



# **GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL** **Federation**



## **Half Term Newsletter: Autumn 2** **Goldsbrough CE Primary School**

Dear Parents and carers,

27.11.19

We have continued to have a wonderful time in school in recent weeks and as usual, we have been busy squeezing every drop of fun and excitement out of each day.

It has been so wonderful to welcome so many of you to the Class Assemblies that we have seen so far – the children are always so full of character and really make me laugh with their wit. Their reading has been brilliant and the work that they have been completing so far this term has been full of exciting tasks. Their confidence has truly shone when reading in formation and demonstrating tasks from their learning to our parents.

Did you know that all maintained schools – whether they are a church school or not - must provide religious education as part of the curriculum and daily collective worship for all registered pupils and promote their spiritual, moral and cultural development? We often call our Collective Worship 'Assembly' but it is important that as part of these we take time to have reflection and to participate in a prayer. The children will be invited to join in with these if they wish to do so.

We are continuing to build new links with the Church. Stroma McDermott, the new Reverend at Goldsbrough Church has been into school to meet the children this week – she spoke about our Christian Value of Friendship and our Collective Worship Ambassadors welcomed her with a handmade card.



Whether you are ready for it or not, the festive season is very quickly approaching. I wonder how many of you have given in and put up your tree at home?

At school, we will be putting the tree up next week. Mr Campbell donated two trees – one for school and one for FROGS to raffle to make money for school. How kind!

As part of our Christmas celebrations we will be holding a German Christmas Market on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December after school).



Each class has been busy developing their Design Technology skills by deciding and making an item which they will sell at the German Market. Each class has been given £30 to spend on resources but their aim is to produce a design which can be sold to raise money for their class to spend. Each child will be able to make one of their chosen item, but the class will also vote for their favourite designs and mass produce these to sell. Other children will be involved in marketing and advertising for the event, visiting other classes to talk about their product; and the finances: working out exactly how much each item costs to make and what would be a good price to sell them for.



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Planning for the annual Nativity is well under way – excitement is bubbling around school and that's just from the teachers. St. Mary's Church is always bursting for the Nativity and will be ticket holders only. A Parentmail letter will be sent out next week to inform the office of your ticket preferences and we appreciate your understanding that there is a limit to 100 tickets per performance. The Nativity will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and again at 6pm.

Christmas feels like it has come early for us at school. I have said it before, and I will say it again – we are SO lucky to have the support of our amazing FROGS who have been purchasing lots of exciting new things for school such as new interactive whiteboards for 3 of the four classes. They have also kindly paid for a ticket for each child to attend the Christmas Panto at Harrogate Theatre (4<sup>th</sup> December) - Snow White should be a lot of fun! Without them, and without your support of these events, we wouldn't be able to enrich the curriculum in the way that we currently do. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am sure that your contribution and efforts will earn you a place on the 'nice list'.

This Friday (29<sup>th</sup> November) is the FROGS Christmas Fair – please join us for what will no doubt be an exciting event.

There is also FROGS Christmas Wreath Making on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - £25 – enjoy mulled wine and mince pies all whilst receiving expert guidance to make your very own wreath.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13 December 2019

On Friday 13 December, the whole school will be able to participate in 'Christmas Jumper Day', along with lots of other work places and schools across the country. Children may come to school wearing their own clothes and the most Christmassy Christmas jumpers of all Christmas jumpers. In return we ask for a small donation (suggested donation £1). **All**



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**money raised will go to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day campaign.**

Children may **also** wear a Christmas jumper **again in place of their school uniform cardigan or jumper on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December when we will be having Christmas lunch at school.**

### P&A Christmas Lunch

Children are again invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. The menu is: roast turkey crown served with chipolata and stuffing or if your child requires a vegetarian option, please let the office know. The Christmas meal will be served with roast potatoes, glazed carrots and garden vegetable medley and a festive ice cream pot with Christmas shortbread biscuits and satsuma pieces will be served for dessert. There will be no alternatives offered that day. **Please let the office know if you do not wish your child to have the Christmas lunch and that you will provide a home packed lunch that day.** Thank you.

### Advance Notice re: After School Club on the Last Day of Term - Friday 20 December 2019

Please note that After School Club **will not run on the final day of term**, Friday 20 December 2019, due to our early finish of 2:00pm.

### Finally, some important reminders:

Please inform us of any changes to parent/carer emergency contact details; mobile or landline telephone numbers; medical conditions or medications, etc as they arise throughout the year. Thank you.



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### **Applications for a Primary School Place for September 2020**

If you live within North Yorkshire and your child was born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, your child will be due to start school in the academic year 2020-2021 and you will need to apply for a primary school place for **September 2020**.

All North Yorkshire applications are encouraged to be made online, details of which can be found using the following link:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23544/Apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Applications can be made from now and must be submitted before **15 January 2020**. **Please also see NYCC letter attached.**

### **Bad Weather Arrangements at Goldsbrough**

We would like to advise/remind everyone of our bad weather and winter arrangements which are outlined below:

- School will endeavour to remain open where possible during the winter months.
- The school would need to close before the school day starts only if staff are not able to make the journey into school, meaning that there would not be enough adults to provide adequate and safe supervision of pupils.
- The school would need to close during the school day only if conditions worsen to such an extent that journeys home for families and for staff would become dangerous.
- Families' journeys to school are diverse, with some walking, some driving from local villages and some driving from further afield. For this reason, we ask that parents/carers take their own decision as to whether it is safe to drive to school on snowy days. If you decide not to make the journey, please inform school via a phone call or email.
- Should school need to close, a text message will be sent to all parents/carers as early as possible. This message will also be posted on the front page of our website ([goldsbroughprimary.co.uk](http://goldsbroughprimary.co.uk)) and broadcast on Stray FM (97.2FM).
- Should school remain open but there is a thick blanket of snow on the ground, the playground entrance nearest the cricket club will remain closed. Pupils are therefore asked to come into school via the middle or village entrance and come straight into school.

**Please continue to check the website and letters / texts for dates as these are sent regularly in addition to these sent each half term in the newsletter.**

### **Reminder of dates previously sent via newsletter / text:**

13<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm - Christmas Enterprise German Market in the Hall

13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day - £1 – Full Christmas Clothes and sensible shoes.

17<sup>th</sup> December – 10am / 6.00pm Nativity, St Mary's Church, Goldsbrough



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19<sup>th</sup> December - P&A School Christmas Dinner – **children and staff to wear Christmas Jumpers in place of school jumper or cardigan.**

20<sup>th</sup> December – 2:00pm – Goldsbrough finish for Christmas

### **Future Dates for 2020:**

6<sup>th</sup> January – School is closed for a Training Day

7<sup>th</sup> January – First day back at school after Christmas

22<sup>nd</sup> January – FROGS Cinema Night 3:30pm – 6:00pm – Teachers will supervise the transition of children.

27<sup>th</sup> January – 3.45pm Y6 Parent/Carer Meeting re: Carlton Lodge Residential at Sicklinghall School  
(parents from both schools can attend either dates)

28<sup>th</sup> January – 3.30pm Y6 Parent/Carer Meeting re: Carlton Lodge Residential at Goldsbrough School  
(parents from both schools can attend either dates)

29<sup>th</sup> January – 9:05am – 10:05am – Supporting your child with Number (Year 1 Parents)

6<sup>th</sup> February – Zulu Nation Workshop (am Goldsbrough / pm Sicklinghall)

10<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Consultations 2:00pm – 7:30pm (EYFS – Y5)

Y6 Separate date – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 3.30-7pm (Y6)

12<sup>th</sup> February – Alternative Valentines – Love in the Community – Inviting Elderly residents and members of the church to school for 'elevenses'.

14<sup>th</sup> February – End of Half Term – normal school closure time.

5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

16<sup>th</sup> March – Sanctuary Week in School with Reverend Stroma McDermott

18<sup>th</sup> March – 9:05am – 10:05am – Making Phonics Fun (Year 1 Parents)

18<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Bewerley Park Residential Parent Meeting 3:30pm at Goldsbrough (Parents from both schools can attend either date)

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1<sup>st</sup> April – 9:05am – 10:05am – Making Phonics Fun (Reception Parents)

1<sup>st</sup> April – Goldsbrough Easter Service at St. Mary's Church, Goldsbrough (2:30pm)

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Last day of Half Term – normal school finish time.

Thank you for your continued support. It is so very important to me to have good relationships with our families and local community. It has been a wonderful term. On behalf of myself and the whole staff team, have a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Best wishes,

Zoe Pickard  
Headteacher