

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

A big thank you to everyone for bringing a bottle to school today for the bottle tombola at our Christmas Fayre. We have had another wonderful week in school with so many great things happening. Our Christmas tree arrived and it is a beauty! Thanks you to Filey Lions for this very special gift. This week Mrs's Stubbs' class won the attendance award with 96% very well done to them! Next week the school lunch menu will be following 'week 1' please see the menu attached to this email.

Christian Distinctiveness



On Tuesday this week we welcomed Reverend Phil in leading our Collective Worship. It was all about Advent and why we count down to the 25th December. Our wonderful giant school Advent calendar was ready to reveal the first picture today! Every class in school has contributed to this very special calendar, we can't wait to see behind each number and tell the

nativity story as we count down to Christmas day. Recordings of Miss Ring's and Miss Haldenby's class poetry assemblies from last week can now be found on our school website under: TEACHING AND LEARNING – Classes – teachers name. 'Community, Compassion & Friendship' are our core values, which are at the heart of everything we do.



Christmas Fayre – Friday 8th December 3.10pm-4.30pm

We have a very special Christmas Fayre planned again this year with lots of wonderful prizes and stalls. The fayre will take place in the school hall and Reception / Nursery classes. Stalls and activities will be as follows:

- Santa's Grotto will be in the Nursery classroom.
- The bottle tombola, raffle stall, cakes, hotdogs and refreshments will be in the school hall.
- Christmas decorations, reindeer food bags, face painting and many other festive games and activities will take place in both the Reception classrooms.

Christmas Fayre Raffle Tickets

We have some amazing prizes this year for our Christmas raffle. Prizes include a super Christmas Hamper worth £50, a luxury car valeting kit worth £70, two children's scooters, a pamper hamper, children's board games, toys, local gift vouchers and much, much more. Tickets cost £1 each and the prizes will be drawn at 4.20pm during the Christmas Fayre. Please complete a raffle ticket sheet and return to school in an envelope with the correct money if you would like to buy tickets in advance of the Fayre.

Christmas Production Tickets

Tickets for your child's Christmas Production are now available for you to collect. You will need to collect them from your child's class teacher. We issue two tickets to each family initially. If you would like more tickets please ask your child's teacher and they will add your request to a wish list (we will try our best but these are not guaranteed and can only be given out once all children have their two ticket allocation). If parents are separated, we can give two tickets to each parent if required. Please understand we have to do this because of the size of our hall and to ensure that we meet health and safety standards. A recording of each performance will be uploaded onto the school website so you are able to share it with extended family and friends.

Inspiring confident learners, reflecting Christian values

Family Learning & Family Reading Clubs

Next week will be the last week for Family Learning and Family Reading Clubs. Family Learning will restart straight away after the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 9th January 2024. Family Reading clubs will start again the week beginning 15th January 2024.

PE Club and Year 2 Choir

The last session for these clubs will be on Thursday 14th December. There will be no school clubs taking place in the last week of term.

Cookery Club with Mrs Newlove

Group 1 cookery club will have their last session on Thursday 7th December. Group 2 will have their first session on Thursday 14th December but then no more until Thursday 11th January (this is a change to the original letter).

Filey Parish Christmas Services

Please see below a list of our local community church services leading up to Christmas:

- Sunday 10th December – Christingle Praise at St Oswald's 10.30am
- Sunday 17th December – Christmas Carols at St Thomas' Gristhorpe 11am
- Tuesday 19th December – Nine lessons and Carols at St Oswald's 6pm
- Christmas Eve – Crib Service at St Oswald's 4.30pm and Midnight Communion at St Oswald's 11pm
- Christmas Day – Family Communion at St Oswald's 10am and Family Christmas Service followed by Holy Communion at St Thomas' Gristhorpe 10am
- Christmas Family Trail Activity: see below

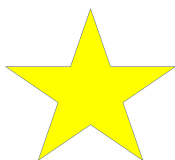
Christmas Family Trail

December is the season of Advent.

Find 9 camels and stars and a mystery letter at the places shown by  on the map.

Unscramble the letters to find a name connected to the Nativity story!

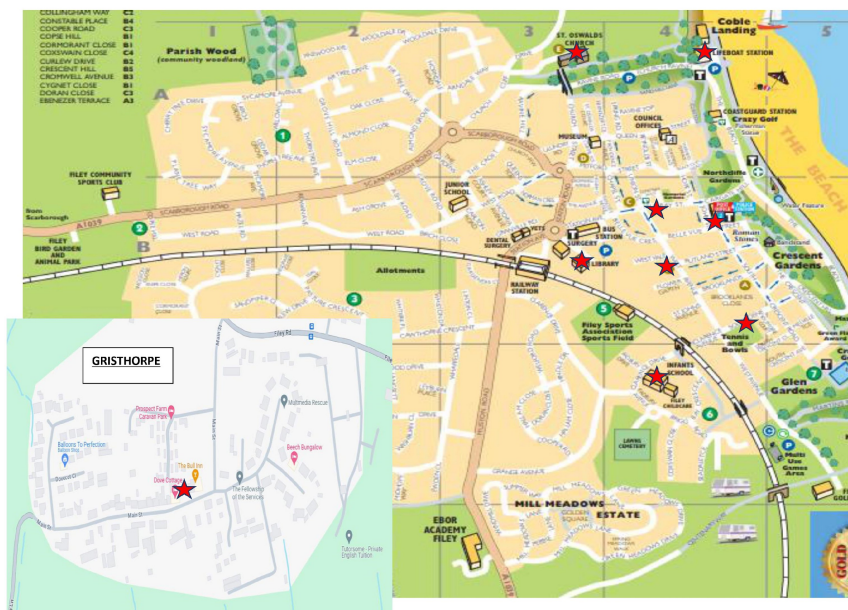
Come along to our Epiphany Praise service on Sunday 14th January at St Oswald's with your answer for a prize!



For more information visit Filey Parish website: www.fileyparish.org.uk

Why not put a star or a camel in your own window at home? Follow the star for Filey!

See the map below to find all the starts!



Filey Community Fridge

Please remember we have this great facility in Filey to save food from Landfill. Everyone is welcome at Co-op Funeralcare community room, Murray St / Union St, Filey. Opening times are Wednesday 10am to 1pm, Thursday 10am to 12 Noon and Friday 10am to 1pm.

Nursery News

This week in nursery, the children have been playing in the snow, looking at winter pictures and making snowflakes. They have also been practicing their nativity songs and making props ready for the play. Make sure you get your tickets, you are in for a treat!

Reception News

This week, the Reception children have been busy getting ready for Christmas. They have made some wonderful decorations and their classrooms look very festive. In maths, they have been learning about patterns. They have made party hats with repeating patterns and created repeated patterns using paper chains. They have also been rehearsing for their Christmas Play and we are all very impressed with their enthusiastic singing.

Year One News

In Literacy this week, year 1 children have started their new key text 'The Christmas Story'. They made a list of the characters and used this to make their own Nativity scenes. They also sequenced story events ready to write their own Christmas story next week. In Maths, they have been focussing on 2D shapes. They went on a shape hunt around school and used sorting skills to sort different 2D shapes into groups. In Science, children have been looking at Autumn and have begun to investigate the five senses. They used their knowledge of both of these topics when they went on an Autumn walk to Glen Gardens. Photos from our Autumn walk are available on Twitter. In RE they read the parable 'Jonah the Groaner' and created a class book re-telling the story and in PSHE they learnt about the importance of hygiene and how to keep themselves and their homes clean. This week year 1 children also began to practice for their Nativity, 'The Twinkly Nativity'. Children with speaking parts have brought their lines home with them this week to practice at home.

Year Two News

This week, year 2 have been looking at the story 'White Night Farm' which is about two cousins, one is German and one is English. In the story, the two men end up fighting against each other in WW1. The story explores their feelings and shows their lives as children, young soldiers and then as old men once the war is over. The children have written a diary entry pretending to be one of these

soldiers and written about their life at each stage that the story covers. In maths, pupils have been looking at adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. In RE, children have been preparing for advent. Christmas preparation has also begun and the children have been practising ready for our production of 'Hey EWE'.

Thank you for your continued support remember we now have a massive 480 (going up all the time!) followers on Twitter (now called X) so please follow the posts and save the wonderful photos shared via this platform. If you have any concerns or questions please just ask, we are here to help in any way we can. Keep the diary dates below for future reference, more dates are added weekly as they arise.

Best Wishes

Mrs Angela Clark

Angela Clark

Headteacher

Diary Dates – Please keep these dates safe for your information

December

Wednesday 6th December - Reception children's Christmas breakfast and story session

Friday 8th December – Flu Vaccinations catch up session

Friday 8th December – Christmas Fayre 3pm-4.30pm

Monday 11th December – Open the Book Collective Worship

Monday 11th December – Year 2 children visit Filey Junior School to watch their Christmas Production

Tuesday 12th December – Year 3 children visit us to watch the year 2 Christmas Production

Tuesday 12th December – 2pm Nursery & Reception Christmas Production for parents/carers

Wednesday 13th December – 9.30am Nursery & Reception Christmas Production for parents/carers

Wednesday 13th December – The Salvation Army Band join us for Christmas Carols

Wednesday 13th December – 2pm Year 1 Christmas Production

Thursday 14th December – 9.30am Year 1 Christmas Production

Thursday 14th December – 1.30pm Year 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 14th December – Year 2 cookery club group 2 starts

Friday 15th December – 9.30am Year 2 Christmas Production

Friday 15th December – Nursery & Reception children visit The Stephen Joseph Theatre

Monday 18th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party

Tuesday 19th December – Year 1 and 2 visit The Spa Theatre

Wednesday 20th December – A group of Reception children visit Filey Fields to sing Christmas songs

Wednesday 20th December – Nursery & Reception Christmas Party

Thursday 21st December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 22nd December – Travelling Theatre Company visit our school

Friday 22nd December – School Closes

January

Tuesday 9th January – School Opens

