



Merry Christmas!



What a busy time in school!

Congratulations to the children who performed so brilliantly in 'What kind of king?' and the 'Early Years Reindeer Christmas.' It was wonderful to see so many of you in the auditorium and the school hall enjoying the wonderful performances. On these occasions, despite already being very proud of our children, I am always thrilled with how they respond to being out of their comfort zone, rising to the challenge and having the boost in confidence which follows. It was great to see the year groups working together, enjoying the work of Mr Newton's musicians and the Y5 quartet who performed so brilliantly for the EY audience. What a great way to 'step into Christmas'. Thank you for your support and encouragement.



Thanks to your generosity a donation of £277.80 is being sent to **Shelter**.
Thank you very much.

HOME IS EVERYTHING

The sale of tickets and programmes has allowed us to cover the costs of the hire of the auditorium – important for the budget, but also in allowing us to give the children a wonderful experience – Thank you.

We hope that you support the **Y6 Christmas Tuck shop** – the venture is now in profit and the team are keen to build on this. The shop is open in the small hall on Friday 15th December (TODAY)– beat the crowds and come along from 3.10pm, to the small hall (access through the outside door).

The **Christmas trees** in school look amazing, with some fantastic homemade decorations – Thank you for your support with this.

And Thank you to **Mr Graham** for helping us make Christmas in school such a happy time (whatever the weather!).

I am delighted to share some exciting news coming from Y5, who all entered the **BBC 500 words** competition earlier in the term (a lot of hard work from the whole class). The great news is that out of many 1000's of entries, Jude & Annabel L. are through to the second round – what an achievement!

We are also delighted that the new boiler is in place and working – **thank you** to staff for ensuring that we have been able to keep on track with learning despite the challenge of managing the mobile heaters and some cold early morning starts.

If you are having a bit of a new year 'sort out' please consider coming along to the **Uniform Swap shop** on Friday 12th January in the small hall from 3.00pm – entry through the outside door. Please drop off any items in the morning and come along to pick up some pre-loved items later in the day – let's recycle - it makes sense!

Please look out for information about some events planned for the **new term**:

- Y3's January Joke competition.
- Y5's charity fundraiser – the hopes and wishes tree.
- Y2's Foodbank Friday appeal – toiletries special.

Thanks to **FOYPs** for their continued hard work on our behalf – we will issue an update in the new year to report on the many projects the funds raised by this dedicated and generous group have financed.

Congratulations to the Y6 cohort who have registered the **best attendance** across school – 98% - well done! And the school 100% club currently has 100 members who will receive their certificates shortly. We will also update the role of honour on the corridor shared space recognising these children.

As you know **Mrs Garland** leaves us at the end of term, after many years of dedicated service, as she developed her role as our very first business manager. I personally owe her a debt of gratitude and wish her well as she moves on to her next challenge. She has impacted on all aspects of school life over her time with us and we hope she realises how much we appreciate her hard work (especially around an ever-shrinking budget!) Thank you and Good Luck from your Tribe at YPS.

We have recently appointed Mr Sheppard to the role of Academy Business Manager and look forward to developing an effective collaboration in the new year.

You will be receiving **knowledge organisers** before the end of term and a curriculum newsletter early in January. All these documents are also found on the school website, along with lots of other information about life in school - <https://www.yarmprimaryschool.net/>

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December - thank you to Mrs Smith and her team for their ongoing hard work in delivering a great lunchtime offer and congratulations on once more securing a 5-star grade in the recent inspection.

There are parties to come, but children will be continuing to work on their topics and core subjects until the end of term. **Thank you to staff** for continuing to develop classrooms into fantastic learning environments – I think there is real quality and consistency across school, and this does not happen by accident.

Having reviewed our **Parent View** page on the DfE website, we currently do not have enough responses to generate a report – please support us and share your views - <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> THANK YOU.

Please find a wide range of information from the local authority which may be of use to you and your family over the Christmas/winter period, signposted along with this newsletter.

The children will be reminded to **take their belongings home** at the end of term – please check, so that the cloakrooms can be thoroughly cleaned. Thank you.

And finally - Thank you for your kind words and gifts – your support makes a huge difference to us being able to do our work - our intention remains to support the children in their learning and for them to have a safe, happy place to be proud to be a part of.

From our School family to your family, our Christmas wish is that you stay safe and happy and spend time with the people you love.

We look forward to seeing you back in school on **WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2024** after you have had a great break.

I am as ever your Mrs Wood

