



# AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER: 24/11/23

Dear Parents,

The Christmas spirit is beginning to creep into school, with all of our Junior children attending Christmassy events this week. Our Year 6 pupils were, as always, wonderful ambassadors for the school when they visited Spalding Baptist Church for their annual Christmas Unwrapped event, where great fun was had by all. Years 3,4 and 5 took Christmas decorations along to the Methodist Church to decorate their trees – look out for our trees at our Carol Concert on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The younger children are all highly excited to be taking part in their forthcoming Christmas productions and are all singing their hearts out at every available opportunity. You are in for a treat parents!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### KINDERGARTEN

We really enjoyed making witches potions in our last Forest School session and mixing them with big sticks. It was also nice to get outside when we earned 5 pom-poms for good team work. We noticed that our shadows were really long and we drew some of them using chalk.



### RECEPTION

This has been a really interesting maths week. We have investigated the number 6 and worked out lots of different ways to make 6. We noticed lots of different patterns  $3+3$ ,  $4+2$ ,  $5+1$ ,  $2+2+2$  and made them in a variety of ways. We talked about curved and straight shapes and had fun sorting and organising them too. At the end of the week we have enjoyed writing a letter to Santa which we will be posting at Bookmark on Monday next week.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been travelling out to sea this week! We read the story 'Class 3 all at Sea' and then used this as a basis for our own adventure story where we travel out to sea and meet some pirates. The children had some great thoughts about how we could be rescued and enjoyed sharing their ideas in our group planning sessions. They then went on to plan and write their own stories in our extended writing session and produced some really great work. In science this week, we transformed into weather reporters and enjoyed being filmed delivering the weather using the terms north, south, east and west to explain the different weather around the UK. Another busy week Year 1, well done for all your hard work.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 have had fun with 2D and 3D shapes this week, counting sides and vertices and learning a bit of Greek whilst we were at it! The children enjoyed making as many shapes as they could using 15 lollipop sticks.



We have written some excellent non-fiction reports on the dodo and endangered species such as orang-utans and polar bears, considering environmental threats to them.

We have been busy making Christmas decorations and rehearsing our play too!

## YEAR 3

Year 3 children have been busy writing and illustrating their spooky stories this week. The children loved working on creating tension and suspense in their stories. Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen are most impressed with the powerful descriptive vocabulary that was used. We cannot wait to listen to this excellent selection of spine-chilling thrillers! Our Design and Technology project for this term is well and truly underway: the children are working on their beautiful Christmas inspired appliques which they will be taking home at the end of the term as a present for their families. The children are putting a lot of effort into their intricate designs and are extremely proud of their work! Our Science lesson this week has seen the children experiment with magnetism and magnetic fields by testing various materials around the classroom. A busy and fun week of learning!





## YEAR 4



In art, Year 4 have made Christmas tree decorations from natural resources. We collected sticks, dried them, cut them to size and glued them into the shape of trees. Next, we chose our wool and wrapped it around the frame and decorated them with recycled buttons and glitzy gems.

We were super proud of the outcome and walked our decorations to the Methodist Church, Broad Street, where we decorated a tree ready for their Christmas craft day on Saturday.

In Maths, we have been times table investigators - digging deep to find patterns, tips and tricks to recall our times tables. We are getting very good at knowing the fact families, division facts and inverse operations.

In English, we are enjoying our Krindlekrax class reader, but we feel so very sorry for Ruskin Splinter, all he wants is to be the hero in the school play. We are working hard to learn lots of persuasive techniques and are busy writing the most persuasive letter to Mr Lace to change his mind! Watch out next week for the finished pieces!



## YEAR 5

In Maths this week, the children have been taking on the challenge of fractions. They have learnt how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, as well as using their multiplication facts to find their equivalent forms. To support their learning, the children have been using cubes and drawing pictures, and this helps with their understanding of this challenging concept. Their next step was to answer a range of reasoning questions, proving, and disproving theories. Brains were certainly worked hard in these parts of the lessons!



In curriculum, the children have been busy making their decorations for Christmas. They used a variety of Christmas materials to complete their final product, and these will be revealed soon! The children have also been learning all about irreversible changes in science lessons. They mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to produce a gas, before mixing warm milk with vinegar to create a surprise material! Their scientific discussions were amazing and we learnt how these products cannot revert back to their original form.

## YEAR 6

In English lessons this week, the children have been developing their writing skills and have created fabulous 'Winter Wonderland' descriptive prose. They have really impressed with their superb vocabulary, excellent use of openers and have even tried to include the subjunctive form! They should be really proud of their expertly written final pieces.



In our Science lessons, the children have been looking at the reliability of their results and have been repeating experiments to ensure their accuracy. They showed excellent questioning and inquiry skills and were able to give evidence to support their conclusions. Excellent science skills, Year 6!

In Art this week, the children have been busy making Christmas decorations. They used precise painting skills to create wooden decorations to hang on the tree. They are looking forward to completing the finishing touches and hanging them on our school tree next week.



On Thursday, Year 6 had a fantastic time at 'Christmas Unwrapped' at the Baptist Church in Spalding. They really enjoyed decorating biscuits, finding out about the Christmas story, singing raps and answering quiz questions. A big thank you to all the organisers at the Baptist Church for making us feel so welcome.



## MUSIC LESSONS AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH DATE THIS TERM

Please note that all music lessons and after school clubs will finish on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. However, Elite Sport Infant Multi-skills on Wednesdays will finish next week, the last session being on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Any queries, please contact the School Office.

Thank you for your support.



## SPORTS NEWS

U9 Tag Rugby v St Hugh's at AHS 22.11.23

It was perfect weather for Rugby as our teams went on to the field. St Hugh's brought two teams so 4 matches were played across two pitches. Play was evenly matched throughout, with fast paced, flowing Rugby. Our Red team were captained



by George who showed some inspired rugby and led from the front. Teamwork was excellent and all players had time running and passing with the ball. The Blue team was captained by Ted, who also managed his team exemplarily by scoring with skill and angled running. All our players competed hard with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Well done to everybody who took part and thanks go to the supporting parents.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our DT department is in need of any spare buttons and unwanted ribbon; if you have any that you would like to donate, please drop them into the School Office. Thank you in advance.

## SPALDING FIRE STATION CHRISTMAS GROTTTO

The Grotto, which is being held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December between 16:00h and 20:00h not only supports our local community Fire Station, but also has educational benefits, with Fire, Road and Water Safety themes throughout the event.

The event is free of charge, they are asking for voluntary donations at the event.

Please see below a link to the page and QR code. More information can be found on Spalding Fire Station's Facebook page.

[Join the guestlist – Spalding Fire Station Christmas Grotto – Spalding Fire Station, Multiple dates and times \(tickettailor.com\)](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/spalding-fire-station/1234567)



## ECO CLUB

Eco Club have been thinking about how to have a more Eco Friendly Christmas. Here are some of their ideas. How many will you try out?

- Make your own Christmas cards and recycle your cards after Christmas
- Save old Christmas cards to make gift tags or next years cards
- Make sure you buy wrapping paper which can be recycled or save paper and reuse next year
- Can you hand make Christmas gifts – fudge, biscuits and cakes?
- Buy Fairtrade and ethical where possible
- Shop for gifts free from single use plastics.
- Buy what you need and remember to freeze or reuse Christmas food left overs.

Hollie, Amelie, Gabby and Poppy

## PTFA DIARY DATES

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER** – CHRISTMAS FAIR – 11AM TO 1PM – SEE ATTACHED POSTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

## **SAVE THE CHILDREN – THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Children are able to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform on the day.



## **REMINDERS:**

### **GREEN GATE**

If you are dropping off or collecting children, please ensure the green gate is securely closed.

### **INFANT PLAY DVD / USB ORDERS – CRECHE BOOKINGS**

Please note the orders for DVDs or USBs for the infant play are open until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, don't forget to complete the form on Parentmail to order as soon as possible. Bookings are also being taken for the creche which will be run on both days during the infant play, so please make sure you book in before 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you.

### **INFANT AND JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY – FISH & CHIPS ORDER – DEADLINE 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Please remember to complete the form on Parentmail for the fish and chip order for the Infant and Junior Christmas party. The deadline is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **LOCAL “SHOEBOX APPEAL” FOR AGAPE FOODBANK**

We are still collecting for our local “shoebox appeal” which will be going to Agape to support those in need in the local community this Christmas. You can drop your shoebox (or loose items to go into a box) into the main school office until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. **See the attached flyer for more details.** Thank you in advance for your support.



## **WILLOUGHBY HOT LUNCHES IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM**

**11th—15th December**

We would just like to ensure that the ordering of lunches is clear for the last week of term as there are lots of activities going on in these final few days.

**Monday 11th December**—hot lunches as usual

**Tuesday 12th December**—Infant children hot lunches as usual. Junior children to order fish and chips for their party day lunch.

**Wednesday 13th December**—hot lunches as usual

**Thursday 14th December**—Junior children hot lunches as usual. Infant children to order fish and chips for their party day lunch.

**Friday 15th December**—Whole school Christmas lunch ordered through Willoughby.

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>November</b>	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Y5 – Visit from Secondary Schools – 2pm – 3pm in school
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fixture: Away - U10 Touch Rugby at St Hughs starts 2.30pm</b>
<b>December</b>	
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	PTFA Christmas Fete – 11am – 1pm
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Music lessons and clubs finish this week. Infant dress rehearsal to Junior starts 9.15pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Infant production to parents starts at 2pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Infant production to parents starts at 2pm <b>Fixture: U11 Bottoms up Tag Rugby at AHS starts 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day for Year 3 and Year 4 swimming this term Save the Children – Christmas jumper day – children can wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform. Year 6 Dragons Den – details to follow soon
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Shop (in school) – Details attached
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Hot lunches as usual</i> Junior Panto outing in town – (all juniors) – 10.15am Interhouse games Year 1 and Year 2 – am Reception outing to Penningtons – 10.30am
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Junior Christmas Party / fish and chips – juniors to come into school in party/play clothes with sensible shoes. Infant pupils - hot lunches as normal
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Hot lunches as usual</i>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Infant Christmas Party / fish and chips – infants to come into school in party/play clothes with sensible shoes. Junior pupils – hot lunches as normal
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Willoughby Foods Christmas Lunch – whole school / order via Willoughby. Christmas Carol Service at Broad Street Methodist – Parents/Grandparents invited to attend – service will start at 2pm (children will go home with parents/grandparents after the service.)

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's **STARS** who are;

**Kindergarten:** Audrey  
**Reception:** Carter  
**Year 1:** Ellie  
**Year 2:** Olivia  
**Year 3:** Rhea  
**Year 4:** Henry E  
**Year 5:** Teddy  
**Year 6:** Takunda



**Headteacher Award:** Year 6

**Golden Dustpan Award:** Year 1

**Kindness Awards:** Orla (Junior) Ethan (Infants)

**We have the following birthdays coming up:**

**25<sup>th</sup> November – Rupert & Hetty**

**26<sup>th</sup> November – Molly FD**

**28<sup>th</sup> November – George**

**30<sup>th</sup> November - Jet**

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright