



Message from the F2 Team

The children have been making some great progress with learning their phonics. They are becoming more confident in using their knowledge to segment and blend when reading.

Attendance

F2 96.2% Y1 95.3% Y2 95.6% Y3 96.1%

Y4 97.1% Y5 96.5% Y6 96.7%

The whole school target for attendance is 97%

Key Information

We are starting to rehearse for our Nativity performance. The performances will be on Tuesday 16th December at 10am and Wednesday 17th December at 2pm. Ticket information will follow soon.

We will provide costumes for everyone, except Musicians and Narrators. They will only need a Christmas jumper or party clothes to wear but we will send out a message when these need to come into school.

Reminder, individual school photographs will be taken on the morning of Thursday 20th November.

This week's learning

In **Literacy** this week we will be continuing our writing about Celebrations.

In **Maths** we will be practising our counting. We will also be working on our understanding of 5 and begin to explore ways to represent numbers up to 5.

In **Phonics** we will be working on our segmenting and blending skills using all our Phase 2 phonemes.

In **Art** we will be designing and making a birthday hat for Lizzie Lanes' birthday party.

Message from Mr Wilkes

We have welcomed lots of prospective parents to school this week who are looking for places for their children in September. It has been great to meet so many people in our community. We have an open session on Saturday morning from 9.30 until 11 and another open event next Thursday evening at 4pm. Please pass this on if you know of anyone looking for school places.

The first meeting of our Eco Council took place this week with Miss Howe. They will be supporting the school with our climate action plan and will be focusing on traffic and pollution as their first project.

I wrote to you in the Summer term asking for your thoughts on the residential visits and experiences the children have during their time at The Lanes. Thank you for your responses. We spent last year reviewing our offer, considering the educational value, the value for money and the quality of the activities and centres. We will be changing the Year 5 visit from two nights in York to one night. This will make the costings more manageable, whilst enabling us to focus on the high-quality activities. This visit will take place in March and more details will follow. We have paused the Year 3 residential to Mount Cook for this year as we felt that it did not link sufficiently well to the curriculum learning and was not good value for money. The children will have a day visit to Creswell Crags which will give a really high-quality opportunity for learning and we are currently exploring a way to create a residential experience at a more significantly reduced cost. When we have more details of this we will let you know.

I understand this is a change and some children may be disappointed. However, in order to sustain these experiences in the current financial climate, in terms of cost of living and educational budgets, we need to make some changes. These visits are an integral part of the school offer, and we will continue to work hard to ensure they are protected in a way that is sustainable and inclusive.