

# Ripley's Countdown to Christmas 2023

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

A reminder that Celebration Assembly takes place in the Town Hall every Friday from 9am. All family members are welcome to join. Miss Kirkman will be leading the following assemblies this half term:

Friday 24th November 2023

Friday 15th December 2023

Please note that the last Celebration Assembly of the Autumn term will be Friday 15th December. There will be no Assembly on Friday 22nd December.

## FOREST SCHOOL

Children will be required to have full forest school kit in school as follows:

Thursday 23rd November - Class 3 only

Thursday 30th November - Class 3 only

Thursday 7th December - Whole School

Thursday 14th December - Class 3 only

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

### Football Club

Football Club will run every Tuesday evening for those who have signed up for this term, with the last session being Tuesday 11th December 2023

### Multi Sports Club

Multi Sports Club will run every Wednesday evening for those who have signed up for this term, with the last session being Wednesday 12th December 2023

### Tuition Club

Tuition Club will run every Thursday and Friday evening for those who have signed up for this term, with the last session being Thursday 14th December, and Friday 15th December 2023



## **20th NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Road Safety Week**

Children will be taking part in various road safety assemblies and lessons throughout the week.

## **23rd NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Flu Vaccination Programme**

Please ensure you have completed the online consent form. The NHS team will be in school to deliver the nasal vaccination to all those who have consent on Thursday 23rd November.

## **27th NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Deadline for Spring 2024 Menus to be returned**

Please ensure you all menu's are completed and returned no later than Monday 27th November. A reminder to take a photo of the menu (or request a copy from the school office) before returning it, especially if having a combination of packed lunches and school dinners. If your child is down for a school dinner and brings a packed lunch, please note you will still be charged for the lunch ordered, unless prior notice has been given.

## **28th NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Pensioners lunch**

A selection of children will be joining the pensioners at church for their monthly luncheon. We rotate the children attending these each month as it is very popular with both the children and local community.

## **29th NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Dick Whittington Pantomime at Harrogate Theatre**

We are delighted that our children will be going to see the morning performance of the Dick Whittington Pantomime at Harrogate Theatre. Please can we ask that all children bring a named water bottle with them, and full/correct uniform is worn. A school packed lunch will be provided where requested, as we will not arrive back from the theatre until approx. 1pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank FORS for paying for the coach and an ice-cream for every child.

**Payment for this item will be available via ParentMail. You will be notified when this goes live.**

### **Bags 2 Schools - FORS**

Please bring in your donations and leave in the courtyard for a 9am collection. Please refer to the previous communication sent in relation to what items are suitable for donation.



## **1st DECEMBER 2023**

### **FORS Christmas Door Decorating Crafting Evening**

Why not kick off the festive season making a beautiful door decoration whilst enjoying a glass of fizz and a mince pie with friends.

This is a ticketed event and has limited places, with booking available via ParentMail .

Please note this is for grown ups only and you are welcome to bring a friend, simply add an additional ticket to your basket for your guest.

## **3rd DECEMBER 2023**

### **Christingle Service - All Saints Church Ripley**

The Rev Paul Harford would like to invite all families to this years Christingle service which will be held at All Saints Church Ripley on Sunday 3rd December 2023.

## **4th DECEMBER 2023**

### **Christmas Post Box**

The Christmas post-box will be returning this year for the 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 4th December and Thursday 21st 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 name across the school.

## **6th DECEMBER 2023**

### **Special Assembly from Schools Police Liaison Officer**

We are delighted to welcome our Schools Police Liaison Officer into school, who will be delivering a special assembly to pupils on the 6th December.

## **7th DECEMBER 2023**

### **Christmas Enterprise Workshop Day**

The children will spend the day of the 7th in their house teams, rotating round three different workshops across the day, making some very festive treats and decorations. We are delighted that Madeline Groundwater will be joining us for the day to run the Forest school workshop, where the children will make decorations out of natural materials. The other workshops will see the children make some sweet treats and other festive gifts/decorative items. You will be able to view all your children's work from 3pm on the 8th December (see overleaf for more details) where for a small donation, you will be able to purchase the festive treats to take





# 8th DECEMBER 2023

## Christmas Jumper Day.

For a donation of £1.00 towards Save the Children, we are invite children to wear their Christmas jumpers to school.

### Lets get festive!!

On Friday the 8th December, we warmly welcome parents into the Town Hall from 3pm, to view and purchase their children's festive makes, following our Christmas Enterprise Workshop Day. FORS will be selling mince pies, mulled wine and other refreshments, and a festive film will be on to keep little ones entertain. School Council have also spoken to local businesses, who have very kindly donated some wonderful raffle prize, more on that in a moment!

At 4pm will all make our way over to the courtyard at 4pm, where those children who have stayed for the post school festivities, will perform some carols, before we officially turn on the school Christmas tree lights.

Raffle tickets will be sent home to sell in the next few weeks, with full instructions of how to enter. We still have a few prizes to come, but so far School Council have organised the following:

£20 voucher for Fizzy Fox

£20 Voucher for Hutchinson's Butchers

£10 voucher for either the castle tearooms, Grindhaus, or the Boars Head

A set of Gin from Harrogate Tipple

A candle from Just Makers

4 x paper house tea light lanterns form Chantry Art Gallery

The raffle will be drawn during the evenings festivities, so we hope as many of you as possible will be able to stay and enjoy a mince pie and some carols round the tree.

Please note that children attending Tuition Club that evening will be helping on the Enterprise Stalls under Miss Lear and Miss Holsteins supervision, putting their maths knowledge to the test!!

***All proceeds made will go towards raising money for our garden of reflection.***

# 10th DECEMBER 2023

## Ripley Christmas choir performance at Ripley Market

We are thrilled that the children of Ripley School have been invited to perform at the Ripley Christmas Market, which will be held in the castle grounds on Sunday 10th December 2023. The performance will start at 12pm and last approx. 40 minutes. We require children to be at the meeting point (to be confirmed nearer the time) at 11.45am.

All proceeds raised during the performance will go towards developing our garden of reflection.

There will be a whole host of family activities available on the day, including free access to the castle grounds, over 40 Christmas stalls, children's crafts and a visit from Father Christmas, so will make for a lovely festive day out.



# 11th DECEMBER 2023

## Fingerprint baubles go on sale

Back by popular demand.....our fingerprint keepsake baubles! We can reveal that following in the footsteps of our 2019 reindeer, 2020 dancing sprouts, 2021 penguins, and last years robin, this years bauble will be featuring some very cute polar bears!. Mrs Randall and Mrs Bassitt are bust 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.

# 15th DECEMBER 2023

## Federation choir performance - Harrogate Market

Our first Federation choir performance will be at Harrogate Christmas Market on Friday 15th December at 1pm.

Parents will be required to collect their children from school at 12.15pm and transport children to and from the event. A packed lunch for those children participating in this event should be provided for the 15th December. If you are arranging for another parent or adult to transport your child to and from the event, you will need to request a car validation form from the school office for completion. Children will be dismissed after the event and able to go home when the concert finishes, so parents are politely requested to stay in the vicinity. Further details will follow regarding this exciting opportunity, including where you will need to meet in Harrogate for the performance.

**To prepare for the upcoming Christmas concerts, there will be a 'one off' after-school rehearsal on Tuesday 12th December at Beckwithshaw School between 4pm and 5pm, delivered by Mrs Lyne. This is an important rehearsal so we are hoping for commitment from as many children as possible.**

# 18th - 22nd DECEMBER 2023

## Christmas Enrichment Week

For our final week of the Autumn term, whilst we won't be skipping those all important core subject, we will be enjoying some Christmas festivities in the afternoons. Scroll down to the next page to see what the children have to look forward to in their last week, but remember, somethings must remain secret from little ears.....especially a potential visit from a very special guest!



## **18th DECEMBER 2023**

### **Christmas Craft Afternoon**

Children will enjoy some Christmas crafts in class

## **19th DECEMBER 2023**

### **Christmas Nativity - 2pm All Saints Church Ripley**

All parents and grandparents are invited to come and watch Class 1's 2023 nativity, which will be held at All Saints Church Ripley from 2pm. Classes 2 and 3 will be supporting the nativity as part of the choir.

Children will return to school after the performance to get changed, and will be dismissed at the normal time of 3.15pm.

Mrs Bassitt and Mrs Sidley will be sending home parts and costume requirements in due course.

## **20th DECEMBER 2023**

### **Christmas Movie Afternoon**

Children will come together to enjoy a festive movie and treat.

## **21st DECEMBER 2023**

### **Christmas Dinner and Party**

Children are invited to wear party wear to school on the 21st for our annual Christmas dinner and party afternoon. We will be selling tickets via Parent Mail for the ever popular chocolate game, find Santa on the map, and the guess the name of the Teddy.

FORS are looking for the following for the party:

A donation of 1 extra large teddy/plush is required for the guess the name of the teddy.

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.**





**22nd DECEMBER 2023**

**Christmas Carols, story and gifts with a very special someone!**

Sssssshhhhhhhhh.....He's making a list and checking it twice, and he's on his way to Ripley to find out who's been naughty or nice!....well that ones easy, as all our children at Ripley are nice.

We are all very excited to be welcoming Santa Blake back for a magical afternoon to end the year.

A huge thank you to FORS who have a direct line to the big man himself and will again be working their very kind elf magic to ensure every child has a little something to take home.

***Merry Christmas from  
Team Ripley***

*School will break up at the normal time of 3.15pm on Friday 22nd December 2023. Comet Club will remain open for those children booked in, until the normal time of 4.30pm.*

*On behalf of all the staff at Ripley Endowed CE Primary School, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 9th January 2024*

