

## 'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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**Newsletter 13**

Dear Parents,

### **Sad Farewell to staff**

It is a sad time as we say a good luck and goodbye to 2 members of staff at the end of term. Mrs Farrington in Y3, who is moving on to new adventures and focus on her family. The other is Mrs Gibson, who has been at Sowerby for over 12 years. Mrs Gibson is moving to a school closer to home as Early Years and KS1 Lead. I want to thank them both for their professionalism and hard work whilst at Sowerby. They are valuable members of staff and will be missed by children and colleagues alike. Mrs Farrington's post will be filled by Mrs Veakins from January and Mrs Gibson's by Miss Conkleton. Both are visiting the school before the end of term to meet the children and start building relationships.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Our Reception and KS1 children get a free snack daily provided by school. Other year groups can bring in a healthy snack, if they wish. We have noticed recently that the HEALTHY bit has gone a little out of the window. Therefore, please can we ask that if they are bringing a snack that it is a healthy snack for break times. Foods such as a piece of fruit, cheese, fruit bar or breakfast bar are suitable. Please do not send them with sweets, chocolate, crisps or sweet biscuits. We hold the Healthy School award and this is in keeping with these principles and goals. Thank you for your support in this.

### **FOSS Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Hampers. Tickets are £2 each or 6 for £10. Please send money into school in an envelope. Tickets will be given to your child by their class teacher to bring home after a few days of quarantine. The hampers are amazing and we want to thank FOSS for continuing to support school with fund raising in these challenging times. Photos of the hampers are on our Facebook page. Please check it out. Good luck!

### **Pantomime**

FOSS have kindly arranged a digital pantomime for all the children which is available for them to watch this week. We are asking for a voluntary contribution to the school of £1 per child towards the cost of the pantomime which needs to be paid in cash and brought into school. Thank you.

### **FOSS – Friends of Sowerby School**

FOSS do a great job year on year fund raising to support our children for educational visits free of charge and so much more. Currently their ability to run Fairs and events has been stopped but they have discovered that they can raise money or YOU can via Amazon. If you follow the link below, search for Friends of Sowerby School (please take care to choose the right one). Then when you do your Amazon shopping put smile before amazon in the google bar and you donate 0.5% of anything you spend to FOSS. There is NO COST to you as donor. Great Idea. School also uses Amazon and we have signed up. Just think as you shop for Christmas you will be helping FOSS too.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1061455-0>

### **Applying For A Primary School Place For Your Child**

If you are the parent or carer of a child living in North Yorkshire, who is eligible to start primary school in September 2021 (born between 01.09.16 and 31.08.17 inclusive) you will find all the information you need to apply for a school place at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions). Online forms must be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We are running online meetings for parents who would like to know what Sowerby have to offer our learners. We also have a video and presentation to share. **The next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup>**

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**December at 6.00pm. Please contact the school office to leave an email for us to get in touch.**

### **Christmas Cards**

Please can all Christmas cards be brought into school no later than Friday of this week. This is so we can quarantine them to hand out next week. Thank you.

### **Christmas Party and Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

We are having Christmas Jumper day on 11<sup>th</sup> December to support Save the Children and also a Bowl Cancer charity that we have been sign posted to by one of our parents. The proceeds will be divided between the 2 charities.

The class Christmas parties will also take place on this day. Children may come to school in either a Christmas jumper or their party clothes for the day. Please do not go out and buy a Christmas Jumper. Smart non uniform attire will be fine.

### **Christmas Dinner Day**

Christmas dinner day is this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. In advance we would like to say a very special thanks go to our cooks, who will be here from early morning to cook the turkeys and get all the vegetables ready They do a marvellous job and we are very grateful. Thank you.

### **Christmas Reading Challenge**

Thirsk Community Library are delighted to introduce their new free children's reading challenge similar to the summer reading challenges for this Christmas. Children from 0-11 years are invited to join the challenge to read 4 library books before 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will receive a Christmas Craft Pack created by Thirsk Yarnbombers and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Thirsk and a certificate. Thirsk Community Library wants to encourage reading and is open for book collections from our door and Library at Home with home deliveries if you are unable to come to the library. If your child/ren would like to take part (it is open to all whether they are already library members or not) Please see the attached letter for more information.

School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holiday. Classes will finish at their normal times. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day and school re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

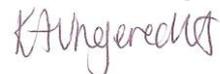
### **Dates For Your Diary**

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day  
11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day  
11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner day  
18<sup>th</sup> December - School closes for Christmas holiday  
4<sup>th</sup> January – Staff training day  
5<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens  
8<sup>th</sup> January – Reports to parents  
Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January - Parents consultations for all pupils

### **Attendance Last Week**

Whole school 97.1%, unauthorised absence 0%. Best class attendance Reception class 100%. Well done!

Yours sincerely,



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