



# Merry Christmas!



## *The most wonderful time of the year!*

It has been so lovely to see so many of you joining in with our Christmas celebrations over the past few weeks.

Thank you for supporting the children in making their decorations, to make our **Christmas tree** the sparkliest yet!

**FoYPS** held a very well supported Christmas Market; which means we can now restock our Art supplies for the rest of the year from the £1280 profit they made on the evening. Many Thanks to the team.

We also need to thank FoYPS for organising the Halloween movie night, which means that we can buy some wet weather 'gear' for children in KS2.



Thanks to your generosity over our Christmas performances; a donation of £221.28 is being sent to **Shelter**.

Thank you very much.

**Congratulations to the children who performed in the 'Early Years Christmas' & 'A Night of Hope and Love'**. Children took risks and made some great memories for us (and them!) – I am very proud of them all. Thank you to staff, specifically Joanna & Mr Newton for their creativity and commitment.

A small '**band of angels**' went to Elton Hall Care Home this week to perform for the residents – well done to this team for taking some seasonal cheer to the setting. 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. AND well done to the **Y6 Tuck Shop** team for 'selling out' of their Christmas Tuck! **The Elf Run** on Monday was a great event with the children in their antlers in the 'snow'. Due to your generosity and the children's efforts Teesside MIND will be receiving £1,178 – THANK YOU. The charity will be coming to see us in the New Year to deliver some assemblies to the children.

If you are having a bit of a new year 'sort out' please consider coming along to the **Uniform Swap shop** on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January in the small hall from 3.00pm – entry through the outside door. Please drop off any items on the morning and come along to pick up some pre-loved items later in the day – let's recycle - it makes sense!

As in past years, we would like to hold a special edition **Food Bank Friday** in January, so please keep in mind if you have any toiletries you don't

need/want. We would like to also focus on children – shampoo, hairbrushes and shower gel if possible. The Y6 team will be in touch in January with more detail.

**Mr Sheppard** (Academy Business Manager) leaves us in early January to pursue other opportunities. He has been with us for a relatively short time, but we are grateful for his contributions. We have begun the recruitment process.

**Congratulations to the 100% attendance club** – we have 96 children in this cohort as present – Well done!

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/>

Thank you to Mrs Smith and her team for their ongoing hard work in delivering a great lunchtime offer and for the **Christmas Lunch** today.

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

Children have had **Christmas parties** this week – thank you to staff for making this run up to Christmas such fun for their classes! And to you for the festive fare.

Congratulations to **Annie from Reception** – her Christmas card was chosen as our school card for this year – your Santa looks great Annie! - Ho Ho Ho!

This week children across school have been involved in a **Christmas Maths** event – I have attached a couple of brain teasers for you to attempt over the turkey!

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, attached 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 **MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025** after you have had a great break.

I am as ever your Mrs Wood







