



NORTH RIGTON

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BULLETIN – Friday 17th November 2023

Thank you to those parents who have continued to send their children to school ready for all weathers. Where possible, we very much try to get our children outside, even in the rain. Movement breaks and physical activity are an important part of the school day and warm, waterproof coats are advised to be brought into school every day during the winter months.

It has been a busy day today celebrating World Prematurity Day and Children in Need. A huge thank you to those who have donated and come dressed in purple/spots and those who joined in with our purple spotty face painting! The children looked brilliant. Apples and Pears participated in a treasure hunt at lunch time, organised by our Charity Advocates, and there has been such a happy atmosphere around school.

I had the privilege of spending some time in each of the classes to deliver workshops about prematurity. I shared some bits from hospital such as oxygen tubes and showed the children how much milk a tiny premature baby can tolerate in their early days. They couldn't believe how small everything can be, from the size of premature nappies to the first size dummy! Our Charity Advocates also shared a video with the children about Children in Need which discussed how fundraising can support so many charities across the UK. It's been brilliant to see so much support for our two charities - thank you everyone. Remember, if you would like to make a donation online, you can follow the link below.

[Just Giving Link](#)

Cash donations on the day will be split between our two charities.

Have a super weekend.

Mrs Gardiner

School Christmas Tree

Our school Christmas tree this year is being kindly gifted by the village plant nursery - Cliff Bank in Huby. We are ever so grateful to Ben and his team for his generous gift to our school which will really get us all into the Christmas spirit! Their Christmas event begins on 25th November where they will be selling wreaths and trees onwards from this date.



Dates for the Diary

20.11.23 - Phonics and Early Writing Information Session for Parents, 3pm - 3.30pm in Pears Classroom.

All welcome to attend on this date, all pupils will be dismissed from the hall at 3.30pm.

21.11.23 - Y5/6 Fellowship Classes to the St Aidan's production: The Little Mermaid. (Please note the later return time as per the letter)

22.11.23 - Laps for Laptops! FONR fundraiser.

29.11.23 - Sadie the Music Lady Recital 2pm. (Parents of those performing are invited to attend)

30.11.23 - Y3/4 Road Safety Talk with the British Horse Society.

5.12.23 - Y5/6 WW2 History Day and workshop with Historic Workshops UK. Parents invited to join us for our Final Flourish at 2.30pm.

6.12.23 - Fellowship Trip to the Pantomime.

7.12.23 - KS2 Theatre Club performance at the Harrogate Theatre.

7.12.23 - Busy Bees Final Flourish (Part 1) - 2.30pm.

11.12.23 - Busy Bees Final Flourish (Part 2) - 2pm.

12.12.23 - KS2 to watch the Apples and Pears Nativity dress rehearsal.

13.12.23 - Apples and Pears Nativity at St John's Church 2pm & 5pm.

14.12.23 - KS2 Carols around the Tree at school 9.15am.

15.12.23 - Apples and Pears: Captivating Creature Workshop.

19.12.23 - School Christmas Lunch and wear a Christmas Jumper. Usual uniform applies other than the jumper please.

19.12.23 - Apples Christmas Party.

20.12.23 - Tigers Christmas Party.

20.12.23 - Pears Class Final Flourish - 9.10 in the hall.

21.12.23 - Busy Bees Christmas Party.

22.12.23 - Pears Christmas Party.

22.12.23 - Break up at 3.30pm.

Attendance Monitoring

As you already know, we regularly monitor pupil attendance as part of our safeguarding checks in school. This allows us to support those who are classed as 'persistent absentees' or those whose attendance falls below national expectations. We will soon begin issuing information letters to those whose attendance has fallen below 90% over two consecutive months so that parents are aware if their children's attendance falls into this category.

If you are struggling to manage your child's attendance for any particular reason and would like some advice or support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

YELLOW RIBBONS...

Apples:

Harper - Positivity
Sampson - Perseverance

Pears:

Oscar - Prevenance
Teddy - Independence



Busy Bees:

Eliza - Perseverance
Ava - Positivity

Tigers:

Harry - Independence, positivity & enthusiasm
Bella - Independence

HOUSE POINTS ...

Willow - 121

Hawthorn - 168

Rowan - 182

Maple - 184

Well done to **Maple** this week!

Health & Safety Parking

Unfortunately, we have received more reports of dangerous parking in the village during school drop off and pick up times. This includes parents blocking and parking on private driveways, parking on blind corners and parents continuing to park on the school zig zags.

We are very fortunate to have supportive neighbours who understand the volume of cars which will be present in the village at these times, however, in order to safeguard our children, parents and members of the village community, we urge you to think before you park. There was a near miss earlier this week due to reckless and dangerous parking on a blind corner. We are thankful that nobody was hurt this time.

We encourage families to travel actively and sustainably from home (or a suitable location at least 5 minute walk from school where possible). This will help to reduce congestion and improve safety at our school gates.

Thank you for your support.

FONR: LAPS FOR LAPTOPS EVENT

Please see the attached flyer about the FONR event coming up on the 22nd November!

Parents/carers are welcome to join their children on the field (weather permitting) at the specified slot for their child's class. Refreshments will be available for parents and children in the hall afterwards. The children will then return to class at this point and will be dismissed as usual at 3.30pm. Please note that it is cash only on the day, but donations can also be made via the JustGiving QR code on the leaflet. All money raised will go towards a new class set of laptops for our children and a laptop trolley

School Council - Bauble Decorating Competition

This year, School Council have organised a bauble decorating competition. Wooden Christmas baubles will cost £1 each and children may enter up to three baubles. If you would like to take part, please pay via ParentPay by Monday 20th November. Decorated baubles will need to be returned to school by Tuesday 5th December and please ensure your child's name is visible on the back of their bauble. There will be winner from each class and an overall winner which will be announced in Collective Worship.

We will use the baubles to decorate our school tree. Baubles will then be returned to children at the end of term to take home.

Many thanks,
School Council



Community Advent Calendar

One of our new Fellowship governors, Fiona Parish, is an active volunteer at the Otley Food Bank. During the month of December, as a school, we have decided to support this cause by creating a community advent calendar. We are asking that over the festive period, where possible, families donate non-perishable goods which will go straight into our wider community when it is needed most.

Mrs Gardiner has worked with Fiona to devise the community advent calendar which will be out in the playground during the December mornings, please see the attached leaflet in email. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



Friends of north rigton
CHRISTMAS DISCO
ALMSCLIFFE HALL FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
17:30-19PM

SILENT DISCO - PARTY BAGS WITH DRINK AND SNACK- XMAS GAMES-TOMBOLA- BAR OPEN

Tickets £7.50 each.
Please pay by bank transfer into the FONR account
Account name: FONR
NatWest bank
Account no: 58447067
Sort code: 53-50-21

Small change required for fun Xmas games and tombola- proceeds towards supporting north rigton school