



Newsletter Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Here is the final newsletter of 2024! We have taken part in lots of Christmas-themed activities over the past fortnight so here are some of them to help you enter into the Christmas spirit.

The children have coped with all of the excitement admirably and have enjoyed the annual traditions of Nativity, Christmas dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and handmade Christmas crafts.





Attendance

We have had more than our fair share of 'nasties' this term and very few of us have escaped them!

The school's overall attendance figure to date is **96.2%**, which is significantly above the current national average of 95.3% and above the pre-Covid national expectation of 96%, which is excellent.

Well done to the children who managed to steer clear of illness and who have had 100% attendance this term.



Thank you!



We have been shown such kindness this week. Mrs Asher and Jessica kindly donated this amazing house to add to our playtime provision. There was one small detail though - how to get it to school... Henry's dad came to the rescue and, with his team from Metcalfe Farms, he brought it to school and then installed it on the playground.

It is so popular that we are having to have timetable its use!



Mrs Asher then came in today with this box of toy food to use in the kitchen.

What a wonderful, supportive community we have.

Thank you.



Here at the School Council we feel that we have achieved a lot this year. For example: our coffee morning, getting the footballs off the roof and improving OPAL. We are losing one of our council reps as she is moving schools. We wish her the best of luck for the future. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us this term and wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And so to 2025....

Road Safety banner competition!

The Community Safety Hub, part of North Yorkshire Council, along with North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership is running a poster competition on the theme of road safety. Children are invited to design a poster on A4 paper which could be used on a banner to remind pedestrians and drivers about being safe on and near roads. The winning entry will be reproduced onto a large banner and distributed across local schools. We would love our pupils to enter and so, if they wish, they can create their masterpiece at home and return it to Mrs Salonga at school by Wednesday 12th February. Here is an example of a previous winner:



Family involvement



We have thoroughly enjoyed opening the school to you this term. We have had two VERY busy Coffee Mornings, a regular Book Swap in KS1 and our very well attended Christmas Craft afternoon. It was also lovely to have so many of you join the Christmas Sing-a-long at Kirkwood Hall with Years 3 and 4 as well as the Rocksteady Concert.

We would like to have a regular 'timetable' of events for you to share with your children. If you any ideas or requests, please let us know.



Leyburn was the first school in North Yorkshire to receive this award. We are not resting on our laurels though and are always looking for more resources. If you are having a post-Christmas 'spring clean', then please bear us in mind as we can make use of **anything!**

Dates for the Diary:

There will be more updates in the new year so keep looking!

6th January – STAFF TRAINING DAY

7th January - Spring term 1 begins

15th January - OPAL open event for parents

22nd January – Year 3 and 4 mixed football

5th February – Little City visits Early Years (see below)



14th February – Break up for half term

17th February - Rescue Me Recycling Game in KS2

24th February – STAFF TRAINING DAY

25th February – Spring term 2 begins

26th-28th February Year 6 trip to Edinburgh

