



RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Growing Together, Guided by Love'

NEWSLETTER – CHRISTMAS 2023

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
RIPLEY	96%	96%	97%	97%	NA
BECKWITHSHAW	96%	96%	96%	97%	99%
KETTLESING	97%	97%	97%	97%	NA

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your bumper edition of the Christmas newsletter!

As we move towards the festive period and a new calendar year, this is a time of reflection and growth: reflecting on all that has been achieved this academic year already and how we now continue to grow throughout the year and beyond. Your children have been incredibly busy this term and school has come so far in such a short space of time. We congratulate Ripley School in their successful SIAMS inspection and all three schools on achievements and events such as Enterprise Day, Pupil Leadership Roles, Pantomime, Children in Need, Anti-Bullying Week, Road Safety Week to name a few. Please do look out for a media articles on our Pupil Leaders across the Federation which will be published soon!

We thank you hugely for your feedback in the most recent Parent Carer Questionnaire and pride ourselves on listening to your views in order to improve our schools further. Your positive comments really are appreciated, and we will have already actioned some of your super ideas: Amazon Wishlists, additional after-school clubs, trips and visits, and increased communication via ScholarPack (text/email), ParentMail (payments/bookings) social media (Facebook/Twitter) and website. In the New Year we will be launching our new and improved website which we very much look forward to. Working together positively really does have an impact on the educational experience for your children.

I am excited about the progress we can continue to make next term and wish you all, a restful and joyful festive break.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
10th December	Ripley Christmas Market - choir performance
WC 11th Dec	Christmas baubles go on sale
15th December	Harrogate Christmas Market - Federation choir performance
18th - 22nd December	Christmas Enrichment Week
18th December	Christmas craft afternoon
19th December	Nativity - Parents are invited to attend All Saints Church Ripley when the production will start at 2pm.
20th December	Christmas movie afternoon
21st December	Christmas dinner and party - children may come dressed in party wear for the day.
22nd December	Carols, story and a special guest.
22nd December	Last day of Autumn term - school finishes at the normal time of 3.15pm,

We are delighted to be working towards becoming a Federation of Sanctuary over the course of this academic year. committed to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion for refugees and people seeking asylum.

Driven by teachers, school staff, parents, governors and community groups, City of Sanctuary supports the thousands of young people seeking sanctuary in the UK, raises awareness of the issues facing people in the asylum system, challenges misconceptions and builds social cohesion. Harrogate and District City of Sanctuary helps refugees and asylum seekers who come to live in the Harrogate district by offering friendship and practical support, in partnership with other charitable, faith, voluntary and community services. We offer social activities that bring the families together to gain mutual support and confidence.

As you are aware, at the Federation of Beckwithshaw, Kettlesing Felliscliffe and Ripley CE Primary schools we aim to provide a community of compassion. A place where all children are courageous, and who grow together, guided by love.

We will be updating you regularly with things you can do to support our federation culture of community, compassion and courage as we work to become a federation of sanctuary. As well as fundraising for school, this will be our chosen federation charity for this academic year. For more information visit: - <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>



Reminders, Updates, and Information

PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS

Please ensure all outstanding balances on your child's ParentMail accounts are settled in full by the end of the Autumn term.

A polite reminder that all school dinners, and wraparound care bookings should be paid for in advance of the meal/session being taken. Where dinners or wraparound care fall into arrears, letters will be sent home in line North Yorkshires policies, and the T&C's of Comet Club.

As always, if you wish to discuss financial matters in confidence, please do not hesitate to give Mrs Randall a call in the school office.

COMET CLUB

Booking forms for Spring Comet Club will be sent out in the next week. Please ensure these are completed, signed and returned by Friday 22nd December at the latest.

CLUBS FOR SPRING

We are delighted that Harrogate AFC will continue to provide football coaching after school, and Sporting Influence a gymnastics club for the Spring term. Miss Lear and Miss Holstein will continue Tuition Club throughout Spring 1. Clubs for Spring term are as follows:

Tuesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Football Club with Harrogate AFC

Wednesday 3.20- 4.20pm - Gymnastics with Sporting Influence

Thursday 3.20- 4.20pm - Tuition Club with Miss Lear and Miss Holstein

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Gymnastics will replace Multi Sports, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activities they participate in across the academic year.

Both Football and Multi Sports have limited spaces so be sure to book these early to avoid disappointment.

All Clubs will be charged at £4.50 per session and run for 5 weeks from WC 09.01.23 - WC 05.02.24. The full payment of £22.50 will be required to secure your child's place.

Booking and Payment for all clubs will be available on Parentmail before the end of the Autumn term, and will be on a first come first serve basis.

You will be informed via text when the booking goes live.

SATS CLUB - Year 6

Miss Lear will be running a Year 6 SATS Club every Thursday after school from 3.20 - 4.20pm from Thursday 18th January 2024

HARROGATE COMPETITIVE FESTIVAL FOR MUSIC, SPEECH AND DRAMA

We have received the brochure for the Harrogate Competitive Festival for Music, Speech and Drama. There are opportunities within the festival for children to perform on instruments, read extracts from books and sing. Here is the website address where you can access the full brochure and make an online entry should your child be interested - <http://www.hcfmsd.co.uk/>

HARROGATE COMPETITIVE FESTIVAL FOR MUSIC, SPEECH AND DRAMA

SYLLABUS

2024

March 1st-3rd,
8th-10th, 15th-17th
Harrogate High School
Ainsley Road
Harrogate
HG1 4AP

All Entries must be made online.
The Closing date is the 8th January 2024

www.hcfmsd.co.uk
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@harrogatecompetitivefestival
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Registered Charity 110706

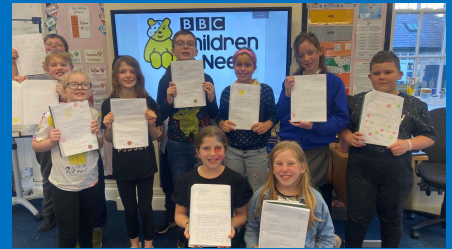
WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Children in Need

What a SPOTacular day we all had! Thank you for all the kind donations. We managed to raise £35.80.



As part of Children in Need, Class 2 researched where our money may go in our local area. We were delighted to see that there are 2 places in Harrogate where our money may go. We learnt that the money supports a range of different places as well as different families and children in the UK.



Class 3 spent some time learning about all of the different charities funded and supported by Children in Need. They all wrote letters saying how much they had raised and the charity that we would like our money to go to.

Anti Bullying Week

At Ripley the children have been thinking about #antibullyingawarenessweek and being kind. We made a big circle and gave compliments to each other to spread kindness.



'I like how friendly you are'

'You are so caring'

'I like how you play with me'

We also wore odd socks to represent how we all unique and different.

Road Safety Week

We take Road Safety very seriously at Ripley Endowed CE Primary School. All members of staff are crossing trained and we take pride in how road safety aware our children are.

During Road Safety Awareness Week, the children took part in several assemblies, designed posters and relayed their knowledge to Mrs Sarah Bassitt (IEB) during a recent visit to school.



Reading Ambassadors



The Ripley Reading Ambassadors have had a busy month and were really proud to plan, organise and deliver their first 'Book Tasting' event with Class 1 and 2. They chose books and read them to other children. This will help us to determine our favourites in our goal to improve our school library.

They also held their first book sale this week and can't wait for the next one in the new year.

We are so proud you for the creative, fun ways you are promoting reading throughout the school!



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

School Council

We couldn't be prouder of school council and the amazing amount of money they have raised so far for our garden of reflection. They raised an amazing £50 at their Halloween bake sale, and they hand delivered letters to every business in the village asking for Christmas donations. Those letters resulted in some amazing prizes for the raffle that is being drawn this evening! Well done School Council!



Panto

Always a highlight of the academic year....a trip to the pantomime at Harrogate Theatre. The children thought this years production of Dick Whittington was the best yet!

A huge thank you to FORS for paying for the coach and an ice cream for every child. It was hugely appreciated!



Christmas Enterprise Day



What a truly wonderful, festive day the children had this week. Working in their house teams, the children got to experience 3 different workshops throughout the day. We had the fabulous Madeleine Groundwater leading our forest school workshop, where they made a variety of decorations including reindeers and Christmas tree's, putting to use all the valuable skills they have learnt in their forest school sessions this term. In Miss Lear's workshop the children made the most adorable marshmallow snowmen and biscuit reindeers. Mrs Bassitt led a decoration workshop, where the children each made a beautiful Christmas house out of lollipop sticks, as well as each child making their own Christmas cracker. The donations from all crafts sold will go towards our garden of reflection.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Class 1

This half term Class One have been looking at different celebrations all over the world. The children enjoyed learning about Diwali and retelling the story of Rama and Sita. In DT the children have been looking at where different fruit and vegetables grow. They have practiced cutting and juicing, and enjoyed making smoothies making their own smoothies this last week. It has been lovely to see Year 1 children take an active role in the leadership groups and voicing their opinions and ideas.

We are fully in the swing of the most exciting time of the year; the children are practicing for the up and coming Nativity on Tuesday 19th December, and enjoying some very festive based learning challenges in class.



Class 2

Class 2 have had new reading buddies this half term. They have been developing their reading with the support of children in Class 3. We are currently working on our prosody as well as our understanding of the text.

The children have also loved learning the months of the year in French to a rather catchy tune!



Class 3

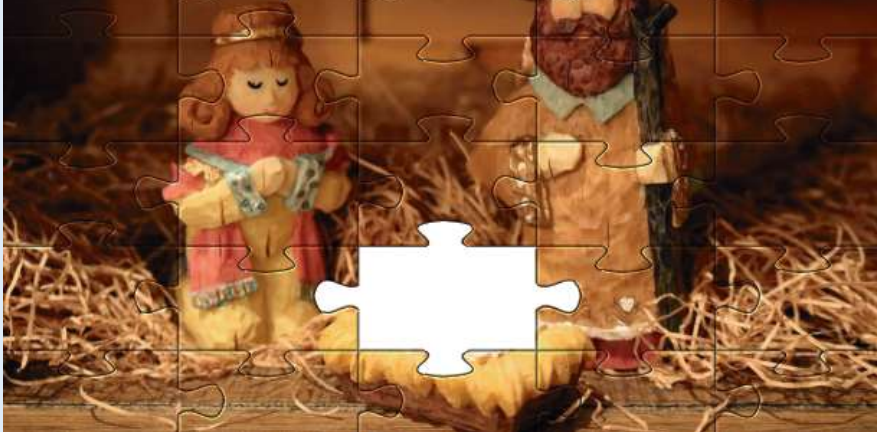
Class 3 have really enjoyed starting their new Design Technology topic: Food and Nutrition, focusing on developing a well-known and loved recipe – Spaghetti Bolognese. We began by looking at how meat is made, following its journey from farm to fork. We then conducted some market research, tasting, discussing and reviewing



different pasta sauces. We rated them and found our favourites, then decided that whilst they were good, we could create our own from scratch. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic, which culminated in a culinary master piece being finished this week! Following their planning, they stirred up the perfect meal, with every plate wiped clean. Now that's what we call a success! Well done to all our buddy Class 3 chefs!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH RIPLEY

Are you missing a piece of the puzzle?



At Christmas we celebrate the incredible fact that the King of Glory himself came down to meet us, bringing with him the wonder, beauty, and joy of heaven. We're not going to miss the opportunity to celebrate - so here's what's going on:

- * Sun. Dec. 3rd 10.45am Christingle at All Saints', Ripley
4pm, Advent Carol Service @ St. Wilfrid's, South Stainley
 - * Sun. Dec. 17th 9.30am, Christmas Carol Communion @ St. John's, Bishop Thornton
2pm, Forest Church Christmas Special @ Admiral Long School, Burnt Yates
6.30pm, Nine Lessons and Carols' @ All Saints', Ripley
 - * Tue. Dec. 19th, 6.30pm, 'The Longest Night' @ All Saints', Ripley
(a service for those for whom Christmas is more complicated than just joy)
 - * Thu. Dec. 21st 7pm, 'Carols around the Tree' @ St. Andrew's, Burnt Yates
- Christmas Eve**
Crib Services: 3pm @ All Saints', Ripley; and
5pm in the stable behind the Inn @ The Yorkshire Hussar, Markington.
'Bethlehem Midnight' Mass, 9.30pm @ St. Andrew's, Burnt Yates
Midnight Mass, 11.30pm @ All Saints', Ripley



Christmas Day Services

9am Communion @ St. John's, Bishop Thornton
10.45am Communion @ St. Wilfrid's, South Stainley, and @ All Saints', Ripley

He's just waiting to found - why not come and meet him?

*"The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's
only son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14*

'Piece' be with you this Christmas!

May it be for you one of joy, light, and love.

From the Churches of Cayton Parish: Bishop Thornton,
Burnt Yates, Markington, Ripley, and South Stainley

To keep up to date - sign up to our weekly newsletter
on our website, www.caytonparish.org

Would your child like to play a part in this year's Christmas Eve Crib service?

If so, please let Mrs Randall in the school office know, giving consent for your contact details to be shared with All Saints Church Ripley.

It has been a long standing tradition with children of Ripley School participating in the service, and really brings the community together at this very special time of year.

All costumes will be provided. Please let Mrs Randall know before Monday 11th December 2023.



CHRISTINGLE

A huge thank you to all the children of Ripley School who took the time to individually make a Christingle, that was used by the congregation on the 3rd December Service.

Cayton Parish

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

INFORMATION

House Point Tally



Friends of Ripley School

Christmas Baubles

This years polar bear bauble will go on sale from next week. Mrs Randall and Mrs Bassitt are busy creating Christmas magic with the help of your little elves, to produce a lovely keepsake to add to your tree year after year. Each child has designed 1 bauble which will be available to purchase from the School Office from the 11th December. Pricing is as follows, with a discount for siblings:

1 child's bauble - £2.50

2 baubles discount for siblings- £4.00

3 baubles discount for siblings- £6.00

Please note each child has only made one bauble to purchase, so it will be £2.50 for their bauble, however if you have 2 or more children, then the above discount is applied.

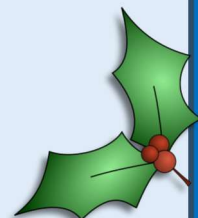
Christmas Party - Donations

FORS are looking for the following donations for the party:

Chocolate donations for the ever-popular chocolate game. These should be Christmas themed, so items such as chocolate oranges, bags of chocolate coins/sprouts/Christmas puddings (any bagged/netted chocolate that is Christmas themed), lollies, Chocolate Santa's/reindeer etc., tubes of Christmas themed chocolates. Basically anything Chocolate and Christmas themed!

Donations/loan of Christmas party decorations.

Donations can be brought in at any time, up until Tuesday 19th December.



Safeguarding

Road Safety

With darker mornings and evenings upon us, our focus this month is ensuring we continue the great work we have been doing with the children in school on Road Safety.

Children need help to learn how to cross the road safely. And there's a lot you can do as a parent or carer to support them. It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe around roads, so we have compiled a list of useful tips as well as links to some amazing websites and resources.



Be Bright and Be Seen

Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and dusk when you're heading to and from school, but remember it doesn't work well after dark!

Reflective gear is essential when you're out and about when it's dark to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work really well.

Accessories like clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on clothing or bags are a great way to improve your visibility.

Careful choices of routes and crossing points that are well lit are also essential to staying safe when you're out at night.

Are you ready for cycling in the dark? <https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/families/children/cycling>

Bicycle Lights - It's important to have a good set of lights that work and to check them regularly. It's also illegal not to have lights on your bike when cycling in the dark. White lights for the front of the bike and red for the rear. We recommend at least 800 lumens. Ask your child to keep spare batteries in their back pack too, just in case.

Reflectors - Most bikes come with reflectors fitted to the front and back of the bike, and on both wheels, however these aren't sufficient on their own. Check that they are big enough, aren't obscured by clothing when riding, and are not cracked or covered with mud so they can reflect headlights effectively. As with lights, reflectors should be red at the rear and white at the front so people know which direction you are travelling in. Wheel reflectors should be white.

Bright Clothing - Hi vis jackets or vests are ideal, but your child might be against wearing them as they're not the most fashionable. Therefore a hi vis reflective back pack for their school bag might be an option. If you buy a cycling jacket it is likely to already have reflective areas on it. Hi vis gloves are also another way to add some extra safety.

Helmet - It's important for your child to always wear a helmet when cycling. Reflective strips can be added to the helmet if it doesn't have them already. Help your child get excited about their own safety by suggesting that they decorate their helmet and bike with reflective stickers.



Useful road safety websites and resources:

Education resources – THINK! - <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

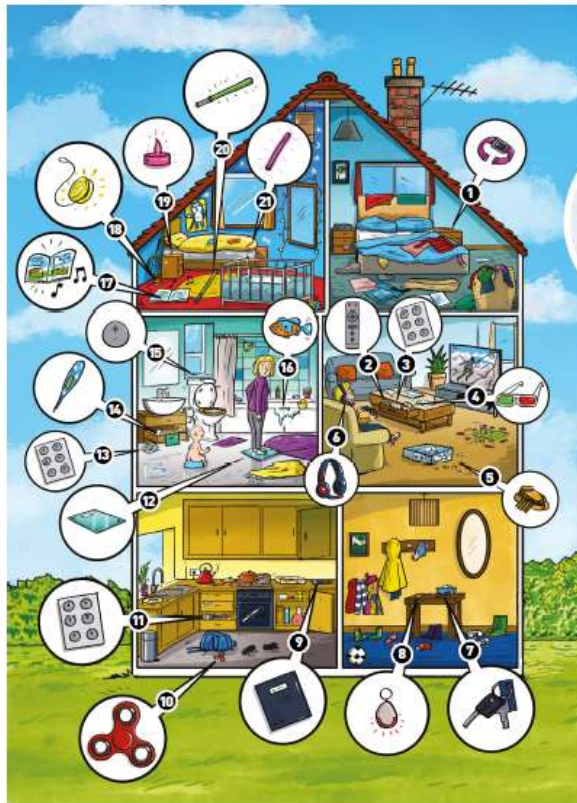
Road Safety For Children | Child Accident Prevention Trust (capt.org.uk) - <https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/>

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents (rospa.com) - <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Teaching road safety skills to children with additional needs (rospa.com) - <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/Teaching-road-safety-skills-to-children-with-additional-needs.pdf>

Safeguarding

Button Batteries



Button batteries – where are yours?



Button batteries, particularly big, powerful lithium coin cell batteries, can badly hurt or kill a small child within two hours, if they get stuck in the food pipe. Know where yours are, so you can keep your children safe.

Five top tips

- Hunt around your home for button batteries – in products as well as spare and 'flat' batteries.
- Keep products well out of children's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured.
- Store spare button batteries in sealed containers in a high cupboard.
- Remember that 'flat' or 'dead' batteries still hold enough power to badly hurt a child. So put them out of children's reach straight away and recycle them safely and as quickly as possible.
- If you think your child has swallowed one, don't delay. Trust your instincts and take them to A&E straight away or call 999 for an ambulance. Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick.

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| 1. Fitness tracker | 12. Bathroom scales |
| 2. Remote control | 13. Spare batteries |
| 3. Spare batteries | 14. Thermometer |
| 4. 3D glasses | 15. Flat battery |
| 5. Robot bug toy | 16. Robo fish |
| 6. Gaming headset | 17. Musical greeting card |
| 7. Car key | 18. Light-up yo-yo |
| 8. Key finder | 19. Tea light |
| 9. Kitchen scales | 20. Light saber |
| 10. Light up fidget spinner | 21. Flashing wand |
| 11. Spare batteries | |

For more help



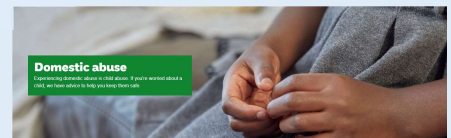
capr.org.uk/button-batteries
@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust

Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse is any type of controlling, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people who are or have been in a relationship. It can also happen between adults related to one another. It can seriously harm children and young people, and experiencing domestic abuse is child abuse. It's important to remember that domestic abuse:

- can happen inside and outside the home
- can happen over the phone, on the internet and on social networking sites
- can happen in any relationship and can continue even after the relationship has ended
- both men and women can be abused or abusers

For more information on how to protect children from domestic abuse, visit - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/domestic-abuse/>



NSPCC

SAMARITANS

With the extra pressure that the festive season can bring, our worries and fears may seem worse this time of year. It's important you check in on yourself and look after your wellbeing. If you are finding things hard this festive season visit :

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/if-youre-having-difficult-time/if-youre-finding-things-hard-this-Christmas-festive-season/>

Or call the Samaritans **116 123**

Whatever you're going through, you can call them any time, from any phone for FREE.

Safeguarding

Don't go hungry this Christmas or New Year



Our local food providers are here to help you and your family if you find yourself in need of food. They can provide you with food parcels including basic provisions and some provide cooked meals or a combination of both.

Please contact your nearest provider to find out how they can help you.
All enquiries are dealt with in strict confidence.

Harrogate and Knaresborough Foodbank



Food collections (referrals only, see www.harrogatedistrict.foodbank.org.uk or Tel: 07885529864): Holy Trinity, Knaresborough Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Mowbray Community Church, Harrogate, Tuesday & Fridays 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Life Destiny Church, Starbeck, Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Email: info@harrogatedistrict.foodbank.org.uk **Closed 22 Dec - 2 Jan 2024.**

Ripon, Boroughbridge and Masham Foodbank



Waste Not Wednesday at Ripon Community House. Surplus food cooked up into meals and treats plus short-dated items to take away for a donation. Open to all in the community. Tel: 07486 458963 Email: foodsupport@riponcommunityhouse.co.uk
Closed from Friday 22 Dec - reopening Wednesday 3 Jan 2024.

Resurrected Bites



"Give as you can" Cafes at: St Pauls URC, Harrogate, Wednesdays 10am-1.30pm; Killinghall MC, Thursdays 10am - 1.30pm; Gracious St MC, Knaresborough, Friday 10am - 1.30pm.
Cafes will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Community Groceries for people in food poverty: New Park Academy, West Street, Harrogate, Tuesday 11am - 2.45pm, Thursdays 9.30am - 2.45pm - **between Christmas and New Year open**
28th December 10am-1pm. Gracious Street MC, Chapel Street, Knaresborough, Friday 8am - 2.30pm - **between Christmas and New Year open 29th December 10am - 1pm only.** See website for more information: www.resurrectedbites.co.uk

Harrogate St Peters Church



Hot breakfast 8.20 - 8.45am Monday to Saturday (eat in only). Hot meal 4.30 - 4.50pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday (eat in or take away). Mini Supermarket every Thursday 4.30 - 4.50pm. Sunday Lunch 1 - 1.30pm. Tel: 07503 186455 (no deliveries)
www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk. **Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th December, Lunch 1 - 1.30pm (eat in or take away) Christmas Day: Breakfast not available. Christmas Day lunch 1 - 1.30pm, eat in only, no booking required.**

Boroughbridge Community Charity



Boroughbridge Community Larder open every Wednesday between 12 noon and 1.30pm at Boroughbridge Methodist Church, Horsefair. For more information contact: Boroughbridge Community Charity, Tel: 01423 324504 or email: admin@bcccharity.co.uk

Nidderdale

For information about how to access food including emergency provisions contact: Nidd Plus Tel: 01423 714953. Email: admin@nidderdaleplus.org.uk

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Hannah Lear - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642