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Autumn Term Newsletter 12

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

We are in the final two weeks of the autumn term and on the Christmas countdown! In this newsletter, we'll be outlining all of our Christmas and end-of-term events over the next fortnight.

Christmas Productions

Our Early Years Nativity is this Thursday and our Year 1/2 Production is next Thursday, both are on at 10am and 2pm.

Tickets for each of our Christmas productions have already been sent home and reserve tickets are being released today.

If you arrive shortly before the performance begins, or after it has already begun, please be aware it will be very difficult for you to find a seat as we will already be almost full. This is especially true if you are bringing a buggy or pushchair.

Also attached to this newsletter is our performance reminder sheet. Please have a read through in preparation for the big shows.



Santa Fun Run

We have our Santa fun run this Friday, December 13. This is a sponsored event and all the sponsorship forms were sent out a couple of weeks ago. Please get collecting donations, because all the monies raised from this event will be used to pay for playtime equipment which our children can play with at breaktimes. There will be exciting prizes for the 3 children who collect the most donations for this event!

Carols in the Courtyard

We are excited to present Carols in the Courtyard on Wednesday December 18 from 2.40pm (gates will be open from 2.30pm). Children are invited to wear a festive hat for the performance, they can use the same one for the Santa fun run. Order of performance (timings are a rough estimate):

- 2.40pm – FS2, Year 1 and Year 2
- 2.50pm – Year 3 and Year 4
- 3.00pm – Year 5 and Year 6



The children can be collected as soon as their section finishes, from their usual end-of-day collection point. Please give us a couple of minutes to get them back to class for their belongings.

We will be selling hot drinks to parents/carers on the courtyard during the show; this includes tea, coffee, hot chocolate and license pending mulled wine!

Christmas Crafts

Don't forget our festive Christmas craft sessions at school! Your little ones will have the chance to unleash their creativity and make some delightful decorations ahead of the festive period! The craft sessions will run from 2pm to 3pm and will be organised as below;

- Monday December 16: Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6.
- Tuesday December 17: EYFS, Year 3 and Year 4.

You will be able to sign your child out once they have completed all the crafts. Please be aware that, due to the limited space in the classrooms, we can only accommodate one parent/carer per child.

Christmas Raffle

We will be running a Christmas raffle over the next two weeks. We will be selling raffle tickets before and after school each day, as well as during our productions and events. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term and recorded onto Class Dojo. Parents/carers will be able to collect their prizes from the school office after the draw on Friday December 20. Please hang onto your tickets!

Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale

Our Christmas clear out toy sale was a huge success last week! Thank you all for your donations and support with this event. All the children (who wanted one) got a toy and we managed to raise £368 to go towards children's resources too!

Photo Permissions for Facebook and Instagram

You may have noticed some of our children's photos were uploaded onto Facebook and Instagram for the toy sale. We could only post the children whose families have already given permission for this.



We will be posting photos from lots of our future events on our social media platforms. If you want to see your child's photos on these, please give us the required permissions. The forms have already been sent out on Schoolzine.

School Website

We've also begun the process of moving over to a new website platform. Once this is fully updated, it will be a much better host for all our school information. Please be patient with us, while we update the website pages.

Parent Volunteers

Hopefully, you will have seen the video I posed on Dojo, inviting parents/carers to join in with school and volunteer your time to support us. We'd really love your input to help get us to the next stage in our school improvement journey.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please get in touch with our school office and we'll start the process of getting all the checks done. Thank you in anticipation!



Gate Opening Times Next Term

From January, we will be adjusting the timings for our morning gates. This is to make us more in line with government requirements. Historically, the school gates have been open until 8.50am but, as school starts at 8.40am, we will be closing the gates at 8.45am from January onwards. If you arrive after 8.45am, please use the school office entrance, where your child will sign in.

We will also be following the government guidelines for late arrivals, as outlined in our school attendance policy. If you would like the details of this, it can be found on the policies page of our school website:

<https://www.parkfed.co.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Key+Documents&pid=23>

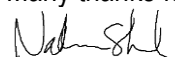
Optional Early Collection on the Last Day

And finally, our governing body has approved an optional early collection time of 1.30pm on the last day of term – Friday December 20. Your children can be collected at 1.30pm and signed out from their classroom exits. The car park gate will be open from 1.20pm and the Alder Way gate will remain closed.

For early finish days, children must be collected if they are leaving early and we can only release children early to their own family members/carers. We cannot release children early with parents/carers of other children. If it is the end of the school day, then your normal childcare collection arrangements are absolutely fine. If they are walking home on their own, then they will need to wait until the end of the school day.

Governors have agreed that the final day of term in December, April and July can be early finish days at 1.30pm too.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,



Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday December 9	Reserve list tickets for our Christmas Productions available
Tuesday December 10	Visit from Father Christmas and Mrs Claus
Wednesday December 11	Year 4 Carol singing at The Grange at 10am
Thursday December 12	EYFS Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 13	Santa Fun Run
	No after-school childcare this evening
Monday December 16	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for Years 1/2 and Year 5/6 at 2pm
	Year 3 Carol singing at Bassett House at 2pm
Tuesday December 17	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for EYFS and Year 3/4 at 2pm
Wednesday December 18	'Little Princess Party' competition winner event
	Christmas Dinner
	Carols in the Courtyard at 2.40pm – gates will be open from 2.30pm
Thursday December 19	Year 1/2 Christmas Show at 10am and 2pm
	FS2 (Reception) Carol singing at Richmond Care Home at 2pm
Friday December 20	Last day of autumn half-term 2
	Wear Something Christmassy Day
	Optional Early Collection at 1.30pm *new date
	No after-school childcare this evening

Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday January 6, 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday January 7, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday January 14, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Monday January 20, 2025	After-School Enrichment Clubs Begin
Tuesday January 21, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Tuesday January 28, 2025	Talent Show Heats
	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Wednesday January 29, 2025	Talent Show Heats
Tuesday February 4, 2025	Talent Show Finals
	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 5, 2025	Year 5 Transition Event at Shirebrook Academy
	Year 5/6 Parent/Carer Meeting for Scarborough Residential at 5pm
Tuesday February 11, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 12, 2025	Year 2 Starfish Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday February 14, 2025	Times Tables Rock Stars Day
	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 24, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday February 25, 2025	Year 5 Elephants Class Library Visit
Friday February 28, 2025	Year 5/6 Scarborough Residential Payment Deadline
Tuesday March 4, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 5 Owls Class Library Visit

Wednesday March 5, 2025	Year 1 Lizards Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday March 6, 2025	World Book Day
Friday March 7, 2025	After-School Enrichment Clubs End
Monday March 10, 2025	Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday March 11, 2025	FS2 Giraffes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Panthers Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 12, 2025	FS2 Flamingoes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Tuesday March 18, 2025	Year 6 Wolves Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Koalas Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 19, 2025	Year 6 Goats Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday March 21, 2025	Family Chocolate Bingo Night at 5pm
Tuesday March 25, 2025	Year 5 Owls Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Library Visit
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 26, 2025	Year 5 Elephants Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 27, 2025	Parents' Evening
Tuesday April 1, 2025	Year 3 Spiders Class Library Visit
Wednesday April 2, 2025	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Friday April 4, 2025	Easter Eggs and/or Easter Bonnets (optional homework activity)
	Last day of spring half-term 2

Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday April 22, 2025	Inset Day
Wednesday April 23, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday April 29, 2025	Year 2 Starfish Class Library Visit
Monday May 5, 2025	Bank Holiday
Tuesday May 6, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Monday May 12, 2025	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday May 13, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Tuesday May 20, 2025	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Friday May 23, 2025	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 2, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday June 3, 2025	FS2 Giraffes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 10, 2025	FS2 Flamingoes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 17, 2025	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 24, 2025	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Monday June 30, 2025	Year 5 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
Wednesday July 2, 2025	Year 6 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
	Year 5 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Friday July 4, 2025	Year 6 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Monday July 7, 2025	Year 4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday July 24, 2025	Last day of summer half-term 2

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

Thursday September 4, 2025	Inset Day
Friday September 5, 2025	Inset Day
Monday September 8, 2025	Children Return to School