

Christmas is coming and life in school is busier than ever!

Well Done to our School Council members for representing the school so brilliantly at the War memorial.

This is such a special occasion, and the children were not fazed by the crowds or their role in the proceedings. I am very proud of these young people.

And well done to the Y6 cohort for tidying up the Peace Pathways and leading the reflections on **Remembrance** Day for Y4 & Y5 - well done to everyone who took part.



Thank you for your support in the recent **Children in Need** fund raiser – your generosity means that £349 will be sent to the charity shortly. Thank you to Y6 for leading on this.

Having completed an **upper school survey** for the school year to date, part of the outcomes were:

In response to the question - Have you ever received a message (chat) that upset you? 44% of the cohort said 'yes'.

In response to the question - Have you ever sent a chat message or posted a comment that you later wished you hadn't? 37% of the cohort said 'yes'.

In response to the question – Have you ever seen an image online that has upset you? 28% of the cohort said 'yes'.

I know many of you may be thinking about electronic purchases at this time of year and just wanted to share and offer some insights into keeping children safe online:

[Keeping children safe online - Parent's questions answered](#) | [Barnardo's Social Media & Mental Health](#) | [Guide For Parents](#) | [YoungMinds](#)

REMINDER – the school is closed on **Monday 1st December** as it is one of our PD Days.

We hope that over the long weekend the children will prepare a **decoration for our school Christmas Tree**. We will be decorating the tree during the school day on Tuesday 2nd December and look forward to seeing some sparkly home-made Christmassy sparkle, coming into school with the children on that day.

We are being contacted by our neighbours with increasing regularity around parking during drop off and pickup and also from our school community regarding the speed of cars around the school site. Please consider these risky behaviours and what the consequences could ultimately be. I would also like to remind you that only blue badge holders are allowed to park on the school site – **please support us in making your child's journey to school a safer one** – thank you.

Yarm Primary Christmas Fayre

Thursday 4th December from 3.30

Christmas games
Festive music
Selfie station
Cakes
Pocket money priced gifts to buy
Christmas balloons
Fun glasses and headbands
Tuck boxes
Hot drinks truck
And lots more!



Entry via the Y6 doors to access the main hall and Y6SP & the main entrance

Christmas performances - We are very much looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you and your family.

Tickets for the Y1-Y6 performance – Yarm Primary's rockin' Christmas Eve - on Wednesday 10th December at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium beginning at 1.30pm are on sale via MCAS. There are 2 tickets per family available – if you require more you can let us know and we will operate a 'waiting list' for any extra capacity we have.

*We will not be making money on this event but do need to offset the venue hire costs.

Tickets for the EY performance on Tuesday 9th December – we will send home 2 tickets per child: on Thursday 27th November. If you do not require these, please return them to the office and we will operate a waiting list for people hoping for additional. There will be a collection for the charity Shelter, so please bring along your loose change! We hope to see you there!

This year we will be operating a school **Christmas card delivery** service (!) – if your child wishes to share cards, please support them in adding the name and class of the recipient on the envelope and we will do the rest. The post box will be outside the main office and operating from Friday 5th December. The deliveries will be made in the afternoons and our Y6 posties will do a great job, I am sure!

Our Head boy & Head girls chosen charity is Butterwick Hospice and they will be hosting a **Rudolph run** on Monday 15th December.

They want everyone to take part and have already received the antlers and reindeer food! We suggest a minimum donation of £2 payable through MCAS; however, if the children wish to fundraise with family and friends to 'sponsor' them further this would be really appreciated by this local charity...

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For almost 40 years, Butterwick Hospice have provided holistic, palliative care to babies, children and adults facing a life limiting condition, as well as support for their family members. At Butterwick Hospice, we believe in being there for the whole family during what is often the most challenging time of someone's life. Supporting our local communities of Teesside and Bishop Auckland, we provide an Adult Inpatient Unit, Children's Hospice, Bereavement Support, Day Services, Groups and Home Care Services to those in our communities who need us.

And finally – this week we have had our termly external Enquiry, led by principals and members of the central team from the Enquire Learning Trust. We celebrated Reading across the school and Mr Jefferies (as head of English) and I lead the team of 9 professionals in scrutinising the offer and outcomes for our children. We are delighted with the positivity of the day and wish to thank the staff and children for showing and sharing their love of reading and commitment to their learning.

Yours as ever
Mrs Wood

