



# AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER: 08/12/23

Dear Parents,

We know that Christmas has truly arrived when our infant children perform their Nativity and this year was no exception. What a wonderful treat for us all! The children really performed their hearts out, singing, dancing and reciting their lines clearly and confidently. I know that everyone who attended the performances will agree with me that they were absolutely magical. Well done to everyone.

Also this week we experienced the Year 6 'Dragon's Den'. Our older children excelled themselves with creative ideas and some outstanding presentations. It was a very difficult decision indeed for the 'Dragons' and the children should be incredibly proud of their work on this.

As we near the end of term, we are in full swing preparing for our Carol Concert. I do hope many of you will be able to join us for this very special occasion.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### KINDERGARTEN AND RECEPTION

This week saw Kindergarten and Reception perform their special Christmas Show 'It's A Cracker'. The children have been working hard learning their lines and practicing lots of exciting songs including two written by Mr Lawrence. The play taught us that Christmas is more than just presents and traditions – it's all about love! Thank you to everyone who came to watch, we hope you enjoyed it!



## YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2



This week Year 1 and Year 2 have made their teachers extremely proud with their fantastic acting, singing and dancing in their Christmas play 'Prickly Hay'. The children have worked so hard learning their words and when to stand, sit, walk and talk and it all came together in three wonderful performances. On Monday morning we loved showing the rest of the school our play and then on Tuesday and Wednesday, performing for our families and friends. Well done to each and every one of the Year 1 and Year 2 children for putting on such a lovely show and for putting in so much effort to ensure it was amazing. We are very proud of you all. We are now looking forward to our Inter house games, Christmas party and Christmas lunch next week.

## YEAR 3

Year 3 have been busy completing the end of term assessments and starting to get into the spirit of Christmas this week! During English lessons, the children worked on their guides to Lincoln presented as an eBook. They enjoyed using the Book Creator app and sharing the completed guides with each other. In Art, the children had to be very patient to decorate their decoupage reindeer with colourful strips of paper. The children, Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen were delighted with the final results! A lot of focus, care and artistic flare were demonstrated throughout the week by everyone!





## YEAR 4



In English, Year 4 have focused their learning on the classic poem 'Twas the Night before Christmas' by Clement Clarke Moore. This week, we have been busy exploring new vocabulary and the author's use of language. We then created story maps to help us memorise the poem to perform part of it to our peers. We worked well in our groups and are continuing to develop our listening and speaking skills.

In Maths, the children have been introduced to factors for the first time. We learned that when we multiply two whole numbers to make a product, both the numbers that we multiplied together are factors of the product. For example,  $3 \times 5 = 15$ , so 3 and 5 are factors of 15. We also learned that 3 and 5 are also referred to as a "factor pair" of 15. We decided that a factor of a number is a whole number that divides into it exactly. We used factor bugs to help us work systematically. Great job, Year 4!



Thank you to our Year 4 School Councillors. We love sharing our ideas with you in our school council box and enjoy hearing feedback from your school council meetings.

## YEAR 5

In maths this week, the children have been continuing to tackle a range of challenging fraction problems. They have been using their multiplication facts to help find the lowest common numerator and denominator. From here, they have successfully ordered their fractions before moving on to some addition problems. The children have benefited from drawing these in their books, and this visual approach to learning has certainly worked wonders for their confidence.

In English, the children have been planning and drafting their persuasive letter to the King of France, based on the class novel: Treason. They have been using the 'BEACH FOREST BEE' techniques to help argue their case. The children are also learning the importance of talking out their writing before applying this to paper!

In curriculum, the children have been looking at the life of Catherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn. We have discovered the trials of Catherine's life and created a mood graph to show this. The children then participated in 'Conscience Corridor' where they had to voice their reasons as to why Henry should or should not replace her as Queen.



## YEAR 6

This week, the Year 6 children have been working hard to crack conversions of measure and identify appropriate units, convert metric measures and also change miles into kilometres. They have been putting their skills of multiplying and dividing by powers of 10 to good use, in order to solve the challenging problems.

In our Literacy lessons, the children have been finding out about the Mystery of Flannan Isle. They have been using their skills of inference and deduction to work out clues and give evidence in their reasoning. They have been trying to include figurative language, short sentences, ellipsis and description of the senses into their writing to build drama and suspense – they will definitely make excellent mystery writers in the future!



On Thursday, Year 6 presented their Dragons' Den creations to their parents and showcased their fantastic, inventive products. They included a Lego sorter, a desk tidy, heated hoodie, sandwich maker, 'food-o-matic', and a dog lead that has a laser and treats to keep those pets entertained. The children were incredibly professional in their delivery and their PowerPoint slides, leaflets and prototypes were amazing - it made it a very difficult choice for Mrs Wright, Mr Roberts and Mrs Lane to decide the winners! All the children should be extremely proud of the effort, energy and teamwork they put into their work – I am sure that we will see them on the real Dragon's Den in years to come! Well done, Year 6 – you made us all really proud!



## SPORTS NEWS

### 06.12.23 AHS U9 Tag Rugby and U11 Touch Rugby v The Grantham Prep School and St Hugh's



The ground had just defrosted enough, in the bright sunshine, allowing us to hold the last fixture of the year.

Our U9s played in a round robin against two St Hugh's teams and a team from Grantham Prep. Miss Lawniczak managed and refereed across the two pitches. The players competed hard and improved their play over the duration of their three matches. Gaps were found in defences and tries were scored. Our tagging improved and our line was maintained. The games were all evenly played out with lots of skills and experience taken onboard.

The U11 team followed touch rugby rules which progressed during the game from passing after a touch tackle to raking the ball back to the dummy scrum half which then passed. Grantham were strong opposition and made it difficult to score though Teddy and Sacha found gaps, making good individual and team tries. Well done to all that took part on a chilly afternoon and thanks go to the parents who supported the fixture.



### SPALDING FIRE STATION CHRISTMAS GROTTO

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, but they are asking for voluntary donations.

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 \(tickettailor.com\)](#)



### PTFA DIARY DATES

The PTFA would like to sincerely thank everyone for the tremendous support we've had towards our recent Christmas events.

The Christmas Fair raised just over £1,000 and the raffle at the Christmas productions raised £366.

Please look out for our PTFA Newsletter next week for diary dates.

Our next event will be our Winter Disco on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

### JUNIOR LIBRARY BOOKS

Please renew or return your library books by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and don't forget to scan them in. Thank you from our librarians.



### 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.

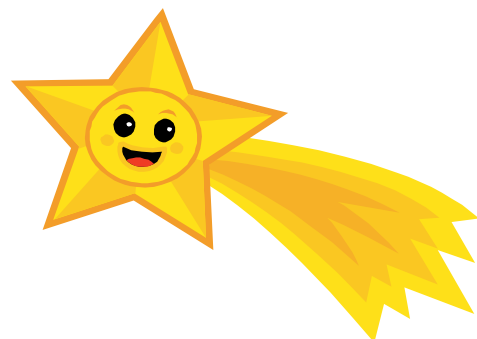
## Dates for Your Diary

<b>December</b>	
<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>	<b>Junior Christmas Party</b> / fish and chips – juniors to come into school in party/play clothes with sensible shoes. <b>No coloured hair or make up please.</b> 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>	<b>Infant Christmas Party</b> / fish and chips – infants to come into school in party/play clothes with sensible shoes. <b>No coloured hair or make up please.</b> 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:** Isaac  
**Reception:** Zara  
**Year 1:** Peter  
**Year 2:** George L  
**Year 3:** Katie  
**Year 4:** Tendekai  
**Year 5:** Taraa  
**Year 6:** Gabby



**Headteacher Award:** Infant children for wonderful Nativities

**Golden Dustpan Award:** Year 2

**Kindness Awards:** Harry C (Junior) Isaac (Infants)

## We have the following birthdays coming up:

18<sup>th</sup> December – Jackson and Orla  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Eva  
22<sup>nd</sup> December – Henry W.  
23<sup>rd</sup> December – Mr Lawrence  
26<sup>th</sup> December – Mrs Climo  
29<sup>th</sup> December – Miss Lawniczak  
31<sup>st</sup> December – Sebastian  
1<sup>st</sup> January – Jessica  
3<sup>rd</sup> January - Ryan  
4<sup>th</sup> January – Beatrix

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright