



Newsletter Date: 9th November 2018

Dates for your Diary

Mon 12th Nov

Anti Bullying
Week

Odd Socks Day

Wed 14th Nov

Cluster Swimming
Gala—2.00 pm

Fri 16th Nov

Children in Need

Fri 23rd Nov

FSG Chocolate
Day

Mon 26th Nov

Flu Immunisation
for Pupils from
EYFS-Year 5

Tues 27th Nov

Individual Pupil
Photographs

Fri 30th Nov

FSG Christmas
Fair—2.00 pm

Mon 3rd Dec

EYFS/Y1/Y2 Elf
Day

Fri 7th Dec

Christmas Lunch
& Jumper Day

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. The term ahead is always an extremely busy one. The first event is the Remembrance Service at St Gregory's Church on Sunday 11th November at 10.45 am; the pupils in years 3 and 4 have been invited to share prayers and some of their poems.

We also have lots of events coming up to celebrate Christmas as follows:

Friday 30th Nov	FSG Christmas Fair—2.00—4.00 pm
Mon 3rd Dec	EYFS/Y1/Y2 Elf Day
Friday 7th Dec	Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day
Sun 9th Dec	Christingle St Gregory's Church—10.00 am
Mon 10th Dec	Y2 Christmas songs to parents—2.30 pm
Tuesday 11th Dec	EYFS Christmas production 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm
Wed 12th Dec	EYFS Christmas party
Thurs 13th Dec	Y1 Christmas production 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm
Friday 14th Dec	Y1 Christmas party
Friday 14th Dec	Y2 Christmas party
Monday 17th Dec	Y3 Christmas party
Tues 18th Dec	Y4 Christmas party
Tues 18th Dec	Carol Service St Gregory's Church—10.00 am
Wed 19th Dec	Y5 Christmas party
Thurs 20th Dec	Y6 Christmas party

At the end of last term we had a large number of KS2 pupils take part in the county cross country at Richmond School. Yet again we had many of our pupils perform particularly well at this event. Special congratulations must go to the following who have qualified for the final which takes place at Dalby Forest on 26th March 2019.

Kieran W, Phoebe H, Imogen P, Matilda E and Evie L.

Mrs Turnbull, Head Teacher

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Please do not let your child come to school with a mobile phone unless it is absolutely necessary for their safety. We are having children in Year 3 and Year 4 bringing phones into school.

If children at the top end of school walk home alone I can appreciate they need their phone from a safety point of view. Year 5 and Year 6 classes have boxes where phones are stored safely at the office. If your child does bring a phone to school please remind them they are not to use them in the playground before school. Many thanks for your continued support.

CHILDREN IN NEED

For Children in Need 2018, the School Council have arranged a few events for children to take part in.

Children can come to school dressed in spotty clothing or non-uniform with a suggested donation of £1.00. We will also host a cake and biscuit stall so any donations will be much appreciated. In addition to this we will draw a Pudsey Bear on the playground and hope to fill it with spare change and coppers.



All money raised will go to Children in Need.

Thank you for your support.

Riley, Libby, and Ella (Heads of School Council)

Reception News

We have started our second half term really well and have already got into the new topic of Autumn and Percy the Park Keeper. Thank you for the fantastic autumn collections you made over the holidays. We have really enjoyed sharing the bags together.



Forest Schools and PE are going well and the children are taking part with enthusiasm.

Please can we ask you to send your empty boxes and tubs in for our making area. It would be much appreciated.

Their first homework came home this week. The books come home on Thursdays and are collected in at school on Wednesdays.

We talked to many of you about Elf Day and the Christmas show at parents evening. See front page for dates.



We hope you all had a lovely half term and are all well rested.

Year 1/2 News

This week we have been reading the story 'The Day the Crayons quit' and the year 2 children were most shocked to discover that our pencil crayons had quit too and had all disappeared from the classroom! Luckily, they managed to use their persuasive skills to write them a letter and get them back!!!

We have also enjoyed learning about bonfire night and doing some firework art.

Next week we are going to be making some poppy wreaths for Remembrance Day. If you have any scrap green or red fabric at home that you could donate then it would be much appreciated. Please give to your child's class teacher.

We know it's a bit early to think about Christmas but Elf Day for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place on Monday 3rd December so get those costumes dug out!

Year 3/4 News

The children have returned from their half term break full of enthusiasm to continue to learn and care together.

In the week before half term and this week, we have been thinking particularly about the

soldiers who sacrificed their lives in both world wars (and the conflicts since) for our security and safety, in our Topic and RE lessons. If you haven't already seen the moving display of art work inspired by the poem, 'In Flanders Fields' in the entrance to Co-Op in Bedale, then I urge you to take a look.



Further to this, the Year 3 and 4 children have written some moving poems and prayers on the subject of war and remembrance, some of which will be read by the pupils during the service of Remembrance at St Gregory's Church on Sunday 11th November. We hope to see some of you there.

Please be aware that we do go outside for PE every week so children may now benefit from having tracksuits/jogging bottoms to help keep warm.



Welcome back from Years Five and Six. We've started

Year 5/6 News

the half-term thinking about Bonfire Night, writing some excellent descriptions and discussing firework safety.

We've also started learning about bridges as we begin our Design and Technology unit linked to our Rivers topic from last half term. So far we've created shapes with art straws, discovering that a triangle is a very strong shape.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2018



Next week (12th – 16th November) is Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is: 'Choose Respect'.

The aims of this week are to help children and young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- **The definition of respect,**
- **That bullying is a behaviour choice,**
- **That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other,**
- **That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online.**

In school, the children will be introduced to the theme during Collective Worship on Monday. Throughout the week, they will be completing activities in their classrooms to further develop their understanding.

Also, on Monday 12th November, we will be holding an Odd Socks Day. It is an opportunity to have fun, be yourself and to spread awareness of the core values that Anti-Bullying Week promotes. We hope the children will come to school in the oddest socks possible!

