

Weekly Update 2.12.22

We have had a busy first week of Advent starting with a very enjoyable Christmas Fayre on Sunday. Many thanks to all our amazing Friends PTA group who worked so hard to make it such a success and well done to all who took part in the Design a Bauble competition. Congratulations to Ted, Emily L and Hattie who were the overall winners. We are looking forward to using the baubles to decorate the school Christmas tree, kindly donated once again by the Bourne-Arton family. Tuesday was a particularly busy day as Asteroids headed off to Nidderdale Museum followed by a super, well-attended JAM messy church session after-school. Don't forget the Friends' next event:

Tuesday 6th December 3.30 -5.30 – Festive Film Night (replies and payment due in today please)

NATIVITY

Rocket Class are working particularly hard on their Nativity which is due to take place in the Methodist Chapel on **Tuesday 13th December**. There will be two performances at 10am and 2pm. The Friends PTA group has kindly offered to organise refreshments back at school following the afternoon performance. Just a reminder that all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to have their costume in school by **Wednesday 7th December** please.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please could we ask that children are closely supervised whilst waiting for the gates to open in the morning. There have been some concerns about children running up and down the drive and around the cars in the car park. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ripon City of Sanctuary has been asked by NYCC to help collect school uniforms for asylum-seeker children in the county. They can't go to school unless they have school uniform! Unfortunately, most schools have run out of their usual second-hand stocks because of the cost of living crisis.

There are two ways people can help:

- Donate quality second-hand uniforms – all the info on their [webpage](#)

- Donate money towards new school shoes – via their [JustGiving page](#).

They would be very grateful for any support you can offer.

LOOKING AHEAD...

We are pleased to let you know that it will be the turn of Rocket Class (Reception, Y1 & Y2) to take part in weekly swimming sessions on Wednesday afternoons in the Spring Term. A letter with more information about this will follow next week.

Forest School sessions will continue for our Nursery children and will resume for Asteroid Class.

Can you help? We are always grateful for offers of help with both swimming and forest school sessions. Please do let us know if you have some spare time on Wednesday afternoons and would like to volunteer.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 6th December 6.30pm: St Nicholas Day Patronal Festival @ Tanfield Lodge. All our families are warmly invited to join the celebrations kindly hosted by the Bourne-Arton family.

RSVP: Daphne 07703 262392 or daphneba@aol.com

Tuesday 13th December 10am and 2pm: Nativity Service at the Methodist Church

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December 9.15am: Carols Round the Tree – parents and carers are invited to join the children in school for a celebration as the term draws to a close.

Friday 16th December 2pm: Break up for Christmas. Please note the earlier finish time.

Saturday 17th December 2.30 – 4pm: West Tanfield Methodist Church invite everyone to join them at the Methodist Church Schoolroom for Christmas crafts, drinks, cakes and chat. All ages welcome!

Sunday 18th December 10.30am: Carol Service in the Methodist Church

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.