



Dear Parents and families,

Restrictions in school – Impact on EYFS Nativity and Key Stage 1 Christmas Production

We sent out a letter recently from the Local Authority which highlighted increasing Covid-19 infection rates and the stresses that was putting on the NHS and staff absences in schools. These infection rates seem to be driven by children in schools and it looks increasingly likely that the Government's 'Plan B' will be launched if this pressure continues into winter. Unfortunately, we have been told by the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire and our Director of Children and Young Peoples Services that we will not be able to have large groups of parents in school. Clearly, you will share my disappointment with this, as that will mean we cannot have a disco, Christmas fair, and EYFS/KS1 production.

However, we will do our best to record the Nativity and KS1 production for parents to watch online.

Below is a message from Mrs Pearson, EYFS Leader.

It's that time of year when we have started practising for our Christmas Nativity! We really value the importance of children having the opportunity to perform and are still very keen to still practise and perform a Christmas Nativity.

We have received guidance from North Yorkshire County Council stating that we must 'Limit visitors to the school and consider carefully whether events that bring parents into the school can be managed safely'. Due to the size of our EYFS Unit and to save possible disappointment nearer the time, we have made the decision to record our EYFS Christmas Nativity this year rather than perform it to a live audience. We are also taking into consideration that no EYFS child has had the opportunity to perform before.

We understand that this may be disappointing for families but our aim is for everyone to have a safe, healthy and happy Christmas. All parents will be able to access this video and we will provide more information nearer the time.

Parents Consultation Evening

This will now have to take place using an online service where parents get a 10 minute slot using video. A link will be sent to parents so they can use their mobile phone or other device. More details will follow.

Clubs and darker nights and Safeguarding

Our clubs after school have had a fantastic take up and we are over-subscribed in many cases. This is fantastic as it shows that the children have really missed these extra-curricular activities.

With it now getting dark by 4.30pm, we ask that parents collect their child from school at the end of the club rather than them walking home by themselves in the dark.

We keep a register of children attending Clubs and call parents if they are not there, but were supposed to attend the Club. This causes a lot of work by the Office and teaching staff to ensure the child has got home safely. If a child has signed up for a Club, we expect them to attend unless there is a valid reason. **If they are absent for 2 occasions, they will lose their place in the club.** This is only fair for the staff who have given up their own time to run the Clubs each week.

Thank you for your support.

Conrad Fox
Headteacher

THE SCHOOL DAY

Main School starts:

8.50am – EYFS, Y1, Y2 & Y3

8.55am – Year 4-Year 6

Lunchtime:

12.00 noon ~ 1.00 p.m.

School finishes:

3.15 p.m. – Years 1 - 6

2 Year Old Provision:

8.55 a.m. – 11.55 a.m

Nursery:

8.45a.m – 11.45.am

12.15p.m- 3.15p.m

Nursery lunch:

11.45a.m – 12.15p.m

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