



Newsletter 15 December 2017 Autumn term 14 Value for this half term is Peace

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Next week

All after clubs are now finished until the New Year.

Tues 19 Dec 2pm or 6pm Christmas Musical Gimme, Gimme, Gimmel in the Chapel.

Wed 20 Dec 2pm Christmas service at St. Aidan's church.

Thurs 21 Dec 9am Whole school trip to York to Jorvik and Pantomime. Leave promptly at 9am back at school about 5.15pm.

Fri 22 Dec Gillamoor Christmas Jumper day, bring £1 for Save the Children charity. Swimming, Christmas lunch and party.

Written by the children

Year 5/6 Christmas aerobics

Laura said, 'it was fun. We all helped with the choreography and danced on the stage.'

Juniors Big Sing at Welburn

Abi said, 'we sang Christmastime which I really enjoyed.'

Children's university

Anja said, 'I did Victorian dancing at the Ryedale Folk Museum for my log book.'

Christmas performances Tuesday 19 Dec: These start at 2pm and 6pm in the Methodist Chapel. Children may go home with parents after the afternoon performance but need to be back in school between **5.20pm and 5.30pm for the evening performance. Children should not return to school before 5.20pm for the evening performance.**

Photography and videoing: School is having the performance videoed which will also have some interviews with the children. This will then be on sale on a DVD or as a download at a cost £5.00. Proceeds from the sale of these will be going to school fund so payment is required by cash or cheque. We request that you do not take photographs or video during the performances. **Please remember that no part of the dvd/download should be shared on any social media site and that this is for you and your family. Also, any photos with children other than your own must not be put onto any social media.**

Friday 22 December

Swimming as usual

School Christmas Dinner: The school PTA have said they will pay for the Junior children this year, so everyone can sit down together for Christmas lunch.

Gillamoor Christmas jumper day: We will be having our Save the Children Christmas Jumper day on Friday 22 December. Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers and own clothes for the whole day and bring £1 for those less fortunate.

Christmas party: Those who want to wear party clothes for the afternoon should bring them to change into after lunch.

Emergency Closure: Should it be necessary to close the school I will call the taxi drivers, who will inform the families they pick up. For everyone else I will call the person at the top of the tree. The relevant contact numbers have been shared. BBC Radio York will also give out updates on the radio and their website. I will also try to have it put onto the school website.

Children's university Next date to bring in completed passbooks and scrapbook is Monday 5 February.

Spring lunch menu: Lunch menu and order form have been sent out. Please return your order form to school asap if you have not already done so, to ensure your children receive the correct lunch. Children will only be given jacket potatoes if we have received a completed form, otherwise they will be given hot lunch.

From January 2018 school lunches will increase to £2.20 per day and we will no longer be providing juice in school.

Thank you to all those parents who have paid in advance for school lunches, swimming and after school clubs. Unfortunately, we are still chasing arrears for several families. As of today, the total arrears outstanding is **£148.20**. This amount does not include contributions we have not received for Beamish and the pantomime. Whilst these debts remain outstanding the school has to subsidise them which directly impacts on the resources we can provide in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

Homework: No more homework this term. Homework will restart again after Christmas.

Clubs: All after school clubs have now finished until February. Lunchtime clubs will restart after Christmas. We are sorry that Yoga club had to be cancelled for the past 2 weeks. This is due to circumstances beyond our control. We will see if this club can run again sometime after Christmas.

Weather: During the winter term, please can you ensure children have a change of footwear (wellington boots are ideal) in school.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting: If your child suffers from diarrhoea or vomiting, they must be absent from school for forty eight hours from the last time they are unwell, ie 2 full days.

Future dates for your Dairy

Tues 9 Jan pupils return to school

Fri 19 Jan 6pm Film night. Film to be decided.

Morning drop off In order to promote independence we request that junior parents, say goodbye to their children in the playground and not to come into the school building unless it is really essential. Thank you.

Newsletters are sent out each Friday via email and a paper copy per family. If you would like to just receive via email please email the office - admin@gillamoor.n-yorks.sch.uk Newsletters are regularly updated to the website.