th May Bank holiday. School closed.		
w/c 12th May	Y6 SATs	
Friday 16th May	Y6 Celebration day	events TBC
w/c 19th May	Walk to school week	
Monday 19th May	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:00pm Mr Holden's / Miss Goodwill's class
w/c 26th May Half Term		
Thur 5th -Fri 6th June	Y4 Residential	Ingleton
w/c 9th June	Y1 Phonic Screening check Y4 Multiplication check	
Monday 9th June	Sports Day	R/KS1 9:15am KS2 1:30pm School field
Wednesday 11th June	Nursery sports morning	10:30- 11:00am, Picnic lunch with parents
Friday 13th June	Non uniform day	Donation for the summer fair
Wed 25th- Fri 27th June	Y6 Residential	Robin Wood
Monday 30th June	Reception new starters taster session	1:30 - 2:30 pm
Tuesday 1st July	Y6 Production	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 2nd July	Reception taster session	9:30 -10:30 am

Weds 2nd Thurs 3rd July	Y6 Transition days	TBC
Thursday 3rd July	Y6 Production	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday 4th July	Popfest / Summer fair	All day / 3:15-5:30 pm
Tuesday 8th July	Reception new starters 24/25 Stay and Play	3:30-4:30 pm
Thursday 10th July	Reception new starters 24/25 Stay and Play	3:30-4:30 pm
Friday 11th July	Reports go out/ Classes go out	
Monday 14th July	Reception Graduation	2:30 pm Hall
Tuesday 15th July	Meet your new teacher	9:30-11:30 am
Thursday 17th July	Meet your new teacher	9:30-11:30 am
Friday 18th July	Y6 Leavers' assembly	2:30pm Hall
Friday 18th July	Last day of term	
Monday 21st and 22nd July School closed Training day		