



# AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER: 01/12/23

Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely week in school with preparations for Christmas, trees going up and lots of excited children. I was so proud of our Year 5 and 6 Choir children this week, who visited two local care homes to sing for the residents. The warmth that the children brought to the occasion and the happiness that they brought to the people they sang for was truly heartwarming. Well done to all of you children, you made a real difference to those people this week.

Continuing with the theme of kindness and making a difference, I would like to thank you all so much for the generous donations to the Agape foodbank. We have received a large quantity of food and Christmas bits to pass on and these truly will mean an awful lot to local people over the festive period.

Tomorrow is our Christmas fair, and I do hope to see many of you there. The PTFA are working hard to put on a great event for us and this year the money is going towards a special project which will benefit every child in the school – more to follow!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### KINDERGARTEN

This week we're reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We can join in really well with some parts of the story and we've been going gingerbread man crazy in the classroom. We've been counting buttons onto gingerbread men, crafting our own gingerbread men ready to decorate our Christmas trees and we've even made our own gingerbread dough. We can't wait to bake and decorate our own gingerbread men; we just hope they don't run away!



### RECEPTION



Reception class have been exploring adding one more this week and the properties of 6. They have shown wonderful reasoning and descriptive skills to explain what happens as amounts increase by one and were excellent pattern spotters. From their explorations we noticed some of the Numicon shapes had 'odd tops' where the others were flat. We also worked out which amounts and number shapes added together to make 6. Lots of number fun!





## YEAR 1



Year 1 always work hard in and out of the classroom. They love visiting the different specialist teachers around the school for their music, ICT, Spanish and PE lessons. This week was no exception when they were learning about rhythms in music, typing pirate poems in the ICT suite and doing some amazing gymnastics work in the hall with Miss Lawniczak. In class we have been working on our grammar and punctuation in English, subtraction calculations in maths and history and geography work linked to our topic. We also squeezed in some time to put our beautiful decorations on the infant Christmas tree.



## YEAR 2



Year 2 have been busy with Christmas play rehearsals, making and finishing Christmas art projects and writing the Christmas story this week. They have found time to work on their knowledge of 3D shapes and to consider the importance of exercise in keeping fit and healthy.



## YEAR 3



Christmas is getting closer and the Year 3 children have started working on their Design and Technology Christmas project. They produced some fantastic applique designs and started bringing their ideas to life. The finished design will be used to make a 2024 calendar as a gift for their families.





During English lessons, the children learned about the features of non-fiction writing and started working on their eBooks using a Book Creator app. The children are writing about the beautiful city of Lincoln. They cannot wait to share the finished product with each other! We have also been treated to some expertly written spooky stories that the children are reading to each other. Science lessons this week are focussed on investigating the strength of magnets. All in all, a busy and fun week with a group of enthusiastic and happy children.



## YEAR 4

This week in maths, Year 4 have been busy learning tricky new concepts such as multiplying three numbers. To support our learning, we used cubes and counters to make arrays, and drew pictures to aid our understanding.

In English, the children have now finished their persuasive letters, and my goodness, they are impressive! The children's persuasive language along with their beautiful illustrations are a joy to read. So much so, we will be making a display in the hallway ready for next term. Well done, Year 4!

In Science this week, we investigated heating and cooling through a chocolate experiment. The children practised writing up a science investigation from start to finish, using subheadings, bullet points and technical language.



## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been continuing their work with fractions this week. We have been ordering fractions, focusing on the denominator, and drawing these out in a bar model to master this challenging concept. Once this was achieved, the children completed the abstract form to deepen their understanding. The children's vocabulary and persistence have been impressive here – well done!



In English, the children have been learning the features of a persuasive text. We have completed some 'mini writes' to showcase these features, and we even managed to persuade Henry VIII not to execute Anne Boleyn! Next week, we will be putting these skills into practise with a letter based on our class text: Treason.

In curriculum lessons, the children have been working hard to produce their Tudor shield. They have been using their sawing and measuring skills to create their pieces, and some children even managed to create a 45-degree angle to join these together! We look forward to showcasing the finish products.



## YEAR 6



This week, the Year 6 pupils have been using their artistic skills in their Art and DT work. They have been busy sewing their cross-stitch sampler designs and their original creations are beginning to take shape. They have also made beautiful tree decorations which are now ready to hang up on the tree in the hall.

In maths this week, the children have been finishing off their unit on fractions and have been mastering all four operations. They have worked hard to remember all the different methods and are now finding fractions of amounts.

In RE, the children have been learning about the Islamic faith and the 5 pillars of Islam and have been finding out about prayer and giving to others. The children have enjoyed learning about different faiths and have really impressed with their excellent contributions towards class discussion.

On Tuesday, the choir went to visit two different care homes and made all the staff incredibly proud with their fabulous singing and excellent behaviour. Well done!

## ECO CLUB

Eco club are looking after our local birds by making bird feeders. They were very hard working and created fabulous feeders which we then hung in the Forest school area.



## SPORTS NEWS

U10 Touch Rugby at St Hugh's 29.11.23



Our team played against St Hugh's in cold but sunny conditions. We were playing in the shadows on the field though this did not perturb our boys. They played with enthusiasm and effort producing some good passing, weaving in and out and running tries. The first quarter was played as touch, the second as touch with a scratch/rake back with a dummy scrum half, then the final two quarters as touch with a parachute drop to the floor with presentation of the ball to the dummy scrum half. Our boys learnt a lot of skills and improved their play with the progression during the game. Ted and George were named as players of the match. Well done to all that took part and thanks go to the parents that 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, 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 \(tickettailor.com\)](https://www.spaldingfirestation.co.uk/Christmas-Grotto)



## PTFA DIARY DATES

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER** – CHRISTMAS FAIR – 11AM TO 1PM – Looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow. See poster attached for 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.

## 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.

## 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

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations to this worthy cause, we are so grateful.



## 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 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:** Everett

**Reception:** Ralph

**Year 1:** Iris

**Year 2:** Harriet

**Year 3:** Benjamin

**Year 4:** Olivia

**Year 5:** Sebastian

**Year 6:** Emma



**Headteacher Award:** Year 5 and 6 Choir

**Golden Dustpan Award:** Year 4

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – Henry P.

**2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Vira

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Ted

**6<sup>th</sup> December** – Mrs Mitchell

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright