

# Kildwick Chronicle

Autumn Term 2023

#### Friday 17th November

#### Learning to Live

Living to Love

Loving to Learn

It has been a busy week in school and next week is looking the same! Talk of the nativity has started and Mr Schofield has started Christmas songs with the choir and in music lessons.

Mrs Swales has been working hard to train our peer mentors ready to support other children in school. We have been impressed with their attitude and approach and know that they are going to do an amazing job!

Teaching staff have been thinking about the personal development of children in school and the roles and responsibilities we give the children. This is a priority for us in school as we prepare children for the future and the big, wide world! From milk monitors and who turns on the board to vision leaders and peer mentors, it is important that the children have a sense of responsibility and a role in school.

We look forward to sharing more about our school leaders and mentors in the coming weeks! Well done and thank you to all staff and children involved.



Year 2 and 3 parents and carers will be aware that we are currently taking part in a Bradford University project called, 'Glasses in Classes'. This study is to see if it is feasible for trained school staff to check the vision of children in Years 2 and 3. Mrs Kingham has now been trained and has been carrying out the vision tests this week. A qualified optometrist will then check the vision of the children who have been seen by Mrs Kingham. Parents and carers will be advised by the end of November if they need to take their children for a follow up eye test.

This is something we feel is extremely important. Previously all children had an eye test when they started school. This resource is sadly no longer offered. However, all children's eye tests are free and we would encourage parents and carers to get children's eyes tested routinely.

If you would like any further information please contact Mrs. Kingham c.kingham@kildwickce.uk

#### Anti Bullying Week

This week in school children and adults have been celebrating Anti Bullying Week by being 'Secret Angels'. Children (and adults) have been given someone to be extra nice to. They have also been nice to lots of others to disguise their assignment! A big reveal took place in classes today to see if children had guessed their 'Secret Angel' correctly.

This was an opportunity to talk to children about bullying, what bullying is and who to speak to about bullying in school. This is an ongoing part of our PSHE curriculum and something that we are committed to addressing in school. .



Polite notice from Breakfast Club.

When dropping children off at Breakfast Club please make sure that they are brought into the playground and handed over to a member of staff. Please do not leave children at the gate. Children remain the responsibility of parents and carers until they are handed over to staff. Many thanks for your help in keeping our children safe.

## 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.

#### Owls (Year 5 only)

29th November @ 2pm

Kingfishers & Owls (Year 4 only) 30th November @ 2pm

Kingfishers (Year 3 only)

5th December @ 2pm





**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.



#### Christmas Fair - Friday 1st December

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It is now two weeks until the Christmas Fair! It will take place on Friday 1st December after school. We still need your help to make it a success!

If you are able to help at all please contact Gemma Harling (Chair of PTA) on 07792845885.

we are still looking for help to set up and pack away on the day, raffle prizes, face painters and people to supervise stalls and refreshments.

The raffle is always a big part of the Christmas Fair. Please let us know if you have sold all your raffle tickets and we can send some more. Raffle tickets will be sent home with children next week.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Fair! There will be Santa's Grotto (please pay on parent pay in advance where possible) a bottle tombola, chocolate stall, Key Stage Two Christmas stalls and activities, refreshments and a Christmas choir (busking—please bring loose change!)

#### **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

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.

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!

#### EYFS / KS1 Nativity

Letters have been sent out this 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.





#### Supporting our school community—

#### Christmas presents.



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

financial 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.



#### We are a Nut Aware School

As we start the build up to Christmas, an important reminder to all our families that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies. We kindly request that you do not include nut related products in anything sent into school. Please also ensure that your child eats products from 'Flapjack Friday' before coming into school.



### **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.

If you have not yet read the Curriculum Newsletter it can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **Robins and Swallows**

A reminder that Robins and Swallows Classes are at the Movement Skills Festival on Wednesday morning (22nd November).

## Children will need to arrive at school for 8:30am.

Please make sure that they are in Kildwick CE School PE kit and bring a named water bottle and snack (fruit only please). Children who have earrings will need to remove them or come to school with them taped up.

We are really looking forward to taking them after the fantastic feedback they received following their first visit.





We have children in school with dog allergies. We would ask that dogs are not brought onto the playground when dropping off and collecting children. If you are waiting by an exit for children please make sure that your dog does not approach children as they leave the school. Please pass on this message to others who may collect or drop off your child. Many thanks for helping keep our children safe at school.

## Children's Mental Health

Please find information about from the NHS 'Healthy Minds' Parent/Carer Support Group. A reminder that Mrs Swales is our Pastoral and Welfare lead in school. Please speak to your child's Class Teacher, Mrs Swales or Miss Akrigg if you are concerned about your child's mental health.



## Zones of Regulation

The Zones of Regulation is a framework and self-regulation curriculum to teach regulation strategies for managing sensory

needs and emotions to children and adults. In

#### The **ZONES** of Regulation Blue Zone Yellow Zone Red Zone Green Zone Happy Focused Sad Worried overjoyed/Elated Bored Frustrated Panicked Tired (alm Silly Angry Terrified Gick Proud Excited

our school, children are encouraged to 'check in' in class through out the day.

Blue Zone: The Blue Zone portrays down feelings and low energy levels such as when someone feels bored, ill or tired.

Green Zone: The Green Zone depicts calmness and the feeling of being in control. A person in the green zone may be described as content, focused, happy or ready for learning. Green is considered as the zone with optimal learning.

Yellow Zone: The Yellow Zone describes a person with additional levels of energy and elevated emotions, but remains in more control. An individual may be facing nervousness, wiggles, silliness, excitement, anxiety, frustration or stress within the Yellow sign.

Red Zone: The Red Zone demonstrates strong emotions and extraordinarily high energy. A person is said to be in the red zone when he is feeling angry, elated, terrified, out of control, devastated or enraged.

Anybody can face problems in self-regulation and emotional control. Using the Zones of Regulation curriculum offers a common language, uniform visual teaching tool, and support for each child in school.

You could try this at home—have a look at the attached picture as an idea to get you started! If you would like any further information you can contact Mrs Swales k.swales@kildwickce.uk



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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.

#### Monday 6th November—New half term begins

**Tuesday 21st November**—Finance & Resources Governor meeting Wednesday 22nd November—Robins and Swallows Fundamental Skills @ Sandylands. Please be at school for 8:30am Friday 24th November—Non Uniform for donations of bottles / chocolate for the **Christmas Fair** Wednesday 29th November—Year Five parents in school—2pm **Thursday 30th November**—Year Four parents in school—2pm. Friday 1st December—Reverse Advent Begins **Friday 1st December**—Christmas Fair—(please see details above) **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—Please 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 / Christmas Party Lunch / Christmas Class Party /Children's Shopping (wrapping volunteers needed!)

#### Tuesday 9th January—Spring term begins



## Stars of the Week...



Robins	Learning to Live — Florrie & Luna
	Living to Love — Nora & Leo
	Loving to Learn — Teddy & Joseph
Swallows	Learning to Live — Phoebe
	Living to Love — Constance
	Loving to Learn — Freya
Kingfishers	Learning to Live — Finlay
	Living to Love — Elliot and Anna
	Loving to Learn — Maddie
Owls	Learning to Live — Sydney
	Living to Love — Tommy
	Loving to Learn — Max
Eagles	Learning to Live — Louie
	Living to Love — Seth
	Loving to Learn — Jack

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

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 <u>website</u>



#### **Extra Curricular Clubs this week**

Taekwondo KS2
Christmas Singing and Music KS2
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Construction EYFS
Wednesday, Cirle' Feetball KS2
Wednesday - Girls' Football KS2
Thursday - Cookery KS1
Thursday - Kanga EYFS & KS1
Thursday - Kaliga LTFS & KSL



The half term 'round up' of Autumn 2 and Curriculum Newsletter for Spring 1 will be sent out on Friday 22nd December.



Thank you to Gabrielle in Kingfishers for spending time creating this poster for anti bullying week.

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