



Merry Christmas

After a busy Autumn, we have finally arrived at the end of the term. The last ten days of term has seen some absolutely fantastic productions from pupils in Key Stage 1 and a lovely Nativity production from the children in the Early Years. We have also had Christmas Jumper day, class parties and finally our Christmas Carol service at Saint Mary's Church. Visiting Saint Mary's church for the Carol Service was a really positive end to the school year. Due to the pandemic our last Carol service was back in 2019 and for many of our pupils it is the first time they have participated in what had been, up until that time, a regular annual event. Well done to the children who were readers and to the parents, grandparents and carers that came along to make this event possible. Further thanks goes to all the families that came along to the Christmas Fayre back at the beginning of December. This was a really enjoyable evening with well over a thousand pounds being raised for school.

In school this week we have had our 'enrichment week' the theme for the week was Art. Over the week, children have experienced a range of different artistic experiences including working with pupils from the High School and the Yarnbombers.

There have been several great sporting events that children have taken part in this term including Girls football, Key Stage 1 multi-sports and pupils visiting Queen Ethelburga's. Pupils have also visited the Cinema in Thirsk as part of their cultural events.

Mrs Norfolk

After many years of working in our school, Mrs Norfolk has made the difficult decision to retire. Mrs Norfolk has been at our school for over 22 years working in many different roles and with many different pupils. We thank Mrs Norfolk for all of her commitment and hard work and wish her well.

Mrs Hesmondhalgh

As a school community we were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Hesmondhalgh. Mrs Hesmondhalgh has been a great supporter of our school coming in to school each week for many years to hear readers and to help out with school visits. Her role with the playgroup and the Community Centre saw Cythia liaising with school over many different things. She had a genuine heart for East Thirsk and will be missed.

THANK YOU!

We just want to say a massive thank you to Sharon and Mandy of [Market Place Dentistry, Thirsk](#) and Ripon Clocktower Dentistry for the wonderfully kind and generous donations they gave to our school. Sharon and her team along with patients and friends all donated an array of gifts and toys to us as well as a box of amazing cupcakes to be shared by the staff.

You truly are Christmas Angels and we are so grateful for the kindness and smiles that you have given to our children.

Uniform

We have revised our uniform policy –please be aware that studs earrings should only be worn for school and earrings should be removed for PE, in a busy school day we really want children to avoid having an accident where an earring has got caught or injured the side of the head. Please be aware that 'smart' watches (those that can connect to the internet) are not permitted for pupils in school.

Click [here](#) for the full policy

PARKING

It is so important to please take extreme caution when dropping and collecting your children from school. Speed **must** be kept low and extra awareness taken when parking/reversing. We have had a number of complaints and an actual near miss recently involving someone driving a white van whilst collecting from an after school club. It was dark and the van sped into the car park at an excessive speed, parking in the middle of the road (not in a space) with no lights on when stationary. The van then reversed without warning, narrowly missing a parent and her children. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE respect the limits within our carpark and the children that have priority.

We hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Mr R Chandler

Headteacher

Fundraising

A huge thank you for the support and donations that we receive from parents and families throughout the year. This term we have held a number of events and the donations have been gratefully received

Poppy Appeal £195.27

Children in Need £206

Christmas Jumper day £48

Santa Fun Run £148.03

PTA Christmas Fayre & raffle £2350



Some of the amazing donations
from Market Place Dentistry

Spring menu 2023.

Please note the vegetarian option needs to be booked 3 weeks in advance via eschools or office. It is not an option that can be picked on the day.

MONDAY	V Pasta Parcels in a Homemade Tomato Sauce Cauliflower & Green Beans and Garlic Bread Apple Crumble & Custard	V Pizza Diced Potatoes and Peas & Sweetcorn Krispie Cereal Bar	V Farmhouse Mac & Cheese with Garlic Bread Broccoli & Carrots Jam Roly Poly & Custard
Vegetarian	V Sticky Vegetable Noodles	V Vegetable Curry Pastry with Crusty Bread	V Melting Veggie Slice with 50/50 Rice
Baked potato	Baked bean	Baked bean	Tuna
Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
TUESDAY	Crispy Chicken Bites Baked Baby Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn Herby Bread Orange Shortbread	Pasta Bolognese Cauliflower & Green Beans Garlic Bread Chocolate Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Cheese Burger Baked Potato Wedges Spring Coleslaw with Cucumber Sticks Banana Brownie
V	V Cheese & Onion Whirl	V Cheesy Leek Croquette	V Veggie Dog
BP	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese
S	Ham Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Ham Sandwich
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey & Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Homemade 50/50 Bread Arctic Roll & Fruit	Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Sliced Wholemeal Bread Cheese & Crackers	Mince Beef & Dumplings with Baked Baby Potatoes Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Sliced Wholemeal Bread Marbled Sponge & Custard
V	V Sweet Potato & Spring Vegetable Bake	V Veggie Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding	V Vegetable Cottage Pie
BP	Chicken mayo	Baked bean	Tuna
S	Cheese Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich	Egg mayo
THURSDAY	Chilli Con Carne & Naan Bread 50/50 Rice Broccoli & Carrots Cheese & Crackers	Chicken Wrap Vegetable Rice & Broccoli & Carrots Apple Flapjack	Chicken Korma & Rice Cauliflower & Green Beans Naan Bread Oatie Biscuit & Cheese
V	V Cheesy Bean Enchilada	V Sweet Potato & Spring Vegetable Curry with Homemade 50/50 Bread	V Vegetable Lasagne
BP	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
S	Tuna Sandwich	Ham Sandwich of the day	Tuna Sandwich
FRIDAY	Fishwich Chips and Crunchy Vegetable Sticks Chocolate Berry Mousse Cake	Fish Fingers Chips & Baked Beans or Peas & Crusty Bread Lemon Drizzle Muffin	Battered Fish Chips & Peas & Sweetcorn & Crusty Bread Lemon & Sultana Iced Finger
V	V Veggie Burger	V Chilli Wrap	V Cheese & Tomato Quiche
BP	Baked bean	Baked bean	Tuna
S	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich

Nursery News

This half term nursery have been exploring and discovering all about Autumn. We have learnt about the changing seasons through stories and songs, Percy the park keeper being our favorite. We have enjoyed remaking the story with puppets and retelling it to all our friends.

We invited our grownups in for a morning of Christmas crafts, not sure who enjoyed it more! On the countdown to Christmas, we have had Buddy the elf come to play in our wrapping station and thankfully he hasn't made too much of a mess.

Miss Wood & Mrs Byran



Nativity!!!!

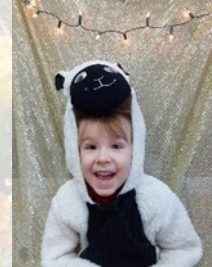




Reception News

This half term Reception have started to become engineers by practising their Design and Technology skills through Art and Maths! They have learnt all about 2D and 3D shape, making Cone Christmas Trees, Cube presents, Cuboid lanterns, and Cylinder Crackers! They have also made pop out / up Christmas Cards, as well as learning the Nativity songs and the Nativity Story. They have all become very eager actors and artists!

Mrs Wall



Year 1 Morning Class News

As the weather turned the children in Y1 kept working hard. In maths, they have looked at addition and subtraction, using fact families to show 8 different variations of using the part-whole models. They have started to use Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) concentrating on their 5 times table (however 3 times table singing is coming on well). We have looked at 2d and 3d shapes, thinking about their properties and their names. In English we have seen a big shift in their independence, especially when writing. We used a method called 'Talk for writing' and the children have enjoyed this approach and shown their phonetical knowledge when writing sentences.

Mrs Kaufman

Year 1 and 2 afternoons

On an afternoon, our highlights include: learning to tell and put the Gun Powder Plot in chronological order; using mixed media in Art to create the most wonderful Firework pictures; in Science we have learnt all about classification in relation to animals, working hard on justification skills; looked at naming and placing the continents on the world map. Not only that, we have combined our Science and Geography skills by finding a mammal, reptile, fish, bird, and amphibian for each of the 7 continents! Finally, our DT project saw us make the most magnificent Nativity Puppets!! A couple more of highlights from this term's activities include the KS1 craft afternoon where we loved having parents in school to help us complete our Christmas Crafts and the hard work all the children have put into the KS1 nativity.

Mrs Wimpory



Year 2 Morning Class News

What a wonderful term Y2 have had! They have worked exceptionally hard in all areas of the curriculum and always do this with such great enthusiasm. In Maths the children have been working hard on addition and subtraction and applying this with Money. In English we have been reading a range of short stories from Horrid Henry's Collection and the children have used this as a stimulus to write different genres. A couple of highlights from this term's activities include the KS1 craft afternoon where we loved having parents in school to help us complete our Christmas Crafts and the hard work all the children have put into the KS1 nativity.

Mrs Wimpory



Year 3 & Year 4 News

This term Year 3 and 4 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians! We have enjoyed learning all about ancient civilisation, Tutankhamun, pyramids, hieroglyphics and Egyptian gods. We have used art and DT within this topic and the children are excited to bring their projects home for Christmas.

In Year 3, in Maths we have been doing addition and subtraction and then working on our timetables. In English we have been reading 'Secret Agent Mummy: The Ghost of Tutankhamun'. They have really enjoyed this book as it had lots of exciting twists throughout! From this, we have written a character description of a character and an advert for the K-Casket.



In year 4, we have been securing our multiplication knowledge, learning all the tricks and tips to give us the best understanding. We have also looked at length and perimeter. In English, we have been reading 'The Cat Mummy'. We have enjoyed this book and it has linked in well with our Egyptian topic. Children have produced writing in the form of instructions, letters and poetry.



Miss Dalby & Miss Scholes

Years 5 & Year 6 News

This term, our topic has been WW2. Firstly, we looked at the reasons for war and organised a time-line of key events. We then undertook an independent research project investigating the Blitz, and questioned the reliability of the different sources of evidence, to come to our own interpretations of the past. We particularly enjoyed our work around propaganda, and exploring the role it played in 'The Home Front'. This was in conjunction with our work around the importance of Remembrance. As a part of this, we created an art installation inspired by the clay poppies at the Tower of London.

Mrs Kirkman & Mrs Collier



We are determined to ensure that we have good attendance at school. Our attendance target for this year is 96%. Thank you to all parents and carers that ensure that their child have good school attendance.

Attendance is led by Mrs Kaufman. Where we have concerns relating to your child's attendance you will be contacted by Mrs Kaufman to look at strategies to improve it. Good attendance at school is very important to success. Gaps in knowledge quickly develop from only missing a small amount of time. Frequently missing school can also become a safeguarding issue.

Good attendance at school is in excess of 96%. Where attendance dips significantly below this e.g. 90% you will be invited in to school to an attendance meeting. In this meeting targets relating to attendance are set along with developing strategies to support attendance. The below attendance is from the start of this

Attendance - up to

The Hive	88.9%
Sutton Bank	88.7%
Roseberry Topping	92.6%
Helvellyn	95.6%
Scafell Pike	93.5%
Snowdon	94.6%
Ben Nevis	93.2%
Totals	92.9%

Thursday



Christmas Fayre

Thanks you to all who came and joined us at the Christmas fayre and to everyone involved in helping, hosting a stall or donating!



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 school re-opens

Thursday 5th January Young Voices Trip

Friday 6th January 2023 School closed for Staff Training

Clubs start w.c 9.1.23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time or afternoon club				Guitar les- sons 1.30- 2	Keyboard lessons 1.30-2
		Mr Steel Sport Skills Y 5 & 6 10 th Jan – 7 th Feb	Mr Steel Soccer Tots Y 1 & 2 11 th Jan – 8 th Feb	Mr Steel Dodgeball Y 3 & 4 12 th Jan – 9 th Feb	
				Art Club KS2	

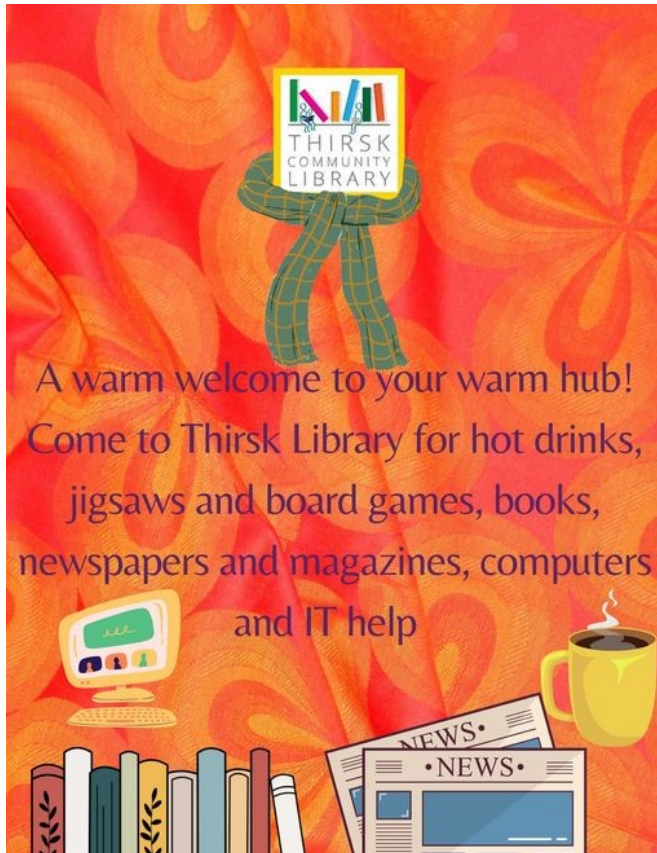


Scafell

The mummification of tomatoes and clay
Hieroglyphics.



Events happening in our local community



MON 19TH, TUE 20TH, WED 21ST, THU 22ND DECEMBER

8:30 - 4:30
Ages 5 - 12

FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHILDREN:
YOUR CHILD IS ENTITLED TO A FREE
SPACE ON OUR COURSE. MEALS &
SNACKS ARE PROVIDED ON EACH DAY!

PAYING PARENTS:
£20 PER DAY (INC. FOOD!)
8:30AM - 4:30PM
16 SPACES ON EACH DAY

**MULTI
SPORT**

&

GOAL
Game of Actual Life

VENUE:
SOWERBY PRIMARY ACADEMY
84 TOPCLIFFE ROAD, YO7 1RX

TO BOOK A PLACE, PLEASE VISIT:
SIMONCARSONSPORTSSCHOOL.CO.UK

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUERIES
CONTACT NUMBER: 07794 281398 or EMAIL: OFFICE.SCSS@GMAIL.COM



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SESSION

RIPON LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST 2022
2-3:30PM

Information around
healthy diet, healthy
snacks and portion
size.

Information
on oral
health for
children.

This group will be for
parents with children
aged 9 months to 6
years, with lots of
healthy lifestyle
advice for your family.
Including how to create
healthy habits and tips
for fussy eaters.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA THE EMAIL:
hdft.northyorkshire0-6nutrition@nhs.net



Christmas Reading Challenge



Read four library books before Christmas
and earn stickers, a certificate and a
personalised decoration for your tree.

Sign up in the Library from 26th November.
Free hot chocolate and craft pack for all
children.



Save the Children
Christmas Jumper
Day



**The Hive
Christmas craft
afternoon.**





Our First Santa/Turkey dash

What a fab time we all had chasing Mr Chandler and Miss Wood around the school field! There were so many smiles and giggles galore! Who knew turkeys could run so fast!!!



Christmas Parties
Dancing, games
and celebrations!



**Roseberry and Sutton
class
Nativity and
Christmas Craft afternoon.**