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Friday 28th November 2025

#### Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week in school. All classes have been busy practising for their nativity plays. The singing is sounding wonderful! Miss William's Class won the attendance award this week with 96% well done to them, they celebrated with our usual box of maltesers. Next week the lunch menu is following week 3.

#### **Christian Distinctiveness**

Thank you to everyone who generously donated a bottle for our Christmas Fair next week. Your contributions are greatly appreciated, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all there! Year 2 children recently enjoyed a wonderful and enriching experience at St. John's Church for the 'Christmas Labyrinth' event. We are grateful to FISS for supporting this event. The children had a fantastic time retelling the Christmas Story through interactive stations and engaging in festive Christmas crafts. *Community, Compassion & Friendship'* are our core values, which are at the heart of everything we do.

## **Year 2 Swimming Lessons**

Miss Haldenby's first swimming lesson will start next week on Thursday 4th December, their last session will still be on Thursday 12th February.

# Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December 3.10pm-4.30pm

We are in the process of planning a very special Christmas Fair again this year with lots of wonderful prizes and stalls.

The fair 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. We
  welcome gifts of cakes and buns on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- Christmas decorations, reindeer food bags, face painting and many other festive games and activities will take place in both the Reception classrooms.

## **Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets**

We have some amazing prizes this year for our Christmas raffle. Prizes include a super Christmas Hamper worth £50, two children's scooters, a pamper hamper, children's games, toys and much, much more. Tickets cost £1 each and the prizes will be drawn at 4.20pm during the Christmas Fair. Please complete the 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 Fair.

# **Christmas Production Tickets**

Tickets for your child's Christmas Production are now available. If you have not already please collect tickets from your child's class teacher. We can issue three 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 but these are not guaranteed and can only be given out once all children have their three ticket allocation). If parents are separated, we can give three 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.

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#### **PINS Update**

As you may be aware we are participating in the PINS (partnership for the inclusion of neurodiversity in schools) project. As part of this we are working with Parent Carer Voice. Please find the link to the new PINS/ Parent Carer Voice website: <a href="https://www.parentcarervoiceuk.org/pins">https://www.parentcarervoiceuk.org/pins</a> where you will find more information. Next week Miss Williams will be sharing more information about the Parent Carer sessions that will be running over the next term.

## **Nursery News**

This week in Nursery we have been thinking about the Christmas story. We have learnt some songs for the Reception and Nursery Nativity production and some of us watched the Reception children practising their roles on stage! Our song of the week is 'Down at the station.' We are trying hard to learn the song and the actions. Our sound of the week is 't' for teddy, tin and tiger.

#### **Reception News**

This week Reception have had another exciting week of learning. In Maths we have been learning to identify 2D shapes as well as exploring the amount of sides and corners a shape has. In RE we have been learning about the different ways Christians celebrate Christmas and discussing some of the things we do at Christmas. In PE we have been gymnasts, creating different shapes and travelling in different ways on the PE apparatus. We have also been very busy rehearsing for our Nativity.

#### **Year One News**

Year 1 have been very busy this week learning their nativity songs and practicing their lines. In literacy we looked at the book Flood which is a wordless book and composed our own story based on the illustrations. In maths we have been focusing on the numbers 6 to 10, practising our counting skills and thinking about how these numbers can be made of 5 and a bit. In science we explored our senses of touch and smell with some mini investigations using these senses. In PSHE we thought about the people who are special and important to us. In history we worked together to build a timeline of things we have done as a class. Next week in history we will be creating our own personal timelines so homework this week is to think about special things that have happened in our lives (please see homework books). In Computing we learnt about what information technology is, something that works with a computer.

### **Year Two News**

This week, Year 2 have continued exploring the story 'White Night Farm.' in their literacy lessons. They have planned and written their own diary entries in role as the characters from the story. In maths they have been exploring using known number facts to add a single digit number to a two digit number. In science they predicted which materials could be changed by bending, twisting, stretching and squashing. During PSHE they thought about trust and who is in their circle of trust. They have enjoyed working in groups to create their pictures for the whole school advent calendar. They have been busy learning songs and rehearsing for their nativity play too. They all had a wonderful time visiting St John's Church on Thursday to take part in a Christmas labyrinth activity.

Remember we are here to help however we can, if you have any concerns or questions please just ask.

Best Wishes Mrs Angela Clark & Mrs Hannah Stubbs Co-Headteachers

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## Diary Dates - Please keep these dates safe for your information (more dates will be added as they arise).

#### **December**

Monday 1st December - Storytelling Worship Time from St John's Church

Tuesday 2nd December - Nursery new starters 'Stay and Play Session' 1.30-2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd December - Nursery new starters 'Stay and Play Session' 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 4th December - Reverend Phil leads Collective Worship

Friday 5th December - School Christmas Fair 3.10pm-4.30pm

Monday 8th December - Year 1 Christmas production 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th December - Year 1 Christmas production 9.30am

Tuesday 9th December - Year 2 Christmas production 1.30pm

Wednesday 10th December - Year 2 Christmas production 9.30am

Wednesday 10th December - A group of Reception children to visit Filey Fields Court

Wednesday 10th December - Nursery & Reception Christmas production 2pm

Thursday 11th December - Nursery & Reception Christmas production 9.30am

Monday 15th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party 1pm

Tuesday 16th December - Christingle Service at St John's Church

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Panto Trip to Scarborough Spa

Wednesday 17th December - Nursery & Reception Christmas Party 1pm

Thursday 18th December - Nursery and Reception visit The Stephen Joseph Theatre

Friday 19th December - School Closes