

MOORTHORPE NEWS - DEC 2024

Wow December already, where has 2024 gone! As we always say this is the 'most wonderful time of the year' but also the busiest. Christmas is nearly upon us and there's so much going on. We look forward to seeing you all at the many events – see below. Tickets for the concerts are £1 (this includes a number for a raffle ticket) and go on sale Monday 2nd Dec. There will be 2 per family and any spares will go on sale on the day before each concert.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – Dec 2024

December 2024

Monday 2nd – Making xmas decorations in school (Parents/carers in pm)

Wednesday 4th – 10-11.15 Final FEET session for new nursery parents

Thursday 5th – Y5 Ancient Greece Day

Friday 6th – Christmas jumper day (non-uniform) and xmas Fayre (school closes at 1.15pm)

Friday 6th – NO football club

Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th - Y6 go to Robinwood

Wednesday 11th - EYFS xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Wednesday 11th – Ukuleles concert for Y5 at 11.30 (Parents/carers)

Wednesday 11th – Christmas dinner

Friday 13th – No football club

Monday 16th – KS1 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 17th – KS1 xmas concert am (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 17th – KS2 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)

Wednesday 18th - KS2 xmas concert am and pm (Parents/carers)

Thursday 19th – Xmas party day (party clothes/ non uniform)

Friday 20th – Xmas eve in school (PJs, hot choc, cookies and a film plus a visit from Santa)

Friday 20th NO football club. Break up for xmas to return Mon 6th Jan 2025

January 2025

Tuesday 28th – Young Voices at Sheffield Arena

February 2025

Tuesday 4th – Tuesday 11th – Book Fair at school

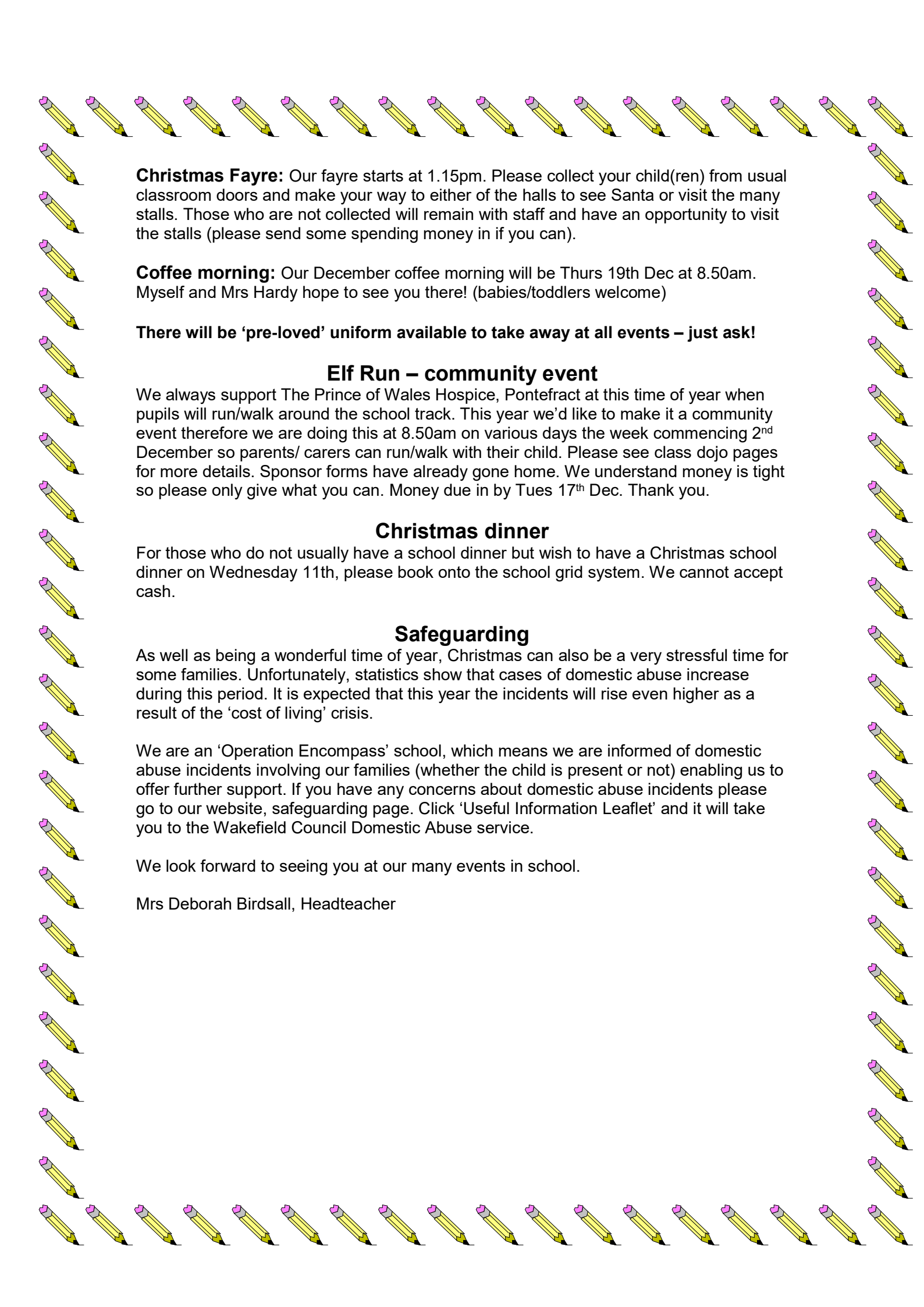
Friday 14th – Break up for half term

Staffing

Our wonderful EYFS leader and reception teacher, Miss Stead is leaving at the end of this term. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication not only in early years but also driving excellence in phonics and wish her well in her new role teaching child development in a college. I'm pleased to report we have appointed a new reception class teacher who taught the class yesterday. We hope to invite her in before the end of term to do some further transition and hopefully meet parents too! Mrs Jackson will take over as lead for early years lead and Mrs Currie will take over as Phonics leader – both roles are in very safe, experienced hands.

Parents in school

Parents/carers xmas decoration making: Our traditional decoration making session is on Monday 2nd Dec at 1.15pm. Please come to the front entrance to sign in, thank you.



Christmas Fayre: Our fayre starts at 1.15pm. Please collect your child(ren) from usual classroom doors and make your way to either of the halls to see Santa or visit the many stalls. Those who are not collected will remain with staff and have an opportunity to visit the stalls (please send some spending money in if you can).

Coffee morning: Our December coffee morning will be Thurs 19th Dec at 8.50am. Myself and Mrs Hardy hope to see you there! (babies/toddlers welcome)

There will be 'pre-loved' uniform available to take away at all events – just ask!

Elf Run – community event

We always support The Prince of Wales Hospice, Pontefract at this time of year when pupils will run/walk around the school track. This year we'd like to make it a community event therefore we are doing this at 8.50am on various days the week commencing 2nd December so parents/ carers can run/walk with their child. Please see class dojo pages for more details. Sponsor forms have already gone home. We understand money is tight so please only give what you can. Money due in by Tues 17th Dec. Thank you.

Christmas dinner

For those who do not usually have a school dinner but wish to have a Christmas school dinner on Wednesday 11th, please book onto the school grid system. We cannot accept cash.

Safeguarding

As well as being a wonderful time of year, Christmas can also be a very stressful time for some families. Unfortunately, statistics show that cases of domestic abuse increase during this period. It is expected that this year the incidents will rise even higher as a result of the 'cost of living' crisis.

We are an 'Operation Encompass' school, which means we are informed of domestic abuse incidents involving our families (whether the child is present or not) enabling us to offer further support. If you have any concerns about domestic abuse incidents please go to our website, safeguarding page. Click 'Useful Information Leaflet' and it will take you to the Wakefield Council Domestic Abuse service.

We look forward to seeing you at our many events in school.

Mrs Deborah Birdsall, Headteacher