



Newsletter Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's the 1st of December. No, we can't quite believe it either. The countdown begins...



Important Reminder



We would like to remind everyone that we have some children in school with nut and other food allergies. Whilst we cannot guarantee that we can be 100% 'nut free', we can all play our part in keeping all children safe by not bringing food into school which contains nuts. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

In case you hadn't heard, we had some very special visitors in school this week. We were so grateful



that they were able to come to see us, especially before their busiest time of the year...

This year, Leyburn Primary School was nominated for the Alex Timpson ARC Attachment Award. This award recognises and celebrates best practice in attachment and trauma aware schools and settings. The winner in the primary category was Crocketts Primary School in Wolverhampton but we are incredibly proud to be one of the four finalists. It has motivated us all to move on to even greater things!

The rest of the newsletter is a reminder of the festive activities which will be taking place over the next three weeks.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

To make sure that you're ready for Christmas Jumper Day on the 8th December, please remember to keep swapping those Christmas jumpers.

We have some lovely ones in our uniform swap and this is a great way to share the joy!



PTFA Hamper Raffle 2023

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 send donations into the school office or to your child's teacher by **Friday 8th 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 18th December.

PTFA Secret Santa



On Thursday 14th December, for £2.50, children 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 22nd December. Please send completed entries in to your child's class teacher by Friday 15th December.

Dates for the Diary:

- 5th and 6th December – KS1 nativity
- 6th December – Skipping festival at the TWS
- 6th December - Y5/6 Boys' Football Area Final
- 8th December – Christmas jumper day
- 14th December – PTFA Secret Santa
- 15th December – Christmas Open afternoon
- w/b 18th December – Christmas Parties and Outdoor Carol Concert
- 20th December – Christmas lunch
- 21st December – Service at St Matthew's – all welcome
- Friday 22nd December – Break up for Christmas**
- 8th January – Spring term starts - TRAINING DAY
- 9th January – Children return to school

