

# Kildwick Chronicle

Autumn Term 2023

## Friday 8th December

#### Learning to Live

Living to Love

#### Loving to Learn

A big thank you to all of those who were able to attend the Christmas Fair on Friday, it was a huge success. There was a lovely community feel and Christmas was certainly in the air! We are extremely grateful to parents and carers who are involved in the PTA and to Mrs Swales who did an amazing job creating a wonderful Santa's grotto, providing refreshments and arranging other fun activities for the children. Key Stage two children prepared some fabulous stalls and activities and made lots of money for the PTA. The class that made the most money was Eagles and they are looking forward to a film afternoon in school!

A special mention to the choir who sang in the hall, it felt very festive and Mr Schofield and the children should be extremely proud. They were a great addition to the fair.



#### Oh yes they are!

A number of children from school will be involved in Glusburn's Youth Theatre Production of Aladdin in February 2024. We know they will be amazing—you can buy tickets at ticketsource.co.uk

If your child is involved in activities out of school that you would like us to share please send an email to office@kildwickce.uk



#### **Punctuality**

Please ensure you bring your children into the school building if they are late. Adults will close the doors

at 9am prompt as they will be needed to support learning in school. It is your responsibility to ensure that children get into the school building. There will not always be a member of staff in the office to unlock the gate and you may have to wait with your child.

A polite reminder that arriving at school late can be distressing for children, it also means that an adult is taken away from teaching to settle them into school. Parents and carers with children who repeatedly arrive late will be contacted by Mr. Whitehead to discuss solutions and support that school can offer to improve punctuality.

We operate a 'soft start' to the school day. Gates are opened at 8:45am and the registers are closed at 9am. 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 two volunteers!

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



Rehearsals for the Nativity are well underway! If your child has lines they will have been sent home— please be working on these at home with them.

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.

Performances will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm and 5:30pm.

Please bring children to school at 5pm for the evening performance.

#### Christmas Tree!

Year Six made a phone call to <u>Hawkcliffe Farm Christmas Trees</u> in Steeton to ask them if they would be happy to donate to school again this year. We are delighted that they agreed and we collected a beautiful tree last week just in time for the Christmas Fair. If you are still looking for a Christmas Tree please pay them a visit and thank them for their kind donation to school.





#### <u>Christmas cards</u>

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 Party Food

Just a reminder if you haven't already please email Mrs Parker (h.parker@kildwickce.uk) by Monday 11th December to advise if your child would like to have the Christmas Party Food school dinner on the last day of term. The meal will be charged at the normal school meal price of £3.25 and will be charged on ParentPay on that day if the meal is taken.



# **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.

#### SEND at Kildwick CE School

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend our SEND parent forum today. We were delighted with the results of the Ofsted questionnaire with regards to SEND. When asked to respond to 'My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed' 100% of responses were strongly agree or agree. The inspectors commented that this was not something they see regularly. It is our aim that all parents of children with SEND will strongly agree! This is a priority for us in school and will continue to be something we work extremely hard on. A reminder that Miss Akrigg is our SENDCo and can be contacted at d.akrigg@kildwickce.uk



#### **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 has been given a date in December to bring in their reverse advent items. The list of dates is 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 prizes below:

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.

We are pleased to be able to tell you that we have been successful in recruiting a new administrator to replace Mrs Parker. Mrs Turner will work in the school office Monday—Thursday and we look forward to welcoming her to the Kildwick team in January.

## Before and After School Club

Starting from January we will be unable to book children into after school club on behalf of parents at short notice. We take a lot of 'on the day' phone calls which is causing extra administrative work and issues with payments. Parents and carers will still be able to go online and book children into club themselves on the day.

In an emergency situation, we are more than happy to help but please only ask us to do this in extreme circumstances.

Thank you for your support and cooperation to help our busy school run smoothly!

Information regarding before and after school club can be found <u>here</u> on the school website.

#### Dentist Visit—Robins and Swallows

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 KS1. A polite reminder to return the My Dentist Kids Club Campaign consent Form as soon as possible.





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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.

Thursday 14th December Owls Rugby at Sandylands—09:20 to 12:00 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 (children come to school at 5pm) 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

**Tuesday 9th January Eagles Houses of Parliament trip Tuesday 30th January** Swallows and Robins trip to Gurdwara Singh Sabha **Tuesday 30th January** Eagles Bradford Industrial Museum Victorian Classroom trip **Tuesday 6th February** Safer internet day **Friday 9th February** Whole school Chinese New Year celebration—Chinese lunch available Friday 8th March The Secret Garden Theatrical Production (in school) for World Book Day (whole school) Friday 8th March Parent Forum in church—9am Friday 15th March Robins and Swallows parents and carers invited in for Easter lunch



# Stars of the Week...



Robins	Learning to Live — Ferne & Iona
	Living to Love — Isla & Reuben
	Loving to Learn — Evie & George
Swallows	Learning to Live — Gracie
	Living to Love — Dougie
	Loving to Learn — Daisy
Kingfishers	Learning to Live — Seth
	Living to Love — Maddie
	Loving to Learn — Aoife
Owls	Learning to Live — Georgia
	Living to Love — Rex
	Loving to Learn — Thomas
Eagles	Learning to Live — Seth, Tommy & Parisa
	Living to Love — Jack
	Loving to Learn — Olivia

#### **Parent Forum**

The parent forum next term will be on Friday 8th March. This will take place in the church .

If you have any suggestions for focus areas you would like us to discuss next year please email via the school office. This is an opportunity to feedback to us and help us continue to improve.

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

Further information about the parent forum can be found on our website <u>here.</u>



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

Monday	Taekwondo KS2
Tuesday	Christmas Singing and Music KS2
	Construction EYFS
Wednesday	Wednesday - Girls' Football KS2
Thursday	Thursday - Cookery KS1
	Thursday - Kanga EYFS & KS1



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



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