



## Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Autumn has well and truly arrived. Please make sure that your child has suitable outdoor shoes/wellies and a waterproof coat as we aim to get them outside for break-time whenever we can.

If you have any coats or wellies that your children have grown out of, then please add them to our uniform swap in the front entrance. They will certainly be put to good use.



### Parentpay

94% of you have now activated your accounts which is fantastic as this makes it so much easier in school.

Thank you!

If you experience any difficulties with payment, or find that items are in the wrong place, then please come into school and we will contact Parentpay on your behalf. We have resolved a lot of issues this way and the 'glitches' are being slowly, but surely, eradicated.

Please make sure that you book and pay for any clubs at the same time as booking places your child on the register. Then, even if your child isn't sure what is happening, we do and it avoids unnecessary upset.

### Acts of Remembrance

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, the whole school stood in silence for two minutes to remember those affected by conflicts, both past and present, and to feel grateful for peace and safety.



On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> November, Harla, Lucas and Jacob represented the school at the Leyburn and District Remembrance Service. Reverend Gillian Lunn wrote to the school and said, 'I just wanted to say how fantastic I thought the children were at the Remembrance wreath laying ceremony this morning. They were so respectful and I was so impressed by them.'



We were very proud of them too.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

### PTFA Hamper Raffle 2023

The PTFA will be holding our annual Hamper Raffle in December and are looking for donations for the following themes:

Year Group	Hamper Theme
Nursery and Reception	Chocolates and Sweets
Year 1	Stationery and Crafts
Year 2	Baking
Year 3	Christmas
Year 4	Pampering
Year 5	Family Games Night
Year 6	Afternoon Tea

Please can donations be sent into the school office or to your child's teacher by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on Parent Pay and cost £1 per ticket. Stubs will be sent home with children as they are purchased.

The raffle will be drawn at the Carol Concert on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### PTFA Secret Santa



The PTFA are running a Secret Santa event for the children on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

For £2.50, they will be able to come along to the learning zone and choose a present that they would like

to give to a loved one. It will then be wrapped for them to bring home and put under the tree.

We are looking for donations of anything that is suitable to be given as a gift – eg. Unwanted gift sets, bags, scarves, candles, jewellery, chocolate, sweets, stationery, photo frames, games.



As families come in different shapes and sizes, we are giving the children the opportunity to purchase up to two gifts but to do this, we will need to know in advance if you would like to buy two.

Please could you send a message to your child's class teacher on Class Dojo ONLY if you are planning on your child purchasing two gifts. This will allow the PTFA to ensure we have enough presents.

### PTFA Christmas Decoration Competition

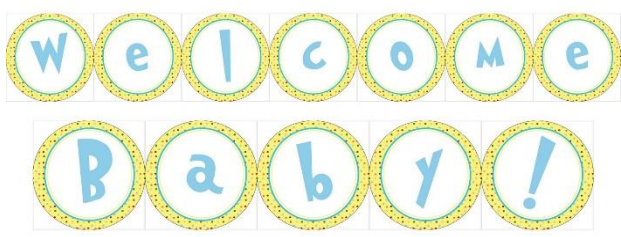


The PTFA are holding a Christmas Decoration Competition which will be free to enter. The winning entries in each class will receive a prize in assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please send completed entries in to your child's class teacher by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We are certainly getting in to the festive spirit!



Two new pupils have joined us this half term - James in year 4 and lo in year 5. We would like to formally welcome them and their families to the school. We are sure that they will be very happy at Leyburn.



We would also like to welcome another special person to the world.

We are delighted to announce Miss Burn has given birth to a healthy baby boy. Finlay Robert was born on 3rd November and weighed 6lb 11oz. Miss Burn and her partner, Daniel, are enjoying life as parents and Miss Burn is looking forward to everyone meeting baby Finn.



And finally, please remember to keep swapping those Christmas jumpers!

**Dates for the Diary:**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Cross country
- 24<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 to TOSH to watch ‘Matilda’ as part of the INTO Film festival
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Skip2Bfit for the whole school
- 29<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 /4 mixed football
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 nativity
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Skipping festival TWS – KS1
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Y5/6 Boys' Football Area Final
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Secret Santa
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Open afternoon
- w/b 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties and Outdoor Carol Concert
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Service at St Matthew’s – all welcome
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Break up for Christmas**