

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

Attendance this week is **90.79 %**

4 December  
2020

### School News

Children enjoyed coming into school in non-uniform and your donations for the Christmas Hamper. The PTA will be sending out raffle squares and we will post photos of the lovely hampers you could win.

### Parent Evenings

You will have received a letter saying how to choose your preferred time and which method of communication you would prefer. Please respond as soon as possible. **Many have been returned completed incorrectly and without the method of communication. Any without the method of communication completed will receive a telephone call. Infants and Y3 and Y4 are on the 8 December and Y5 and Y6 on the 9 December.**

### Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash

11 December is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. Dress in your Christmas Jumper and donate at least £1.00 to Save the Children. In addition we will be taking part in the National Santa Dash which aims to have as many school children as possible running in Santa hats.

### 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.

### Community Fridge

Kirkbymoorside Community Fridge is open from 10.00 am every Wednesday in the Methodist Church. It is free to everyone; there is no criteria. Last week they helped fifty families.

### Advent Workshop

The children took part in activities relating to Advent and the journey towards Christmas. This included a visit to the Church and was opportunity for them to work in their Houses. It was lovely to see the Year 5 and Year 6's helping the younger ones.



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Gillamoor C  
of E Primary



**Winning House  
last week was  
Oak**

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

### SPORT

Primary Sport event—  
archery and curling

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**8/9 Dec** Parent evenings

**11 Dec** Christmas Jumper  
Day and Santa Dash

**11 Dec** Bags2School

**11 Dec** STEM morning

**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

*"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."*

*Charles Spurgeon*



## 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.

- Wreaths in various sizes are available to order. Please email Kat
- 11 December. Bags2School Bags will be collected by 9.00 am.

## 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.

## Nathaniel

Nathaniel is making Belgium chocolate lollies costing £1.00 each, with 50p for the ingredients and 50p going to Ryedale Food Bank. Well done Nathaniel!



## Reading at home

Reading should be pleasurable and you can share more than just your child's reading book with them. Whatever you read, please can you ensure that you complete the reading record or section in the planner

## Crisp packets

Abi is collecting empty crisp packets for a project to create thermal blankets for the homeless. There is a box outside the front door for your donations. There is a poster attached for you to put up.

## COVID related items and updates

- Children do not need to stay off school if they are not showing one or more of the three symptoms.

## Groups in School

**Church Council** are organising carol singing on the 16 December.

**STEM Team** are organising a morning of activities with a STEM focus

**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.

## Staff Training

Headteacher Advisory Group NY Sport

Diocese Leadership Meeting

## School Lunches

Week beginning 7 December

Menu week one

## THUNK OF THE WEEK

Is a wooden table still a tree?

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

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