

'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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Newsletter 14

Dear Parents,

This is the final Newsletter of 2020. Can I just thank all our families for your support this term. It has been a steep learning curve but made all the easier with your kind comments and supportive attitudes. Sowerby children are the best and they have all been amazing. They make us very proud. We want to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Sowerby team.

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. Online forms must be submitted by 15th January 2021.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your donations. We raised over £100 which was split between the two charities, NSPCC and Bowel Cancer. The children had a great day with parties and Christmas Dinner. Making the best of the situation.

Communications during the Christmas Break

From 18th December to 23rd December: If your child tests positive for Covid 19 please email Dianne Mousley, Elevate's Compliance Officer at d.mousley@elevatemat.org and she will contact those parents whose children will need to self-isolate.

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After 23rd December: If your child is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term (i.e. after Wednesday 23rd December) there will be **no** need to inform your Academy until the first day of term, as this will be out of the required notification period for schools.

School closes on Thursday 17th December for the Christmas holiday. Classes will finish at their normal times. Friday 18th December and Monday 4th January are staff training days and school re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 5th January.

Dates For Your Diary

17th December - School closes for Christmas holiday

18th December - Staff training day

4th January - Staff training day

5th January - School re-opens

8th January - Reports to parents

Week beginning 11th January - Parents consultations for all pupils

Attendance Last Week

Whole school 97.6%, unauthorised absence 0%. Best class attendance Pearl class 99.1%. Well done!

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher

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