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**School**  
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**Acting Headteacher – Mr G Dyer**

### Attendance News

Currently whole school attendance is at 96.8%. This is an excellent figure, especially when you consider the current situation and how much learning was lost for some pupils over the summer term. High attendance means that the majority of our pupils are benefiting from being in lessons and are more able to close any curriculum gaps as a result of lockdown measures last spring and summer. As a way of saying well done to all of our classes we have decided to give the termly attendance reward event to the whole school. Therefore, children will be able to enjoy a Christmas movie afternoon in their class bubble with some treats on the last week of term.

### Christmas

With the current restrictions still in place, sadly this year we are unable to run some of the usual Christmas traditions such as productions, carol concerts, Christmas Fayres and our whole school Christmas dinner for pupils and staff. However, we wanted to do as much as we could to ensure that there was still some Christmas magic! Key dates have been included in our save the date section.

**Christmas Lunch** – Although we can't have everyone together, we will still hold a special Christmas lunch. This will be within the current system of staggered lunches and bubbles. A letter will be sent as usual for you to order a Christmas dinner for your child.

**Christmas Cards** – We know how much the children enjoy sending cards. To do this safely we are having a **last day for cards of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. This allows for a sufficient quarantine period to comply with safety regulations and all cards will be distributed on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Christmas Party Day** - We will still hold our usual Christmas Party Day with children staying within their bubbles for games rather than within their phase or key stage.

**Christmas Songs** – So we can maintain the performance element of Christmas productions, each class will be rehearsing and recording a Christmas song of their choice. Each class bubble will have theirs filmed and we will be releasing two each day to our school Facebook group from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** with the 18<sup>th</sup> December also seeing the release of a special whole school video to start the Christmas holidays. See the save the date section for more information.

**Acting Deputy Headteacher – Miss J Ellis**

### **Covid-19**

**Please remember you must self-isolate if anyone in your household develops ANY of the following symptoms:**

- **High Temperature** this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **New persistent cough** this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**IF ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DEVELOP ANY ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS THEY MUST GET A TEST AND YOU MUST ALL STAY AT HOME**

### Barlby Bridge Cares – Foodbank Collection

In order to continue to support Selby Foodbank and our community at Christmas we will be collecting donations on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. If you can, please bring along a donation of non-perishable food, drinks or toiletries. The Food Bank are currently in need of the following items: **TINNED MEAT/FISH AND FRUIT (400GMS), TEA BAGS (80s), COFFEE, JAM, UHT MILK (1 LITRE)** but any donation is welcome. Please remember that packaged food must be in date and we are unable to take fresh items. The collection basket will be outside in the playground on those dates. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness.

## Healthy School Award Hall of Fame

In February we were awarded the Silver Healthy Schools Award and we have been added to the Hall of Fame! This can be accessed through this link:

<http://healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/>

The award is given for demonstrating, through planning and staff and pupil development, a commitment to further improve outcomes for children through healthy choices and lifestyles. We are very proud to have achieved this award! Work towards these aims is ongoing and we have continued to develop the school garden, sensory spaces, healthy lunches and well being aspects throughout our work this term.

## School Houses

This half term we have launched the School Houses that are linked to the specific coloured PE T-shirts that children were allocated last year. The houses have been named after the 5 windows in Selby Abbey. They are: Benedict (Purple), Washington (Grey), Michael (Green), Germaine (Blue).

We had a launch day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November where children competed for their School House for the first time in 3 different challenge activities. Children are able to earn counters that are then added to their house collection box. These are transparent so they can see how their individual effort adds to the collective total of their house. They will be totalled at the end of the year to see who our champion house is. As well as through sporting success, tokens can also be earned by demonstrating school values, academic effort and acts of kindness. Staff have all been assigned with a School House. Houses will be used for inter-class sports competitions and sports day; when we are able to hold these events.

## Link School

As you will have read, we are delighted to announce the commencement of shared work with our new link international partner school in Nepal, Siddhartha Academy Secondary School in Ghorahi Dang. Children in Years 2 – 4 will be working on joint projects with children of the same age to develop a better understanding of each other and our cultures. We look forward to sharing some of that work with you over the coming months. If you would like to look at our new link school with your child then go to Google Earth and type in Siddhartha Academy Secondary School, Ghorahi Dang. This will take you straight to it.

## Important Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mars HT Award Assembly
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Jupiter HT Award Assembly
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Song Filming
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Foodbank Collection
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Foodbank Collection
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Rockets and Mercury Christmas Song Release – BBS Facebook
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Venus and Earth Christmas Song Release – BBS Facebook
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Party Day – Non Uniform
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mars and Jupiter Christmas Song Release – BBS Facebook
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Christmas Lunch
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Saturn and Neptune Christmas Song Release – BBS Facebook
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Attendance Award Christmas Movie Afternoon
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Christmas Song Release – BBS Facebook
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Closes For Christmas
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	Teacher Training Day
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	School opens for Spring Term

## Cold Weather

We try to keep the children outside in all weathers and as it is getting colder, hats, scarves and gloves are great for playtimes. Please also send some winter jogging bottoms or leggings in for PE as, where this is possible, games lessons will still take place outside rather than in the hall. In the event of school closures for winter weather, parents will be informed as soon as possible via a text message and Facebook post.

## FoBBS Christmas Raffle

As we are unable to have our Christmas Fair this year, FoBBS would still like to run some of their traditional fundraising events including a virtual raffle. This will take place on the FoBBS Facebook page on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. They will also be running the hugely popular Secret Santa. You will shortly receive a letter with more information about the different FoBBS events.