

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday 20th December 2022



This month seems to have flown by and we are now I'm sure feeling ready for our Winter break!

Congratulations to the children who performed so brilliantly in 'Winter Song' and the 'Early Years Christmas.' It was wonderful to see so many of you in the auditorium and the school hall filled with pride at your child's *twinkliness*! It was also great to be able to have the children work together across year groups and phases and in the EY performance the Y6 music group and Y4 singing quintet really did add to the overall feeling. Harriet & Noah (our Head Girl & Head Boy) are a great asset to us and I would like to Thank them for their contributions during the Christmas period.



Thanks to your generosity a donation of £360 is being sent to **Shelter**.
Thank you very much.

HOME IS EVERYTHING

The sale of programmes means that we can purchase some 'finishing touches' for our **school library** – Thank you again.

Thank you to the Y4 team for co-ordinating our **Food Bank for Christmas**. The response was the best yet and when it was collected the people from the Billingham Food Bank wanted to pass on their thanks.

REMINDER – we will be having a Toiletries collection in January; with a focus on toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The **Christmas trees** in school looked 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!).

Thanks to **FOYPs** for their continued hard work on our behalf – staff have just received their resources for the STEM projects for the new term, which would not be possible without the funds raised by this dedicated team – Thank you! We will hold an open day Friday event in the new term to showcase this work. Congratulations to the Y4 cohorts who have registered the **best attendance** across school – 98% - well done! And the school 100% club currently has 101 members who will receive their certificates in the new year. We will also have a role of honour on the corridor shared space recognising these children.

As you know **Mrs Laughton** leaves us today after an astonishing length of service – I am sure you share the sentiment in the CEO's message - *Whatever amazing plans you have for your retirement I wish you all the best. Hopefully there will be times when you can reflect on your achievements and know that you were truly appreciated.*

It has come to my attention that people are choosing to cross at other points along the road rather than the **crossing patrol** – if we are not using this service I fear we will lose it – perhaps you could re-route so that as your children get older you can be secure that they are safe in walking to school?

Joanna has identified the following children as her **Dance stars** of the term:

EY2 – Oliver W & Isabelle S

Y2 – Amy J & Emily C

Y6 – Sophia A, Ava R & Jack G

Ross' **Games stars** are:

EY2 – Lila H & Lucien W

Y1 – Mika H & Oliver E

Y2 – Harriet W & William O

Y3 – Joshua N & Nancy H

Y4 – Sarah H & Oliver R

Y5 – Isla N & Archie M



We will be looking for children who are giving 100% commitment to the **Daily Mile** in the New Year – you can do it!

Last week we had a major change to our **Website**;

<https://www.yarmprimaryschool.net/>

- with increased information around our curriculum. We hope you find it useful and keep a look out as subject leaders populate it further in the new term. You will be receiving knowledge organisers and the termly curriculum newsletter at the start of the new term.

We have welcomed Miss Maffey as part of the **kitchen team** – Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Brown and our chef – Mrs Smith - who are working hard to ensure our food offer is great and getting better! The Christmas lunch was a triumph! Thank you to this great team.

We will welcome Mrs Powell into the **EY1 team** in January – we look forward to working with her.

The children will be reminded to **take their belongings home** this afternoon – 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 4th JANUARY 2023** after you have had a great break.

Mrs Wood