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Friday 29th November 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

Christmas is fast approaching and we are all really looking forward to one of the most anticipated assemblies of the year on Monday – the lighting of the Christmas Tree!

It is such an exciting and special time of year in a Church of England primary school and we are all really excited about the range of Christmas events we have planned over the next few weeks.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity

It has been wonderful to see and hear snippets of Nativity rehearsals this week – it is going to be so special for all the children involved – the staff wanted to share the following information with parents/ carers with tickets to either show:

The performance will start at 2.00pm, however, the main door will be open from 1.30pm for all to come and find their seats. During this half an hour, there will be refreshments and sweet treats made by the children available to purchase from the PTA in the hall. Cash would be preferable but the PTA do have a card machine if required. All money raised will go towards enriching the curriculum for the pupils and as a school we really appreciate your support.

Please send your child's costume into school in a named carrier bag on or before Monday 2nd December. Please come and see us before that date if you have any problems with this.

Author Visit

Every class had a visit from author, Toby Glover, this week – he was incredibly engaging and funny, entertaining pupil and staff. It is safe to say his books were a hit – he completely sold out!

Thank you so much to Mrs Elliott for organising the visit – I know Toby is hoping to return next year.



RESPECT



Well done to Isaac, Tom, Leo, Pixie-Rose, Xander, Theo and Zoe for always showing our values of RESPECT. You make us very proud!

Reminder about PE Kits

We are seeing more and more branded or different coloured hoodies creeping in on PE days. Please remember, PE uniform is a plain black hoodie, plain black joggers/ leggings and a plain white t-shirt. The reason we avoid branded clothing is to keep costs down for families. If your child is not in the correct uniform, we will provide a spare school jumper for them to wear whilst in school.

Reminder about snacks

We understand that the children can get very hungry in the morning – for this reason they are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for playtime – this can be fruit or a cereal bar – no chocolate, crisps or sweets please. Children in KS1 will be provided with fruit. Please also remember that we are a nut-free school. We have a number of children with allergies and for this reason it is important that no nuts are consumed whilst at school.

Message from the PTA:

We hope everyone is looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Friday 6 December from 3.30 - 5.30. We would be very grateful if the following items could be brought into school:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Chocolates for the chocolate tombola, by Thursday 5 December
Year 3 and 4: Bottles for the bottle tombola, by Thursday 5 December (please ensure that any alcohol is given to a PTA member directly or the School Office - please do not send in with your child)
Year 5 and 6: Cupcakes, buns, and biscuits for the cake stall, on the day of the Christmas Fair - Friday 6 December. If you would like us to return your plate/box please label it before sending it in.

Thanks very much for everyone's support!

Reminders for next week:

If you would like to order a school photograph, please make sure you put your orders in by Tuesday 3rd December.

The children will also receive their Flu Immunisations on the 3rd – please make sure you give consent if you have not done so already.

On Sunday 8th December, York Concert Band are holding their Christmas Concert in the school hall at Fulford School, with some performances from Fulford School students. The concert is 2-4pm in the school hall. York Concert Band will be performing a festive programme of Christmas



music and other well-known popular pieces and songs. The concert will also feature a choir of Fulford singers and some student soloists/bands. All ticket proceeds will go towards supporting musical opportunities for students in school. Tickets are available for a £5.50 donation, and can be purchased online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/york-concert-band-christmas-concert-with-fulford-school-tickets-1084826107089?aff=oddtcreator> This concert is open to the local community and a good opportunity for primary school students to come and experience a musical event at Fulford.

Nativity Scene



Thank you once again to Mr and Mrs Harrison who have provided this beautiful nativity scene for our entrance hall. Mrs Harrison has kindly included some background information about the scene, which I have attached for those who would like to read it.

We are really grateful of the donation and promise to look after it well before Mr and Mrs Harrison's granddaughter puts Jesus in the crib on Christmas Day.

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

December 2024	
Tree decorating assembly	Monday 2 nd December
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 rd December
Performance of the Enormous Christmas Pudding for EYFS and KS1	Wednesday 4 th December
Christmas Fair	Friday 6 th December
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December 2pm Wednesday 11 th December 2pm
YoYo Assembly and year 1 and 4 workshops	Friday 13 th December
Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church Parents Welcome	Wednesday 18 th December 10am EYFS and KS1 11am KS2
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 18 th December
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 18 th December
PTA Disco	Thursday 19 th December
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 th December 2024

Next term's dates will be shared next week.

More fun in reception!



Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson



Links/ Attachments:

- [Over The Rainbow Job Advert](#)
- [Creative Literacies Hub Information](#)
- [What parents and educators need to know about Fortnight](#)

CHRISTINGLE 2024

A *CHRISTINGLE* is a symbol of light and hope that is used to tell the story of God's love for the world at Christmas. You are invited to join us as we **DISCOVER CHRISTINGLE**.



SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER
St Nicholas Church
Dunnington

3-4pm There will be Christmas crafts, tabletop games and prayer stations.

4-4.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE including building your own Christingle.

4.30-5pm REFRESHMENTS

Our Christingle activities will be suitable for children and adults. Everyone is welcome to come along to all or part of the afternoon. Children must be accompanied by a grown up.

Donations will be collected for the Children's Society.

JORVIK

Viking Festival

BLOODAXE BOOK CHALLENGE

Saturday 16th November 2024 – Saturday 11th January 2025



Read four books to collect all four stickers, earn a certificate and win a **FREE Child's Ticket to JORVIK Viking Centre**, PLUS a chance to meet our Book Challenge author Sophie Kirtley (bestselling author of *The Wild Way Home* and *The Way to Impossible Island*) at a special event!



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Christmas Holiday



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TO
3PM

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PER
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Monday 23rd December 1 Day £14
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

Tuesday 24th December 1 Day £14
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd January 2025 2 Days £28
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE FOR ALL COURSES AT
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Advance booking is required and is available online up to 48 hours prior to the course start date unless sold out. We regret we cannot offer a refund for illness or other reasons for non-attendance.



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AT VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS THE CITY**

Bookings for February Half Term & Easter 2025 will go live from
Wednesday 8th January 2025 via officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity.

Check out our social media for the details in advance.