

Netherton J&I School

Parents Newsletter



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Headteacher News :



Dear Parents,

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

As we are approaching the festive period, preparations are well underway in school.

Children are very busy with Christmas Production rehearsals and classrooms are beginning to look very Christmassy!

We have been very lucky again this year to have another beautiful Christmas tree displayed in our school hall. Thanks, as always, to Earnshaws Fencing Centre who have again donated a tree for us all to enjoy. Many thanks also to all involved for helping us to make school look very festive indeed!

Christmas Storytelling Evening

We had a super bedtime story evening for Early Years and Year 1 children, on Monday evening, as we kick start Christmas at Netherton. Children arrived dressed in pyjamas to listen to staff members reading a selection of Christmas stories. To end the evening the children enjoyed hot chocolate complete with a marshmallow and biscuit! Many thanks to all staff that made this lovely event happen!



Year 6 Enterprise Project

Year 6 had a marvellous first enterprise sale. Thank you so much to everyone for supporting this. The children have worked so hard to make and sell their products and we are so proud of their efforts! Next sale is on Wednesday 10th December at 3.20pm (NEXT WEEK)

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner for the whole school took place on Wednesday this week! Huge thanks to our fabulous staff who helped lay the tables and serve food and our marvellous kitchen team who have been very busy cooking the Christmas meal for the children to enjoy! Fantastic atmosphere, super food and a real feel good event!



Methodist Chapel Visit

Our Early Years children spread festive cheer in the community singing some of their Christmas songs for our friends at Netherton Methodist Chapel.

Switch On

On Wednesday evening we all enjoyed the Christmas Light Switch On despite the very cold weather! Many thanks to everyone who came to listen to our choir sing at St Andrew's Church followed by the Lights Switch On and refreshments. Thanks to St Andrew's who hosted the event and to Mrs Rosamond and Mrs Cooper who support our school choir - you all sang beautifully.

Christmas Fayre

Our dedicated PTA members have been very busy this week in preparation for our Christmas Fayre today! The fayre is in full swing and children are enjoying spending their money! We have also drawn our raffle today - look out for further details on parent hub and Facebook to see if you have won a prize! Thanks to everyone for your support of our Christmas events. A special thank you to our Year 6 children who were brilliant today, running stalls and helping our youngest children - well done!

Many thanks to all involved in the organisation and running of all these Christmas events. Without you these could not happen!

Interim Reports

Before the end of term, you will receive your child's interim report via the hub, containing details of their attainment and progress. Please be aware that you may receive these on different days/times due to staff workload however you will have them by the end of term.

We hope you find the information to be a useful update of how your child is doing in school. If parents would like to discuss any concerns arising from the interim reports, then please make an appointment with the class teacher in January.

Reminder - School Closures:

A reminder of our school closure procedures during the winter months.

Whilst we make every effort to keep the school open, there may be times when we have to close, either for a full day or during the day. We understand that the majority of our children live within walking distance and can get to school in most circumstances. However, some of our staff live further afield and have difficulty getting in during heavy snow, making it difficult to maintain our pupil to staff ratios. There are a number of other health and safety issues we also need to consider to ensure the safety of everyone whilst they are in school.

In the event of an unplanned school closure due to heating failure, severe weather, major absence of staff and so on, the following procedure will be implemented.

- Check your *Parent Hub* app messages - we will let you know if school is going to be closed for the day as early as we can. We will also let you know if school closes during the day by *Parent Hub* app. (Please ensure we have up to date mobile numbers.)
- Listen to Pulse 1 & Greatest Hits Radio West Yorkshire who will be providing winter weather school closure coverage again this winter.
- A list of school closures will also be displayed on the Wakefield council website: <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-closures/>
- If the school closes during the day, staff that live near to school will stay with children who cannot be picked up quickly; please travel safely on these occasions and remember the children will be in good hands.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Productions

Monday 8th December - Early Years 1&2 at 5.30pm
 Tuesday 9th December - Early Years 1&2 at 2pm
 Tuesday 9th December - Years 1&2 at 5.30pm
 Wednesday 10th December - Years 3&4 at 5.30pm
 Thursday 11th December - Years 1&2 at 2pm
 Friday 12th December - Years 3&4 at 2pm
 Monday 15th December - Year 5&6 at 2pm & 5.30pm



Christmas Events

Wednesday 10th December - Whole school (Reception to Year 6) - Pantomime visit am

Christmas Parties

Monday 15th December - Early Years am
 Tuesday 16th December - Years 1 & 2 pm
 Wednesday 17th December - Years 3 & 4 pm
 Thursday 18th December - Years 5 & 6pm

Community Events

Tuesday 16th December - Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church at 6pm.

Sunday 7th December - The village hall family fun day with grotto from 10-2.

It is £3 to see Santa, there are few games, ride on toys and soft play for the young ones and football, air hockey and pool for the older ones. There is also a free face painter and refreshments are available.

On the 23rd December Santa will be going round the village with his helpers, setting off from the top of the village at about 4.30. There will be a Google map link to follow him around that will be shared in the Facebook event. Donations are for the hospice this year.

Coxley Players Panto

Friday 28th November at 7:30pm and Saturday 29th November at 2:30pm. Tickets only £4 each. A family fun orientated pantomime catering for all ages.

Please contact Adrian.coxley@talktalk.net to pay by bank transfer and free delivery, or tickets are available from the Premier Top Shop in Netherton.

School finishes for Christmas on Friday 19th December and returns on Monday 5th January 2026.

Class News:

EY2

Fostering a love of reading in EY2. They love a quiet, cosy corner to read together in.

Mrs Rosamond



Year 1

Year 1 have made some fabulous chairs for Baby Bear in Design Technology this week. They used lots of sculpture attachment techniques and blew our socks off with their fabulous designs. Well done everyone. Mrs Cunliffe



Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed finding out about different types of puppets in their DT. Over the next few weeks, the children will be designing and making their own puppet. Miss Reid

Year 5

Year 5 have been investigating how much a sheet of paper can hold. They did this by experimenting with shape and folds. The children went on to

create paper structures to hold different objects around the classroom. It created a great buzz in the classroom with lots of 'wow' moments.

Mrs Douglas



Year 6

Y6 'DecemBAR' maths challenges this week. Mrs Goodrum





Endeavour Award



EY2:

Sonny Slark

Class 1:

Hallie Oakes

Class 3:

Harvey Hinchcliffe
Margot Sehmar-Bee

Class 5:

Amelia Kirkham
Harry Broxholme

Class 2:

Isabelle Bentley

Class 4:

Joey Greenwood
Elijah Oakes

Class 6:

Summer Rohwer



Star of the Week



Early Years 1:

Bella Maitland
Max Lodge