

# BULLETIN Friday 29th November 2024

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

As we enter the season of Advent, with all the busyness it brings, our Fellowship schools have chosen to use a resource from The Church of England to create moments of stillness and quiet within the school day. This seasonal reflection can also be used at home by families and individuals: Follow the Star: Calm and Bright | The Church of England | It uses the carol 'Silent Night' as its focus and comes highly recommended.

We would like to welcome a new co-opted Governor, Emily Boughan, to our Governing Body. Emily is a North Rigton parent many of you already know. Emily attended her first Governing Body meeting on Wednesday and we look forward to working closely with her for many years to come.

Pears Class had a super trip to Harlow Carr this week, Miss Ellis was delighted to tell us all about it on her return. Thank you to all staff and parents who made this activity so memorable.

The Reception children are thoroughly enjoying their new space and have settled into it well. We hope you saw lots of photos on our Instagram feed as Mrs Goodwin, YCST CEO, officially opened the classroom whilst wearing a rather splendid tiara!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Andrews and Mrs Gardiner



# YELLOW RIBBONS

Apples - Pears -

Rosie - Kindness & Respect Alaeya - Kindness

Evie - Perseverance

Busy Bees - Tigers -

Jacob - Positivity Hugo D - Perseverance & Positivity

Pieter - Independence Harriet - Respect Grace - Positivity

Sports Awards — Silas (Y6) and Arthur (Y5) for showing such positivity sport.

# WHITE RIBBONS

Ion (Y1), Hettie (Y1) and Leilani (Y6)—for always showing all of our school values.

# **HOUSE POINTS**

Willow - 61

Hawthorn - 85

Rowan - 31

Maple - 47

Well done to Hawthorn this

week!

Autumn Term Diary Dates (more information to follow)				
02.12.24	Individual pupil photographs (all pupils to attend in full school uniform, please)			
04.12.24	Whole school trip to the Harrogate Theatre's Pantomime			
09.12.24	KS2 Carols Around the Tree Concert (9.15am in the school hall)			
	Theatre Club performance at Harrogate Theatre (PM—letter will be sent out with timings)			
11.12.24	Apples and Pears Nativity (2.00pm and 5.00pm at St John's Church, North Rigton)			
12.12.24	Nature Walk—Eco and Wellbeing Advocates leading a parent and child nature walk around the			
	village (information below)			
13.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day 2024 (£1 cash donations on the day)			
	Christmas Lunch			
16.12.24	FONR Coffee and Cake Parent Event at the Square and Compass—10am			
	Busy Bees class Christmas party AM (children may wear party clothes on this date)			
	Christmas experience led by some of our Y6 pupils PM			
17.12.24	Pears class Christmas party PM (children may wear party clothes on this date)			
18.12.24	Helen Mills—Music Recital/Christmas Concert. Those who have children			
	performing are invited to watch with the rest of the school			
	Tigers class Christmas party PM (children may wear party clothes on this date)			
19.12.24	Apples class Christmas party PM (children may wear party clothes on this date)			
20.12.24	Break up for Christmas			

# Spring Term Diary Dates (more information to follow in due course)

06.01.25	Teacher Training Day—School closed to all children
07.01.25	School open
07.02.25	Number Day—All children encouraged to come 'Dressed for Digits' - £1
	donations through JustGiving (link to follow)
12.02.25	Eco club trip to Kith Homestead (part 2/4)
14.02.25	Break up for half term
19.03.25	Busy Bees class trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park



### **Celebration Weekly Music**

This week our children listened to and Proud, by Heather Small:

<u>Heather Small - Proud (Official video)</u>



# **Reader of the Week and Golden Writer Awards**

Congratulations to Erin (Y2) who has been awarded our Golden Writer Award for an amazing letter she wrote to Little Red Riding Hood.



A huge well done to Bertie (Y3) who was chosen as Reader of the Week this week for his enthusiasm while reading.

Both children have enjoyed a visit to Mrs Gardiner's stationery shop to choose their prizes. Well done!











#### Nature Walk: 12.12.24

Our Y6 Eco and Wellbeing Advocates have organised a nature walk. Parents and Grandparents are invited join us to take their children on a 'walking bus' around the village, spotting signs of autumn and winter and enjoying time to take notice of the nature around them.

The walking bus will set off from school at 9am and last for around 40 minutes. Parents and Grandparents are responsible for their children during this event, which will end back at school. At this point, the children will return to morning lessons.

If you would like to join us for the nature walk, please complete the box below and return it to the office:

#### Nature Walk: 12.12.24

Name of pupil: .....

Parent/grandparent attending with pupil: .....

By returning this form, confirmation will be received for your child's attendance, plus acceptance of parental responsibility for the duration of the event.

#### **Spring Term Clubs**

Please see below a list of the clubs we will be offering next term. Sign up letters to follow in due course:

	Before School	Lunch Time	After School
	(8.00—8.50)		(3.30—4.30)
Monday			Fellowship Cheerleading for KS1 (held at All Saints)
Tuesday	Y6 Focus Group with	KS2 Sewing Club with Miss Lewis	
	Mrs Gardiner (by invitation only—more details to follow)		
Wednesday	Y6 Focus Group with	KS1 Singing Club with Mrs Mills	
	Mrs Graham (by invitation only—more details to follow)		
Thursday			
Friday		KS2 Recorder with Mrs Littlewood	

## **FONR**

Meeting minutes from the AGM are attached to the email containing the Bulletin this week.

FONR are also looking out for new members! If you are interested in this role and would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Gardiner who can help to arrange a meeting with the FONR team.

### Supervision on the playground in the morning

A polite reminder that parents should remain by the bottom pitch fence once the whistle has blown. Children in KS2 will line up with their teachers on the top pitch and children in KS1 will be met on the bottom pitch by their teacher. Thank you.



### **Communication reminders**

Just a polite reminder that we would be most grateful if you could notify the office in good time about drop off and pick up arrangements linking to school trips. We are finding that on the day of trips, the office is becoming inundated with new arrangement emails which is taking a considerable amount of time to sort through. Safeguarding is our highest priority, so it is important that we know who is responsible for any drop off and pick ups in good time. Thank you

# <u>Aspens</u>

Yesterday Aspens came into school to meet with parents and share some samples of the food they serve throughout the year. Parents and children enjoyed the delicious tasters and discussed with Aspens the ingredients they use and how they use them. Parents were able to look at the file with all the recipe sheets, seeing the full ingredient lists that are followed for all meals. Feedback from parents was constructive and gives Aspens a clear view of what parents would like to see within the menu options.

If you have any queries regarding lunches please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager, Amanda Foster: a.foster@ycst.co.uk

#### **LEGO CHURCH**

Thank you to everyone who came to our first Lego Church at St Wilfrid's, Pool. We had lots of fun and it was wonderful to see so many of you and all the amazing creations you made.

Lego Church will continue to run at

St Wilfrid's on the second Sunday of the month at 4pm

AND after lots of demand we are also starting a Lego Church

at All Saints, Kirkby Overblow

Monthly on a Monday afternoon straight after school with the session starting at 3:45pm.

So our dates for December and January are:

#### St Wilfrid's Church:

Sunday 8th December at 4pm Sunday 12th January at 4pm

#### **All Saints Church:**

Monday 2nd December at 3:45pm Monday 20th January at 3:45pm



Each Lego Church is roughly 45 minutes long with plenty of Lego on hand and children and adults join in and make whatever they like.

Each session has a theme and a matching Bible story or a Lego Bible video and an invitation to imagine and then make something to represent the theme and what there story says to them.

After a short "show and tell" session where we can admire all the amazing builds there will be a short prayer, our Shine Song and the service ends with a blessing.

All the while drinks and snacks are available: Lego Church aims to specialise in homemade popcorn!

This might not be conventional church but we aim to have happy and special services where children and grown ups have thought, prayed and learned together across the generations.

For more info contact Revd Stroma McDermott or Moira Keith.