



Newsletter – Friday 17th November 2023

I'd like to start by thanking all the parents and carers who attended the parents' meetings on Wednesday – there was a really positive atmosphere around the hall and we received some lovely feedback from parents as they left. Hopefully you have seen the link to the online parent/carer survey that was sent out yesterday. We do this each year to ensure parents and carers have the opportunity to tell us what we are doing well and how we could improve, as well as providing the opportunity to give a member of staff a 'shout-out'. If you haven't yet completed the survey, please use this link to find it:

<https://forms.office.com/e/EpcUi7Lu3c>

On Tuesday morning we had our first inter-house sports competition in school, where around 70 children from Y1 to Y6 took part in a tennis competition. The children had a great morning, and as well as some individual winners, Mr Colville managed to work out that the winning team was the Blue team. We also have a Boccia/Kurling competition at Horizon on Thursday and then a 10-pin bowling competition at Barnsley Bowl on Friday, as well as a football finals for our amazing, as-yet unbeaten, Y5/6 Girls' football team.

On Monday we will be taking our Year 6 pupils to Crucial Crew, which is a fantastic day where they work through various scenarios based on issues they may face in the next few years. It's always a really interesting experience, which the children get a lot out of.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who supported the recent sale of ex-library books. We raised an impressive £58, which we will be using to buy some high-quality books in the next few weeks. Thank you also to everyone who has supported today's Children in Need; we are always proud to support these important days which make such a difference to families and children at difficult times.

Christmas Fair – Thursday 14th December

In order to help school raise some much needed funds, on Thursday the 14th December we will be having a Christmas fair at 3pm. We are aware this is very short notice but we have been asked by many parents if we would be doing this. If you would like a stall (with a donation to school) please let us know as soon as possible. We will shortly be asking for donations for the tombola and raffle prizes. On the day we would appreciate any cakes and buns to sell. The fair will take place in different areas of school and not just the hall. More information will follow shortly.

EYFS Parents Speech and Language Training Session-Tuesday 21st November (9–10 am)

As mentioned last week, Ms Bailey has arranged a training session, open to all parents of children in EYFS, on the development of early speech and language skills. The session is aimed at all parents/carers, not just those whose children have speech and language needs and if you would like to attend this training session please contact the office so we know the number of parents who will be attending.

SEND Coffee Afternoon - Friday 24th November 2pm

Please find attached a letter about a SEND Coffee afternoon taking place on 24th November. The raffle will also be drawn at this event. If you would like to send any cakes/buns in for this event we always appreciate any donations.

Diary Dates

Please see below the list of dates for the diary, we will add to this list if any additional events are confirmed. All children will also be taking part in an Elf run in December to raise money for Barnsley Hospice. The date for this will be weather dependant and we will let you know when it is taking place a couple of days in advance but details of how to fundraise/donate will be coming out soon.

Finally, we'd like to ask that parents waiting to pick up children at the school gate stand well back from the gate, especially if waiting with prams, as we are finding it is causing a bottleneck when main school closes at 3.30pm. If you would like to stand in the EYFS playground from 3.25pm this would allow you to watch for your child without blocking the exit.

Please come to talk to us on the gate, or get in touch if there is anything we can help with.

Diary Dates

Monday 20th November

- Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew (arrive at school by 8.20am)

Tuesday 21st November

- EYFS Parents Speech and Language Training Session (9–10 am)

Friday 24th November

- SEND Coffee Afternoon (2pm) raffle will be drawn also

Monday 4th December

- EYFS Christmas pantomime in school (PM)

Wednesday 13th December

- EYFS Nativity performance (PM)

Thursday 14th December

- Christmas Fair (3pm)
- EYFS Nativity performance (AM)
- Food bank collection

Friday 15th December

- Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December

- KS1 party (year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 19th December

- EYFS party

Wednesday 20th December

- Upper KS2 party (year 5 and 6)

Thursday 21st December

- Lower KS2 (year 3 and 4)

Friday 22nd December

- KS2 Christingle service (church) we are hoping families will be able to attend this year.
- EYFS/KS1 carols (hall)