



Fortnightly Bulletin 20th December 2024

PLEASE try to find time to read each bulletin when you receive it - it is a key part of our communication with you.

Everyone loves a baby!

The Christmas nativity was a great success, and everyone enjoyed 'Everyone Loves a Baby'. The children even did a dress rehearsal for grandparents, school volunteers and residents from the village.

The children and staff have worked so hard learning lines, songs, making props and costumes – it really was amazing. Well done to everyone involved.



Santa visits Goldsborough School

The children were very excited to meet Santa when he popped into school one morning with gifts for everyone!





Enterprise Market

The children put their art and craft skills to use making goods to sell at their class Enterprise Market. They learned about buying and selling, making a profit, and honed their persuasive sales skills!







Mrs Heslop

Mrs Heslop is returning to the Federation in week 4 in the new year, following maternity leave from Sicklinghall School. She will spend one day at Sicklinghall and one day at Goldsborough each week covering for staff PPA time (where the class teacher is out of class for their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time). All the staff at Goldsborough know Mrs Heslop well, and and she will be a great addition to the Goldsborough team.

Continuing on from her role at Sicklinghall, Mrs Heslop will lead Science and Computing so I am sure she will enjoy getting back to teaching those subjects. We look forward to welcoming her to Goldsborough School soon.



Leave of absence

Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Before completing this application form parent/carers are asked to consider the effect on their child's continuity of education.

The Education regulations state that applications for leave must be made in advance by a parent with whom the child lives and can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. Each application is considered individually by the school.

The following are examples of the criteria for leave of absence, which may be considered as 'exceptional':

- Service personnel returning from active deployment
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company.
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems, evidence must be provided.
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis. Headteachers would not be expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional.

This is not an exhaustive list and Headteachers must consider the individual circumstances of each case when making a decision on this matter. Where a Headteacher feels that there may

be exceptional circumstances which do not fit the criteria, they may refer to the local authority for advice. The decision of the Headteacher is final.

Parents who take a child on leave in term time without the permission of the school risk being issued with a fixed penalty notice fine for unauthorised circumstances (See NYC Code of Conduct for Fixed Penalty Notices (See Appendix 3)

Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave of absence taken in term time From the 19th of August 2024 only two Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a three-year rolling period and any second Penalty Notice issued within that period is charged at a higher rate:

- The first Fixed Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160. If paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A second Fixed Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third Fixed Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.
- In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action will be taken instead. This will often include considering Prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Attendance Legal Interventions.

Working together for Excellent Attendance



Well done to Year 3 with the best attendance this week with 100%. Also well done to Oak class for the best attendance this term with 95%.

School Notices

Following the Christmas holiday, school re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Please check your ParentPay balances and settle any debts before the return to school in January.

Please order school lunches before 7th January.

Reminders -

- PE kits need to be in school all week please.
- Water bottles - some children are still not bringing a bottle to school.
- Labelling school uniform - please label all clothing, and check (particularly on PE days) that your child comes home in their own clothes.

School lunches

Please remember to order your child's meals in advance on ParentPay.

We still find that some parents are not ordering meals in advance. If you do not order for your child, we have to share out the ordered meals, resulting in smaller portions for everyone.

The deadline for orders is **8am** each day, but we know the ParentPay website is very busy at this time as it is used by thousands of parents across the country. It's best to order the night before wherever possible.



PCSO Martin Powell meets Oak class



Children in Oak were given a special talk and Q&A sessions with community PCSO Martin Powell on Thursday 12th December. The focus was keeping themselves safe as they begin to have more independence from parents including travelling to school independently.

Learn more about the Clever Never Goes message here:

[Home - Clever Never Goes](#)

Mr Colley's after school clubs Jan-Mar 2025



KS1 and KS2 Dance Classes

14th January to 4th February (4 weeks at £5.00 per session = £20.00 payable on ParentPay)

3.15pm to 4.15pm

Places are limited to 16 children on a first come first served basis

If your child would like to take part please sign up and pay on ParentPay. If you require childcare after 4.15pm please book with Mrs Clayton.



KS2 Table Tennis

4th March to 25th March (4 weeks at £5.00 per session = £20.00 payable on ParentPay)

3.15pm to 4.15pm

Places are limited to 12 children on a first come first served basis

If your child would like to take part please sign up and pay on ParentPay. If you require childcare after 4.15pm please book with Mrs Clayton.

Family event at Gracious Street Church



'Step Into Christmas' will be held at Gracious Street Methodist Church on Saturday 21st December from 3:30 – 5pm. It will include cracker making, games, a Nativity trail , a pop-up Nativity and food!

Monthly Number Lottery



Congratulations to Rumbie Chitsunge who has won £50.00 in the December 2024 draw, with lucky number 39. A cheque is on it's way to you.

If you would like to join the Monthly Number Lottery for just £5 per month, please speak to Mrs Lee in the school office.

THANK YOU for supporting Goldsborough School.

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We would like to wish all our school families, friends, children and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!