



Term 1 Week 14: Friday 9th December 2022

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Welcome as always to our weekly newsletter. It has been an incredibly busy and positive week in school with so much happening.

Reflections on this week:

<u>Christmas Fayre</u> What a roaring success our Friends Christmas fayre was on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone involved!

Mrs Pierce and Mrs Pemberton once again organised the event and led the Friends team's facilitation of this festive treat. A huge thank you to all of the Friends team and all of the staff team for making this so successful. A special thanks to Mrs Pemberton and Mrs Pierce for their dedication to supporting school. Of course, a HUGE thank you to everyone who attended, donated, bought, drank, ate and supported the event.





I am also so incredibly proud of the children from year 5 & 6 who ran stalls. Not only did they create interesting and fun stalls, but I was particularly impressed by the way in which they conducted themselves. Well done folks!

Overall our Friends Christmas Fayre raised a staggering £758.88! All of this money will be spent on the children of school by the Friends committee enhancing experiences for all. Thank you everyone for your wonderful support. <u>Percussion workshop</u>: I enjoyed leading our percussion workshop on Tuesday morning with Mrs Sierotko. We talked about and demonstrated a range of percussion instruments, including the drum kit. The children had the opportunity to participate in some body percussion activities, for example our KS2 children enjoyed performing 'we will rock you'.

Check out our website or twitter account for some videos of this super session.

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<u>Tigers PE Lesson</u>: On Tuesday the children in Tigers class took part in a PE session at Carlton Holy Family High School. The session was led by a group of their Y10 pupils and was based on football skills. The children had chance to move around a carousel of activities developing different football skills at each one. They all showed brilliant collaboration and determination as well as being fantastic ambassadors of our school.



Hanukkah Assembly

On Wednesday we had a really informative and enjoyable assembly learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. Our visitor Sharon from York Liberal Jewish Community outlined the key aspect of how Jewish people celebrate this special time of year – this year Hanukkah begins on the 18th December.

Thanks to Mrs Burton for organising Sharon's visit. Mrs Burton's year 2 children for Leopards class were our resident experts and demonstrated such good understanding of Hanukkah, having studied it in their R.E lessons. After the assembly they had an opportunity to chat to Sharon a little more!





Learning about different faiths and beliefs is not only fascinating, but is part of our Religious Education (R.E.) curriculum. It is also an important aspect of promoting British values (particularly respect and tolerance). Being informed and understanding that people have different views is part of having a kind, modern and positive outlook on life.

We want our children to be good citizens and knowledgeable! The children's attention, questions and interest in assembly was a really good indication of this in action.

King Church Christmas experience

The Year 3 children from Lions class, along with Miss Marshall and Mrs Pemberton had a wonderful festive experience on Thursday morning when they visited the fabulous team at Kings Church Selby for their Christmas Experience. As usual the effort Mary and the team put into preparing the live story retelling and drama of the Christmas story was first class. Thanks to Mary and Kings church team for once again providing our children with this memorable and rich experience.

We are also extremely grateful to the team at Selby college for supporting this event by providing the minibus transportation for the children – removing the cost for us to be able to attend this lovely experience.

<u>Baaaaarrmmmy Bethlehem!</u> This week rehearsals have continued with the Cheetahs and Jaguars classes for their Christmas performance. Mrs Smith, Mrs Bramley, Miss Jackson and team have been working so enthusiastically with the children and it has been wonderful to hear the children singing. A primary school wouldn't be a primary school at this time of year without talk or comments of 'where is the angel? or 'has anyone seen a sheep?'! We look forward to sharing this with Cheetah and Jaguar parents in person next Wednesday.

Next week:

Next week, the final of the term, is a joyous week in school with Christmas activities taking place. As I outlined last week we have lots of things planned.

Tuesday 13th	Whole School Panto Trip to Doncaster Cast
Wednesday 14th	Christmas Performance 2pm (to school). NOW AT 5.00pm
	(parents/families) - children to arrive at school at 4.40pm
Thursday 15 th	Am KS1 Christmas Party (party clothes required)
	Pm KS2 Christmas Party pm (party clothes required)
Friday 16 th	Carol Service 10.30 am St Mary's Church
	Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch
	Break up for Christmas

<u>Reminder re panto payments:</u> If you have not already done so and you are able to, please could you pay for your child's panto tickets and travel via Parent Pay. Thanks in advance. Please do check your parent mails and text messages re panto payments and panto permissions. I am a little disappointed that some people have not communicated with us about the panto trip at all. Please do let us know if are wanting your child to attend but can't contribute. We will respond to this in a sensitive and caring manner. On the positive side of things I am humbled and I am so grateful for those people who have so offered additional support for this event go ahead. ! Thank you!

<u>Church visit.</u> We look forward to visiting St Mary's with Reverend Becky on Friday. We will be taking a similar approach to our harvest celebration by inviting only parents who walk with us from school to church and back, to attend the service. We will not be opening up the whole church here for a wide congregation. Anyone who would like to attend please do let the school office know so we can control numbers. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

For those of you who have been with us for a number of years Our 'key stage parties ' will be slightly different this year. We are not asking for any contributions for food. Both the Ks1 and Ks2 party will be lots of fun for the children with games activities. We have decided that children can still wear party clothes on their party day - please make sure these are still warm and sensible!

Midday supervisors (MSAs)

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Silburn as she leaves the MSA team. We thank Mrs Silburn for her teamwork, positivity and enthusiasm this term. We wish her nothing but the best for her new full time roll as teaching assistant in another local school.

If you are interested in the role of Midday Supervisor (MSA) please speak to the admin team or myself about this. We are looking for someone to join our team in two ways: one on a permanent (1 hour, 5 days a week) and one on a relief basis.

Have a great weekend everyone. Thanks as always for your support of our school.

Regards and best wishes

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Diary Dates for January 2023

Tuesday 3th Wednesday 4th Wednesday 11th Staff training and development day Children return to school Parent teacher Consultations



