



# Helmsley Community Primary School

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### THIS WEEK'S SUPERSTAR

IS:

SOPHIE BENTLEY

For your 100% effort towards all work. Thank you for being so committed to your learning.

### *This Week's House Points*

Harriers (red) : 101

Eagles (green) : 128

Hawks (yellow): 148

Falcons (blue): 136



### LIBRARY VISIT

There will be no more library visits until after Christmas.

### SCHOOL UPDATES

#### Common Winter Illnesses

Please find below some general information from Public Health England (PHE) regarding common winter illnesses. Here at Helmsley School we are not, experiencing anything out of the ordinary as regards to pupil illnesses but would like to remind you of the advice recommended by PHE.

#### General Hygiene

The spread of most infectious illnesses is reduced through good hand hygiene. Please ensure your child washes their hands frequently with warm water and soap, particularly after

### DIARY DATES

#### Tue 10th Dec

KS1 Performance two  
showings: 2:30 & 5:30pm

#### Thur 12th Dec

School Christmas Lunch

#### Fri 13th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

#### Fri 13th Dec

EYFS Nativity 10:00am

#### Mon 16th Dec

Stay & Play for Reception & Nursery 9:00-10:15 am

#### Tue 17th Dec

EYFS / KS1 Christmas Party (pm)

#### Wed 18th Dec

KS2 Christmas Party (pm)

#### Thur 19th Dec

Whole school trip to the Panto @ The Grand Opera House York

#### Fri 20th Dec

Christmas Service @ All St Church 10:00am

#### Fri 20th Dec

School closes for the Christmas Break

#### Monday 6th Jan

Staff Training Day



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using the toilet, after using tissues to catch a cough or sneeze and before eating.

### Influenza

Flu and flu-like viruses spread easily between people from coughs and sneezes. If your child has symptoms of flu they should only return to school once they have recovered.

### Viral gastrointestinal illnesses

It is not uncommon for viruses which cause vomiting or diarrhoea to circulate among children (for example norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug'). If your child develops vomiting or diarrhoea, it is important that they stay off school and away from other communal settings until 48 hours after they last had diarrhoea or vomiting.

### **Cold Weather**

The weather is definitely getting colder, please ensure that your child comes to school wrapped up warm with a suitable coat, hat & gloves. Wellingtons may be appropriate if snow decides to make an appearance, shoes should be brought to change into on arrival in school. A PE kit including sweatshirt, jogging bottoms and suitable footwear should also be kept in school for out door PE sessions.

### **Well Done**

A big thank you to all the children that went along to the Christmas Tree Festival last Friday. They all sang beautifully and we had numerous positive comments on the behaviour of the children from members of the community. Well done everyone you were great ambassadors of Helmsley School.

Thank you to Mrs Dunn for putting the singing together and chaperoning them to the festival.

### **Thank you**

Once again Duncombe Park Estate have excelled in providing us with a fabulous Christmas tree for our School.



### **A Home for the Holidays**

Is anyone able to provide a home for the holiday for EYFS's 3 guinea pigs and Elvis the rabbit? Food & housing will be provided. Thank you in advance.

### Tue 7th Jan

School opens for the new term.

### Wed 8th Jan

Parent Consultation Meetings  
3:30—7:00pm

### Thur 9th Jan

Parent Consultation Meetings  
3:30—5:00pm

### Tue 14th Jan

Young Voices @ Sheffield Arena

### Wed 29th Jan

Rowan Class to see Ampleforth College's production of 'We will Rock You' @ Ampleforth College

### Fri 14th Feb

School closes for half term

### Mon 24th Feb

School re-opens

### Tue 31st March

Parent Consultation Meetings  
3:30—7:00pm

### Thur 2nd April

Parent Consultation Meetings  
3:30—5:00pm

### Fri 3rd April

School closes for the Easter break



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### FESTIVE EVENTS

#### Tuesday 10th Dec— KS1 Production “Merry Christmas Father Christmas”

- Showings at 2:30pm & 5:30pm
- Tickets available from the school office £2:00each
- Beech Class should arrive back at school by 5:00pm for the evening showing.

#### Thursday 12th Dec— Christmas Lunch

- Please complete the return slip sent home on Monday if your child would like to order a lunch, we need to give exact numbers to the kitchen.

#### Friday 13th December— Christmas Jumper Day

- Children to come to school wearing festive clothes and Christmas Jumpers
- Bring a donation for Save the Children.

#### Friday 13th Dec—Christmas Experience Beech Class.

- Please return consent slips & £3.50 for transport
- Children to wear festive clothing and Christmas Jumpers.
- The bus will be leaving at 9:00am prompt
- The children will be back at school for lunch

#### Friday 13th Dec— EYFS production of the “The Nativity”

- Production starts at 10:00am
- Tickets are available from the school office £2.00 each

#### Monday 16th Dec—EYFS Stay & Play

- 9:00—10:00am

#### Tuesday 17th Dec—EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

- 1:00—3:00pm
- Party clothes to be brought in a bag to change into
- Please bring food as follows:
  - EYFS—Sweet or Savoury
  - Year 1— Savoury
  - Year 2 - Sweet

#### Wednesday 18th Dec - KS2 Christmas Party

- 1:00—3:00pm
- Party clothes to be brought in a bag to change into





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- Please bring food as follows:  
Year 3 — Savoury  
Year 4— Sweet  
Year 5— Savoury  
Year 6 - Sweet

### Thursday 18th Dec - Whole school trip to the Panto

- The Grand Opera House York
- Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs
- The bus will be leaving at 8:45—please be prompt.
- The bus will drop us at St Georges Fields car park and there will be a short walk to the theatre. Please make sure your child has a coat and their lunch is easy to carry.
- The children will need a packed lunch unless you have ordered one from School. Lunch will be eaten at the venue before returning to Helmsley
- We will be back before the end of the school day

### Friday 20th Dec—Christmas Service

- All Saints Church Helmsley @ 10:00am
- Family and friends are welcome to join us.

### Friday 20th Dec— School Closes for the Christmas Break @ 3:20pm

- **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



*Friday Favourite Lunch on 13th*

*December is:*

*Beef Burger in a bun with chips & veg*

*&*

*Ice cream & Jelly*



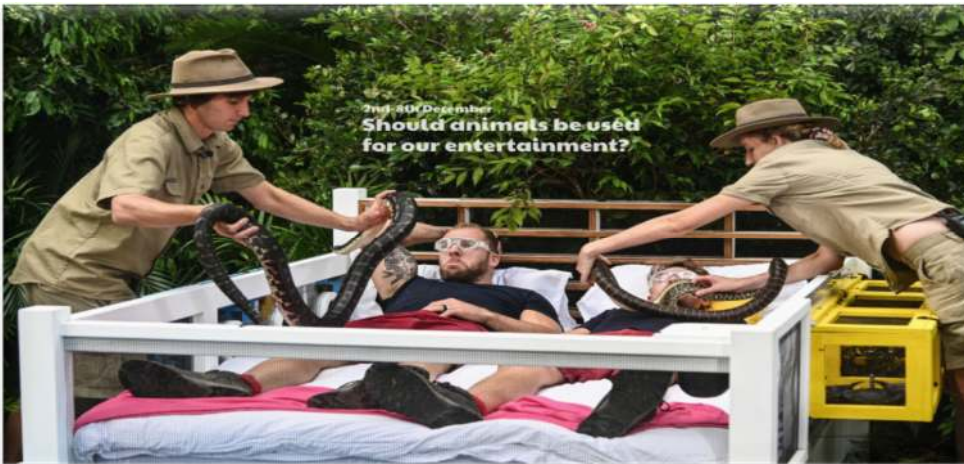


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News Day Tuesday

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

What's going on this week?



The popular TV show, 'I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here' will no longer feature challenges including eating live bugs in the Bushtucker Trials for the first time in the show's history, following campaigns against animal cruelty. Explaining their decision, the producers have said, "No live critters will be eaten in the Bushtucker Trials this year." Although live critters and animals will not be part of the eating tasks, viewers can still expect to see the contestants being covered in them as part of other trials. It comes as wildlife presenter, Chris Packham, has been campaigning for the series to end the use of animals. He's explained that he sends a letter of complaint to the programme every year.

*Things to talk about at home...*

- ◇ Did you know that there are laws to protect animals? Do you think that there should be? Why?
- ◇ Do you think it's fair that animals are used on TV programmes like I'm A Celebrity Bushtucker Trials for our entertainment? If not, what kinds of things do you think they should do instead?
- ◇ Can you think of other types of entertainment that use animals, such as pets in films or animal or bird shows at theme parks?

