

Kildwick Chronicle

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st December

Learning to Live

Living to Love

Loving to Learn

Well that really was a busy week! As parents and carers will be aware we have had our school Ofsted inspection this week after a long wait! The children were amazing and a credit to the school and the lead inspector was impressed with their enthusiasm for learning.

A big thank you must go to our wonderful staff team who go above and beyond everyday for the children in our school. This was recognised and we are looking forward to formally sharing the outcome of the inspection with you as soon as we are able to.

Our Christmas Fair will be taking place as you read this Newsletter and we are hoping that you and the children have a wonderful time. This will be the first of many Christmas activities in school.

Please see our website for a Governing Board <u>Update</u> for November from our Chair of Governors.

Dentist Visit—Robins and Swallow

On Wednesday 13th December the Dentist will be visiting Robins and Swallows Class. This is part of the Personal, Social and Emotional Development curriculum in EYFS and Personal, Social and Health Education in Key Stage 1.

A polite reminder to return the Mt Dentist Kids Club Campaign consent <u>form</u> as soon as possible.



Secret Santa Presents for Home.

Each year we give the children the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping for their adults at home.



We need your help with this!

Please take the opportunity to have a clear out at home for unwanted gifts! These can be brought into school from now until Friday 15th December. The children will be 'shopping' on Friday 22nd December. Please email the school office if you can help wrap presents on this date. We currently only have one volunteer!

A payment of £2 can be made on Parent Pay for children to take part in this activity. However, we want to make sure all children get the opportunity to pick a present (regardless of payment) so your donations of gifts are really needed!

This is now live on Parent Pay.

EYFS / KS1 Nativity

Letters have been sent out week to let Robins and Swallows parents and carers know the part that the children are playing in their Christmas nativity.

We have tried our best to provide as many costumes as possible. However, if you have been asked to provide a costume and are unable to do so please don't worry! Send a quick email to Mrs Carpenter or Miss Akrigg and school will source a costume for your child.

We feel that it is important to put on an evening performance for parents and carers who are at work during the day. If you are unable to bring your child to the evening performance, please let their class teacher know as soon as possible.

We would welcome donations of a dog, owl or camel costume!

Mouse ears and support with other costume design would also be much appreciated.

Children need to be in school for 5pm to get ready for the evening performance.





Supporting our school community—

Christmas presents.



We realise that some families in our school community may face more finan-

cial challenges than others. In previous years ,all children have been given a small gift from school. You may remember that during / following covid times we made the decision not to do this. Instead, we decided to use the money to offer families going through more difficult financial times an extra present (from Santa). If this is you, all you need to do is select a toy/gift from Amazon to the value of approximately £15 (per child) and email a link to the school office. We'll arrange for items to be delivered directly to your address, so that you can wrap and pass them onto Santa in time for Christmas Eve!

Please let us know your order by December 4th to allow time for ordering and delivery.

SEND at Kildwick

The SEND section of our school website has been updated this week. You should be able to find all Kildwick SEND related information <u>here</u>. If there is anything missing, anything you think we should change or add please let us know!

A reminder that Miss Akrigg is our SENCo and can be contacted at d.akrigg@kildwickce.uk

Please see information below about the parent forum with SEND focus on 8th December 2023. We welcome and value your feedback!

Come Back To School!

This year we are inviting parents and carers into school to learn alongside their children on two separate occasions over the year. Thank you to those of you who have already been in; it has been great to see you!

Please see below for dates and times for the remaining year groups.

Kingfishers (Year 3 only)

5th December @ 2pm





We are delighted to have received an email this week to say that we have been nominated to receive an Art Kit voucher through Jacksons' bread. We previously won a donation of lovely bread for after school club from them too! Thank you to whoever is nominating us! Further details about feeding creativity can be found <u>here</u>.

Safeguarding

When attending parent and carer sessions in school please turn off



mobile phones. We would ask that you refrain from using mobile phones around the children.

We understand that there will be events happening over the Christmas period which you may like to photograph. A polite reminder that you should only take pictures of your own child and that images of other children (including in the background) should not be added to social media.

Many thanks for your support in keeping our children safe.



Christmas cards



Rather than sending Christmas cards we would encourage children to use Google classrooms to wish their friends and staff a Merry Christmas. Children could make a picture or a video to post. This is inline with our drive to be more eco friendly. If children do bring in Christmas cards, they will be posted in our Christmas post box and given out at the end of each week in December.

Reverse Advent



Each year we like the children to take part in a reverse advent activity. We have decided that we would like to donate items to Skipton Foodbank again. The Foodbank supplies emergency food parcels to people who are struggling to feed themselves or their families. The items below are suggestions for their normal stock (non Christmas specific).

Please select one/some items from the list to donate.

Your child will be given a date in December to bring in their reverse advent items. We will try to match days up for siblings. The list of dates will be available on Google Classroom.

We have now had a volunteer to take the items donated to the foodbank-thank you!

Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

Suggested items: Food - Tinned meat, Custard, Tinned fruit, Instant Coffee, Tinned Rice Pudding, Jam/Marmalade, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Tinned veg, e.g. Sweetcorn, Peas, Carrots, Rice, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned Fish, Quick cook meals - noodles, rice & pasta, UHT milk, Pasta, Soup, Beans, Cereal Toiletries - Toilet roll, Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shower Gel, Sanitary Products, Dog food, Cat food, Nappies (large size 5 or 6 most helpful), Baby wipes, Household cleaning items and washing powder.

Christmas Raffle

We are continuing to sell Christmas raffle tickets. If you have sold all your allocated tickets please ask in school for more. All proceeds go to the PTA.

A big thank you to those families and businesses who have already donated the



Family Induction Voucher from Depot Climbing 2x Coffee and Crumbs £10 vouchers £25 Holiday Club Voucher for High Adventure £15 Voucher for Natural Beauty £50 Amazon Voucher from Airedale Chemical Co. 2x £50 Amazon shopping vouchers / 4x Silsden AFC season tickets and merchandise from Silsden AFC MOT from Peter Watson Skipton Self Drive £20 Bean Loved Café Voucher £100 Amazon Voucher from P J Wiseman LTD We will draw winners for the raffle at the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert



School Office

As you will be aware from the Curriculum Newsletter Mrs Bains is currently off school following an accident. She has a broken ankle but is recovering well. We wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Parker is in the office from Monday to Wednesday. On this basis we would ask that you keep any non urgent phone calls and emails for these days. The answer phone and admin email is checked for urgent messages on a Thursday and Friday.

Thank you for your support.



A number of children in school have a Nessy account. Nessy is a widely used, evidenced based programme to help support children with phonics and early reading. If your child has been given a Nessy login their class teacher should have made you aware of this. Where possible we would ask that they log on to Nessy at home and complete regular short sessions of learning. This will have a big impact on their reading and writing progress.

Please contact your child's class teacher with any questions.

NHS - Please see email below from Airedale Hospital.

Our Play Specialist at Airedale Hospital, Maria Barrick, is hosting a number of drop-in play and game sessions over the next few weeks for children and young people under the age of 18 who are anxious around having blood tests.

There'll be the opportunity to try out the distraction toys and games including bubbles, games, fidget toys and books for young children and virtual reality headsets, iPads and games consoles for older children and teenagers.

Families can drop in to the play room on Ward 17 at Airedale Hospital anytime between 3pm-5pm on Sunday 26 November, Wednesday 6 December or Wednesday 13 December.

Read more <u>here</u>.



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There will be other dates that will be added to the diary as the term progresses, please keep an eye on emails, Google Classroom and Newsletters.

Tuesday 5th December Year Three parents in school—2pm **Tuesday 5th December** Full Governing Body Meeting Friday 15th December Christingle Service in Church—2pm Friday 15th December Pease bring all donations for parent secret Santa by this date. **Monday 18th December** KS2 Carol Concert in church—5.30pm Wednesday 20th December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in Church—2pm / 5.30pm Friday 22nd December Christmas Jumper Day (or party wear) / Christmas Party Lunch / Christmas Class Party / Children's shopping (wrapping volunteers needed in the morning)

Tuesday 9th January—Spring term begins



Stars of the Week...



| Robins | Learning to Live — Tabitha and Wilf |
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| | Living to Love — Eliana and Nora |
| | Loving to Learn — Florrie and Henry |
| Swallows | Learning to Live — Freyja |
| | Living to Love — Fearne |
| | Loving to Learn — Aubrey |
| Kingfishers | Learning to Live — Archie.C |
| | Living to Love — Emmi-Lou |
| | Loving to Learn — Seb |
| Owls | Learning to Live — Olivia |
| | Living to Love — Harvey |
| | Loving to Learn — Anise |
| Eagles | Learning to Live — Chloe |
| | Living to Love — Parisa |
| | Loving to Learn — Harry |

Parent Forum - SEND

The parent forum this term will be on **Friday 8th December at 9am.** This will take place in the church .

The focus of this forum will be SEND. If your child has Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (or you think they may have), this is a great opportunity to meet up with other parents and carers and Miss Akrigg. Our SEND Governor, Anna Fisher, will also be attending. This is an opportunity to feedback to us and help us continue to improve. A short questionnaire has been sent out to complete.

The parent forum is an excellent way for home and school to work in partnership.

Further information about the parent fo-

rum can be found on our website <u>here.</u>



Extra Curricular Clubs this week

| Taekwondo KS2 |
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| Christmas Singing and Music KS2 |
| Construction EYFS |
| Wednesday - Girls' Football KS2 |
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| Thursday - Cookery KS1 |
| Thursday - Kanga EYFS & KS1 |
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The half term 'round up' of Autumn 2 and Curriculum Newsletter for Spring 1 will be sent out on Friday 22nd December.



