



## **Dates for the Diary – September – December 2023**

### **Celebration Assembly**

Family members are warmly invited to attend Celebration Assembly at 9am in the Town Hall. Miss Kirkman will be leading the assemblies on the following dates:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### **Newsletter Dates**

Newsletters will be sent to all parents on the following dates.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (this will include a countdown to Christmas dates for the diary)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### **Forest School**

Children will have 4 weeks of Forest School this term as follows:

**Class 2** – 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
**Class 1** – 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, October and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
**Class 3** – 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Please ensure forest school kit is in school every Thursday for the relevant sessions.

### **Communion**

Children attend communion as a class on a 3 week rolling basis. The service takes place at 10am every Wednesday at All Saints Church Ripley and is a public service, so parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

### **FORS Quiz Night – 7pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, Ripley Town Hall**

A fun evening for parents to socialise and raise money in the process. See flyer sent out 14.09.23 or our social media posts for more details.



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## **Stockeld Park Trip for Class 1 and 2 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

To enrich our English topic of Traditional Tales and story writing this term, we have arranged a very exciting trip to Stockeld Park for Class 1 and Class 2. Full communication sent to Class 1 and 2 parents 14.09.2023.

## **TT Rock Stars / Numbots Rockstar Day & Challenge – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

To celebrate, children are invited to come to school with crazy (rockstar/number related) hair for the day. Full uniform should still be worn.

## **October is Black History Month**

Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

## **October is International School Library Month**

We will be celebrating this by asking your child to bring in their favourite book to school where they will be encouraged to read / talk about the book to their class. A trip to the local library is also planned for this month. Further details to follow.

## **North Yorkshire Fire Safety Talk - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

We are delighted to have been able to secure a visit from the North Yorkshire Fire Department.

This event will be in school hours, tailored to each year group.

## **Federation Reading and Phonics Parents Information Evening – 6pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

A letter with further details will be sent home in due course. The venue for the evening will be Ripley Town Hall.

## **World Mental Health Day – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Normal uniform



**Open Afternoon – Thursday 12th October 2023**

We would greatly appreciate you helping us spread the word by sharing flyers on social media and to prospective parents. A copy of the flyer is attached to this communication.

**Parents Evening – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Bookings will go live on ParentMail nearer the time.

**Harvest Festival – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Parents and Carers are welcome to attend the Harvest service at All Saints Church Ripley from 10am. Details of suitable donations will be communicated closer to the time.

**Parents Evening – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Bookings will go live on ParentMail nearer the time.

**Individual School Photos – Monday 23rd October 2023**

School House Photography will be returning to capture this year's school photo of your child.

A link to your child's individual album will be sent to you within a week of the shoot, and all orders should be placed directly with School House Photography.

If you have a pre-school sibling that would like to have a photo with their elder sibling, please contact the school office.

**FORS Pumpkin Competition – Monday 23rd October 2023**

Children are invited to enter this year's pumpkin competition for an entry fee of £1. Pumpkins can be carved or decorated, with the initials of your child on the base of the pumpkin.

Mrs Foster and Mrs Randall will anonymously judge the competition and pick a winner and runner up from KS1 and KS2. All proceeds go to FORS.

**HALF TERM**

**30<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**



### **Remembrance Day – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Children will join the congregation from All Saints Church Ripley at the cenotaph (on the cobbles) where will take part in the remembrance service and observe the 2 minutes silence at 11am. Parents and carers are welcome to join along with the public.

### **Anti Bullying Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### **Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The theme of this year's Children in need is SPOTacular! We therefore invite children to come to school dressed in their most SPOTacular outfit for a fundraising donation of £1.

### **Road Safety Week – 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Miss Kirkman will lead various events this week to help children, young people and parents learn why road safety matters, and enable them to speak up for safe and healthy journeys

### **Nasal Flu Immunisations – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

The flu vaccine is offered to all primary school children with the Nasal flu vaccination delivered in school. A communications from the NHS team will be sent to all parents, via school, near the time with a link to consent to the vaccine.

### **Christingle Service – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Children and parents are warmly invited to attend the Christingle service, along with the public on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The children work hard in the run up to the service, making all the Christingles for the congregation. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible, supporting our local church and seeing your children's hard work. Children will each receive a day by day activity book to complete in school each day following the first day of Advent on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Panto – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

We are delighted to announce that we will once again be attending Harrogate Theatre to watch this year production of Dick Whittington. The trip takes place in school hours and full details will be sent to parents in due course.



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## **Christmas Post Box – W/c 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

The Christmas post-box will be returning this year for children who wish to give their school friends a Christmas card. We request that all cards your child would like to give this Christmas be brought in and posted in the box between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. The cards will be sorted and given out every few days. Please include as much detail on the front of the envelope as possible so we ensure it goes to the right person. As a minimum, clearly write the recipients first name and surname initial on the front of the envelope, as we may have more than one child with the same first name in the school.

## **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

For a donation of £1 towards Save the Children, we invite pupils to wear Christmas jumpers for the day

## **FORS Christmas Baubles – WC 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Back by popular demand, Mrs Randall and Mrs Bassitt will once again be helping the children create our very special fingerprint keepsake baubles! The North Pole elves are busy working on this year's top-secret design, but they assure us that it will be just as cute as the reindeer, dancing sprouts, penguins, and robins that went before them. Each child will make 1 bauble, which will be available to purchase from the School Office from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Prices will be published in the October Newsletter.

## **Christmas Enrichment Week 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Children will take part in various Christmas enrichment activities throughout the week, including the below. All activities will be in school hours.

## **Christmas Craft Afternoon – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

## **School Nativity – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

2pm, venue tbc. All parents, carers and grandparents welcome.

## **Christmas Film Afternoon – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



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## **Christmas Lunch and Party – Thursday 21st December 2023**

A menu will be sent out in due course.

## **Special Guest and story time – Friday 22nd December 2023**

Sssssshhhhhhhh...its top secret, but there may or may not be a special guest flying in from the North Pole for the afternoon to read some stories, and send our children off on their Christmas holidays with lots of festive cheer!

## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Please note school finishes at the normal time of 3.15pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**STAFF TRAINING DAY - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

School closed to all pupils.

**SCHOOL REOPENS TO ALL PUPILS FOR SPRING 1 TERM**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**