

Collective Worship Theme this half term = **THANKFULNESS**

Attendance this week is **99.01 %**

11 December
2020

School News

What a busy week it has been and next week will be even busier all full of Christmas cheer! Whilst we appreciate some traditional activities have not been able to happen we are sure the children have enjoyed the alternatives.

On Friday we will say goodbye to Mrs Smith as she leaves us to have her second baby. We wish her good luck and hope to be able to meet her new addition at some point.

This will be our last newsletter for the year. We hope you have enjoyed our weekly run down of events. If you have any ideas or comments on things we could include, please do get in touch.

Merry Christmas to Everyone

Carol Singing

On Wednesday 16 December we will be Carol Singing in Gillamoor. Children can stay after school and be collected from the Church at 5.00 pm. Please make sure they have warm layers..

Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone looked magnificent in their Christmas sweaters. We raised a fantastic £70.05 for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

Santa Dash

This was a National initiative to get as many children as possible running today in Santa hats. Everyone took part during PE and there was lots of fun and laughter.

STEM morning

Our STEM Team, Seth, Jack F and Connor organised a busy morning of STEM activities for everyone including Reindeer Toothpaste, Santa's Hovercraft, The Elves Maths Challenge and Rudolph's Alchemy.

Christmas Lunch

We are having our Christmas lunch, this year paid for by school, on Thursday 17 December. The fabulous menu is, roast turkey, sausage, stuffing, roast potatoes, vegetables and snowflake chocolate muffin. Pupils can come to school in party clothes.

Menu change

Friday 18 December will be sandwiches provided by our School Cook due to some Schools choosing to changing their training day and closing. Please can you email school by Tuesday 15 December if your child would like sandwiches and what sort. The lunch will be ham, cheese, tuna or jam sandwich, pizza, crispie and fruit.

Spring Term Menu

We have attached our fabulous new, healthy spring menu. Please encourage your children to try any new meals. For clarity pork and apple plait is like a sausage roll and date and oat squares are flapjacks.



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Gillamoor C
of E Primary



**Winning House
last week was
Elm**

**This week's
winning House
is Elm**

SPORT

We are a registered Daily Mile location. Well done to Penny and Chloe G for cluster multi-skills awards.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 Dec Surprise Event

16 Dec Carol Singing

17 Dec Christmas lunch

17 Dec Christmas Party

18 Dec Break up

Tuesday 5 Jan Return to
School



PTA News

We are still looking for someone who could shadow our current Treasurer, Karen, and then take over. Please contact Kat—katrinaew82@hotmail.com for a no obligation chat.

Bags2School raised a magnificent £63.60. Thank you to everyone who sent a bag.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make, delivered or ordered wreaths. It has been hugely successful and we are still awaiting for the final amount, however, it will be over £700. We have some lovely Christmas hampers in our Christmas draw. Please get your numbers back by Wednesday 16 December. 2 large, 1 childrens and a vegetable hamper

Consultation Evening Feedback

Thank you for your patience with our alternative Consultation Evenings, which we felt had gone well and helped many parents with the usual childcare headaches. Any feedback gratefully received.

Christmas Cards in School

This year we are asking that children do not bring Christmas cards into school due to Covid. If however, they would like to create an electronic card, this can be shown in class during the week of the 14 December.

COVID related items and updates

- If your child develops symptoms between the end of term and Christmas Eve, please contact school via email, as soon as possible. This also applies if your child tests positive. If they develop symptoms after Christmas Eve, please contact NHS 111.

Groups in School

Church Council are organising carol singing on the 16 December.

STEM Team organised a great event. Thank you very much.

Pupil book group had a very good discussion about 'How to Write Badly' by Anne Fine and chose The Time-Travelling Cat by Julia Jarman as their next book which we will review in the first week back after Christmas.

Eco-Team crocuses are already sprouting and we are looking forward to see the daffodils come through too.



Staff Training

SFVS training

School Lunches

Week beginning
14 December

Menu week two

17 December—
Christmas lunch

THUNK OF THE WEEK

(A think is a question that makes you think; it may or may not have a correct answer but gets the brain cells working!)

Are heroes ever
scared?

Thunks are great
for family debates
and developing
critical thinking
skills.