



9th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Principal's Update – 9th November 2021

It has been lovely to see everybody back in school following half term, we've had a nice settled start and are looking forward to an exciting term leading up to Christmas.

Firstly, some reminders and dates for your diary:-

- **School Photographs** – the school photographer will be in school tomorrow Wednesday 10th November to take individual pupil's and siblings' photographs.
- **Anti-bullying Week** – 15th to 19th November and **Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Day**
To celebrate being similar but different, we are supporting both Anti-bullying Week with Odd Socks Day and Type 1 Diabetes Awareness with Wear a Type-Onesie Day on **Monday 15th November**. All children are invited to come to school dressed in a onesie or PJs and/or some odd socks – please do not go to any extra expense, and if your child doesn't want to wear their onesie/pjs/odd socks, then non-uniform is fine. No donation needed.
- **Children in Need - Friday 19th November**
At the end of Anti-bullying week it will be Children in Need. Children are able to come to school in non-uniform (including children in need t-shirts) £1 donation - the theme for this year is 'Together we can change young lives' all proceeds to the Children in Need charity.
- **Phonics Screening - Year 2 pupils**
The week commencing Monday 13th December will be phonics screening week for Year 2 pupils. This statutory assessment should have taken place in June but was delayed nationally due to the lockdown.
- **Assessments Week**
Y1-Y6 will be involved in Assessments during w/c 29th November 2021.

Christmas:

Plans are going ahead in school as previously outlined to parents, subject to any public health restrictions which may be implemented.

Christmas Winter Wonderland

Last year with the kind help of local businesses and our community we were able to create a Christmas Winter Wonderland for all to enjoy. As part of our ongoing commitment to our families and community we would love to enhance and recreate the Richmond Hill Winter Wonderland, once again we need your help as we have lots of festive ideas! We have contacted local businesses for any help they can give us with equipment and the logistics. We've also applied to Sprotbrough Parish Council for a small grant towards the costs and hopefully we will be successful. As some of you may know we have advertised a fundraising initiative on our Facebook page. Thank you to those parents who have already made a donation and also shared our page. If you would like to help and support our Christmas Winter Wonderland this year please click on the following link. Any donations will be gratefully received.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/richmondhillwinterwonderland>

Christmas Cards and Gifts

We've had a few enquiries from parents asking if the children can exchange Christmas cards in school this year and if they are able to give staff presents as this was a little different last year due to the restrictions in school. We would like to confirm that this will be able to happen this year as we do not have any such restrictions in place at the moment.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is on the lunch time menu on Tuesday 14th December. This is open to all children (including Nursery children who are in school on Tuesdays), even if your child normally has a packed lunch you can choose to book them a Christmas Dinner just for that one day. The option to book Christmas dinner will be available on Parentpay from next week w/c 15th November until Monday 6th December – the deadline is to give the Cook time to place the food order, it may not be possible to accept any late bookings.

A reminder of our Christmas Performances and Parties

We are hoping that an in school Christmas performance for each year group will be able to take place this year. In order to do this safely, performances will be year group only to minimise numbers. The planned diary of events is currently as follows:

Wednesday 8 th December		10.30am Nursery	2.00pm Y2
Thursday 9 th December	9.00am Y1	10.30am Reception	2.00pm Y3
Friday 10 th December	9.00am Y4	10.30am Y5	2.00pm Y6
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Party day for all pupils		

A special Christmas update will be sent out at the end of November.

Update on the leak in school:

Work is yet to commence due to the contractor being delayed. Once the scheduled work is confirmed we will let you know. In the meantime KS2 children will remain in the modular classrooms.

Parking:

The staggered start and finish times have up to now eased the parking problem around school and we have received far fewer complaints from local residents. However courteous parking is essential to help to keep community relations positive. Please respect local residents' property and their access to their own driveways, as well as parking sensibly in the areas immediately outside school - please do not park on the kerb too close to the crossing near the KS2 gate and on the yellow zig zag lines near the KS1 gate. To ensure the safety of all our children, your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Reception 2022:

To apply for a place in Reception for September 2022 please make your application via Admissions at Doncaster Council – closing date for applications is **15th January 2022**.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker
Principal

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