

Weekly Update 25.11.22

Only two more 'sleeps' until this year's Christmas Fayre! A huge thank you to all members of the Friends PTA group who have worked so hard to organise everything. Looking forward to seeing you there this Sunday. Doors open at 11am until 4pm.

Other 'Friends' events coming up...

Friday 2nd December 6-8pm Wreath Making at the village hall

Tuesday 6th December 3.30 -5.30 – Festive Film Night (letter attached)

JAM MESSY CHURCH

Our next popular JAM Messy Church session will take place after school next Tuesday from 3.30 – 5.00 in the school hall. If your child(ren) would like to attend, please let us know **by Monday** at the very latest so that we can cater for the right numbers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NYCC Library Service have launched their Christmas Reading Challenge. Read four library books before Christmas and earn stickers, a certificate and a personalised decoration for your tree. Call in to your local library to find out more and get started.

YOUNG VOICES

Well done to the children who have been practising their songs at home. We have nearly sung them all once in school! Unfortunately, we do not have enough time in school to learn the lyrics so this is really down to you at home. It will make it a much better experience for the children if they can join in properly. (There are no lyric sheets allowed on the night!) 11 weeks to go!

Everyone should be able to access the songs on Spotify "Young Voices 2023"

<https://open.spotify.com/album/1MrGxAUWIWd9ZRXeIWwT9D>

I know some people have been having trouble getting onto the MyClassmate website - please contact me on:

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...if there are any issues.

Mrs Harris

SPORT AT SNWT

Over the coming weeks there will be one or two ad-hoc PE lessons with Chris, our sports coach, as he helps to prepare the children for an inter-house tournament with Kirkby Malzeard. Mrs Staveley is also coming in each Thursday to work with the children to develop their tennis skills. Just a reminder that it is useful if the children have their PE kit in school all week so that it is ready for these occasions.

Now that the wet, wintry weather is upon us, we have reminded the children to bring a change of clothes and footwear if they want to use the field at lunchtimes. It can get rather muddy at this time of the year!

ADMIN

As you will be aware, we have been short staffed in the administrative department across the federation. We thank parents for their patience whilst we undertake ongoing recruitment in this area.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 29th November: Y3/4/5/6 will be visiting Nidderdale Museum to enrich their history work about the industrial revolution. Payment for this can now be made via ParentPay.

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

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

FLU IMMUNISATION

North Yorkshire Public Health has asked that we share this information with you again to encourage as many families to have their children vaccinated against flu this year. Flu is a common infection in babies and children and can be very unpleasant for them. Children under the age of 5 have the highest hospital admission rates for flu compared to other age groups. No-one wants their child in hospital over winter and Christmas.

Fewer two and three year old children have been vaccinated against flu this year than in 2021. The NHS is seeing increases in the number of younger children contracting flu and higher hospitalisation rates in this age group.

This link is to digital assets – there is one specifically for pregnant women and parents with two and three year old children. The information for school-aged children can be found on last week's newsletter.

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/34-winter-vaccinations-public-facing-campaign/resources/6497>

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.