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### Newsletter No. 3 - November 2016

*This newsletter is an important link between school and home. Please do read it carefully. I hope you will find it useful as it gives news of forthcoming events and a list of dates for your diary.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The staff and I hope that you have had a lovely break. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at Harvest Festival and also at our Sculpture Park. I am delighted to welcome our fantastic new teacher, Mrs Fraser, to Green Class and also the lovely Mrs Dale who will be covering Mrs Young's maternity leave. I'm sure that you will join us in welcoming them to our special school.

This term, our whole school topic is "Vile Victorians". We are busy launching the topic with trips for each class and look forward to sharing our learning with you. We are all looking forward to another fun-filled half term; especially in the run up to Christmas!

#### Poppy Appeal:

Poppies are available in school. Each year the nation shows its support for the work of the Royal British Legion through the **Poppy Appeal**. Every poppy helps us to support the British Armed Forces past and present, and their families. Please give generously and wear your poppy with pride. On the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be selling the items from the children's pack again this year including friendship bracelets and slap rulers for £1.00 and wristbands and reflectors for 50p. Please send money in with your child on the day if you would like them to have the opportunity to purchase something. We will be observing the 2 minutes silence at 11am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Parents' Consultation Evenings:

Parent Consultation evening will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to everyone who has booked online! If you are unable to attend on either of these evenings please contact the office and we will arrange an alternative appointment.

#### Harvest Festival:

This was a lovely service and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. We are grateful that we were able to use St. Andrews Church again. Thank you for your generous donations towards the Hambleton FoodShare scheme.

#### Children-in-Need:

We will be participating in Children-in-Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Having consulted the children via the School Council, they have decided that they would like to dress up in pyjamas and hold a bake sale. All donations gratefully received.

#### Dinner Money:

Remember to log on to the Gateway to pay for dinner money, trips, events etc. If you are having trouble with this please pop into the office. Reminder letters are issued, via email, on a Friday for accounts owing £10 or more.

#### Family and Friends Lunch:

Our family lunches for this term will be on 15<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please book your adult meal via your child's school gateway account by **9am on the day before friends and family day so that the kitchen team can cater for all. Late bookings cannot be taken.** The cost of an adult school meal is £3.00. Toddler meals are also available at a cost of £1.60. All welcome!



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Christmas Productions:

Our Christmas production, The Little Angel, by Orange and Yellow Classes will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm.

Blue, Green and Red Classes will be performing "Scrooge" in St. Andrews Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

We do hope that you will be able to join us. As usual, the Friends will be raffling hampers at each of these events. Please send donations for the hampers to the office by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas dinner:

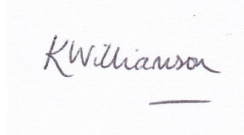
This year we will be having our Christmas dinner in school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This will be for the children only. Children are invited to wear Christmas headgear.

Parking and Road Safety

Can I please remind all parents to be mindful of road safety issues outside the school and to park as safely as possible; especially as the mornings and nights are getting darker?

I look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K. Williamson,  
Head teacher



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| DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - November 2016 |  |
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| Date                                   | Details  |
| Tues 1st                               | School reopens to children at 8.45am.<br>Swimming for Year 3 and invited others.<br>Football after school club<br>French after school club   |
| Weds 2nd                               | Bikeability for Year 6<br>Orange Class trip to York.<br>Collective worship - Jen Holder<br>After school Tag Rugby for Years 3 & 4  |
| Thurs 3rd                              | Bikeability for Year 6<br>Year 5 & 6 Football tournament - 2 teams<br>After school Chess club for Years 5 & 6  |
| Fri 4th                                | Forest school for Yellow Class am<br>Forest school for Orange Class pm<br>Red, Blue and Green Class trip to Ripon<br>Museums - Victorian dress up required!<br>Flu immunisation for Years 1&2  |
| Mon 7th                                | Christmas Crafts Club for Year 6   |
| Tues 8th                               | Swimming for Year 3 and invited others.<br>Hearing test for Year 1.<br>Football after school club<br>French after school club  |
| Weds 9th                               | Individual School Photos with Richard of Impressions - 8.30am for siblings.<br>Bikeability Group 1, Day 2 - Please check groups.<br>Collective Worship with Kathie Heathcote<br>After school Tag Rugby for Years 3 & 4<br><b>Parent Teacher Consultations 3.50-6pm</b> |
| Thur 10th                              | Bikeability group 2, day 2 - Please check groups.<br>Cross Country Finals for qualifying pupils - details to follow.<br>After school Chess club for Years 5 & 6  |
| Fri 11th                               | Yellow Class Ripon Workhouse trip.<br>Victorian dress up required!<br>Forest school for Orange Class <b>AM</b> .   |

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| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>      | NSSG Year 2 Dance/Drama Anti-bullying workshop in school.<br>Christmas Crafts Club for Year 6   |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>     | Swimming for Year 3 and invited others.<br>Friends and Family Lunch at noon<br>Football after school club<br>French after school club                                     |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>      | Collective worship - Jim Wilkinson<br>After school Tag Rugby for Years 3 & 4<br><b>Parent Teacher Consultations 3.50-6pm</b>  |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>    | After school Chess club for Years 5 & 6   |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>      | Children in need - pyjama dress up day and bake sale at 3pm<br>Forest school for Yellow Class am<br>Forest school for Orange Class pm                                     |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>      | Years 3 and 4 to New Life Baptist Church for the Christmas Experience Workshop.<br>Christmas Crafts Club for Year 6   |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>     | Swimming for Year 3 and invited others.<br>French after school club   |
| Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>     | Collective Worship - Hayley Liversidge<br>After school Tag Rugby for Years 3 & 4  |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>    | After school Chess club for Years 5 & 6   |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>      | THE BIG DRAW<br>Forest school for Yellow Class am<br>Forest school for Orange Class pm<br>Film Night  |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>      | Power Down Pete for Years 1 -6<br>Christmas Crafts Club for Year 6  |
| Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>     | Football after school club<br>French after school club  |
| Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>     | Collective worship - Stephen Redman<br>After school Tag Rugby for Years 3 & 4   |
| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec | After school Chess club for Years 5 & 6   |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec   | Forest school for Yellow Class am<br>Forest school for Orange Class pm  |
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec   | Friends Christmas Party!<br>Please book your tickets via the gateway<br>£20 per person for food and entertainment at Thief Hall! We would love to see loads of you there! |



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