



Newsletter

December 22nd 2017



Dates for your Diary

Friday 22 nd December	1.15pm	School Christmas service at Christchurch
Friday 22 nd December	2.30pm	School closes for Christmas holidays
Sunday 24 th December	4.00pm	Crib service at Christ Church
Monday 25 th December	10.30am	Christmas Holy Communion at Christ Church
Monday 8 th January 2018		Staff training day – school closed
Tuesday 9 th January	8.40/8.50am	School opens for Spring Term



MERRY CHRISTMAS



On behalf of all the Staff and Governors I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and Governors for all their hard work and support over the last year and many thanks also to all the parents and helpers for their continuing commitment to the School. Mrs Thirlaway.

Attendance Annual Target= 95.8%

Attendance Autumn Term = 97.0%

Congratulations to the following children in school who have achieved 100% attendance this term: Sophie Bean, Thomas Bean, Poppy Beattie, Ben Burton, Isabell Burton, Maisy Carr, Ollie Croft, Oliver Davies, Seth Dwight, Ruby Eden, Eliza Green, Lottie Harrison, Thomas Harrison, Henry Hassall, Lola Haynes, Sophie Holton, Olivia King, Ben Macneill, Lucy Munns, Zenith Nyoka, Agnes O'Connor, Lola Povey, Max Tesseyman, Annabel Tiffin, Esme Wilson and Molly Wilson.

- **From the beginning of the Spring Term 2018 we will be a Nut Free School.** We have pupils who suffer from a severe allergy to nuts. For some pupils, coming into contact with nuts causes a potentially life threatening anaphylactic reaction. This reaction can be induced by smell, touch or ingestion of nuts. In order for us to reduce the risk of an anaphylactic reaction occurring at school, we would be very grateful if you could refrain from sending your child to school with nuts, or any product containing nuts, for consumption at break or lunch time. Thank you
- **Nativity** - we have been informed our photos of KS1 and Early Years (a photo of each) should be in the Harrogate Advertiser (and other newspapers in the group) this week.
- **A congratulations from Mrs Williams** to Ruby in Class 3, for her commitment to singing club. Lots of children have popped into singing club since September but Ruby even continued to come along when she was the only KS2 pupil and has been a great example for the younger children. Well done Ruby!
- **School lunch payments** If you pay for your child's school lunch please remember to make regular advance payments on the School Gateway so that your child's lunch money is always in credit. Thank you.
- **A New Year's resolution?** Please can all parents make sure that **every** item which your child brings into school is clearly and permanently named, including PE kit, outdoor clothing, **wellingtons** and

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spare winter weather clothing. Please could you also check to see if any of your child's property has ended up in the lost property box in the main entrance.

- **Medicines in school** – please may we remind parents only medicine prescribed by a doctor in its original container can be brought into school and must be handed in to the school office where a form detailing its use must be filled in and signed by a parent. Medicines such as penicillin which have to be given 3 times a day should not be brought in to school as dose times can be fitted in around the school day. Over the counter medicine such as Nurofen, Calpol, antihistamines etc will not be administered by staff and must not be brought in.
- **Email address for payment and school invoice queries.** If you need to contact Ms Voakes about payments or your child's nursery or BAFTA invoices you should email direct at office@marton-cum-graffton.n-yorks.sch.uk. Ms Voakes is in the office all day Tuesday and on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Christmas Services at Christ Church

A message from Christ Church:

'We'd love you to join us this Sunday (17th December) at 10.30am at Christ Church as we enjoy our Carol Service. We'll be telling the Christmas story and singing a variety of well known Carols before indulging in a glass of mulled wine and mince pies (soft drinks for children!)

On Christmas Eve at 4pm we will be holding our Crib Service to which you are warmly invited. What better way to really get ready for the big day? Mulled wine, mince pies and other tasty festive treats will be served afterwards.

For those who aren't too busy opening presents and playing with toys, there will also be a service of Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 10.30am.

Everyone from Christ Church wishes you a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.'

News from The Friends

End of Term - Festive Teas and Coffee with Mince Pies

Class 4 will be hosting the end of term "Festive Tea and Coffee with Mince Pies" on Friday 22 December after the Christmas Service (from about 2pm onwards).

Please do come and join us.

School Tea Towel and Bag Orders

We are still selling the tea towels and bags with the children's self-portraits. Please contact Bianca Gaspar (Oliver Class 2 and Sebastian Class 3)

On behalf of 'The Friends' I would like to thank you all and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bianca Gaspar