



Friday 6th December 2019

Recognition Awards

The children who have received certificates this week in school.

Class 1 - Poppy
Class 2 - Bobby
Class 3 - Evanah
Class 4 - Amy
Class 5 - Harrison

Parent Forum

Please see the attached.

Christmas Tree Festival

Message received from Copt Hewick Church: Would you please thank everyone who was involved in designing and constructing the Christmas tree which appeared in Church for our Copt Hewick Christmas tree Festival. Over the years Sharow School has never failed to surprise and delight with their entries and this was no exception; your tree was a VERY close second.

Class 1, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity - Tuesday 1.30 and 5.30

The children have been working very hard over the last few weeks and are very excited to share 'A Midwife Crisis' with you.

Christmas Lunch - Friday 13th December



Turkey
Stuffing
Sausage
Roast Potatoes
Veg
Gravy

Christmas Cupcake

Please inform school by Tuesday 10th December if your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home otherwise, it will be assumed your child will be having a school Christmas lunch. Jacket Potato and Sandwich options **will not** be available.

Friday is also Christmas Jumper Day and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for a suggested donation of £1 to raise money for Save the Children.



Christmas Tree Lights and Music

Last year we were fortunate to sing carols around the Christmas tree accompanied by Ripon City Band. We are hoping they can join us again this Christmas. As soon as a date has been identified we will let you know.

FOSS

Look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the Christmas Fair, St John's Church 1-5pm. £3 for children including crafts and Christmas activity's, adult entry free.

Disco tickets are on sale from Mrs Colley or Mrs Dyason, £5 each

Primary School Application

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2020. Attendance in nursery does not guarantee a place at Sharow School. Applications must be made through North Yorkshire County Council on <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

[Apply for a place at a primary or secondary school | North Yorkshire County Council](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school)

If your children will both be attending the same primary school, meaning a school that covers Reception until year 6, and it is a school for which we are the admissions authority, our normal oversubscription criteria and admission arrangements apply.. However, if your children will be attending an infant school and a junior school, these are two entirely separate schools, even if they are ...

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Dates for your diaries

Sat 7 Dec	Christmas Fair 1-5pm
Tue 10 Dec	Class 1, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity - 13:30 and 17:30
Thu 12 Dec	FOSS and 3:15 Club Disco
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner (fingers crossed for a special visitor)
Mon 16 Dec	Nursery Transition - Spring starters
Tue 17 Dec	Federation Carol Service - Christ the Consoler Church, Skelton On Ure - 09:30am
Wed 18 Dec	Nursery Transition - Spring Starters
Fri 20 Dec	School closes for Christmas - 14:15pm
Mon 6 Jan	Training day - School closed
Tue 7 Jan	School opens





St John's Church - Worship in December

Sunday 8th - Advent 2

10am Gift Service with Holy Communion - bring one wrapped present suitable for a child up to the age of 16, labelled with the child's age and a gender if appropriate.

Sunday 15th - Advent 3

10am - Holy Communion for Advent

Sunday 22nd - Advent 4

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion

4pm - Service of Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24th - Christmas Eve

4pm - Christingle Service

11.30pm - First Communion of Christmas Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th - Christmas Day

10am - Holy Communion for Christmas Day

Sunday 29th - First Sunday of Christmas

10am - Holy Communion



Parent Forums - December 2019

Thank you very much to everyone who were able to attend or contribute in some other way, to the parent forums held this week. Your comments, questions and discussion are valuable to us being able to work together towards improvement. Below is a summary of points raised:

<p>Teachers are really approachable. Events are generally communicated in advance. There is always a lot going on. Children are happy. The new kitchen is great.</p>	<p>Thank you. It is good to hear positive comments as well as questions.</p>
<p>Suggestion that the school might make a greater commitment to fighting climate change and stand up for the ecological future of the children.</p>	<p>Last year the School Ambassadors worked with representatives from cluster schools to reduce the use of plastic. This year an Eco Group has recently been established, led by Miss Tye. The Eco Warriors are currently working towards the Green Tree Schools Award. We are beginning talks with the PCC to develop a link with their environmental group too.</p>
<p>Question about the hall being used as a classroom and could we not have an extension or new building?</p>	<p>We have investigated this with North Yorkshire County Council and they do not deem our current capacity as warranting any additional space. The hall is included in space for learning and many schools in the county do not have a hall or use it as a classroom.</p>
<p>Concern about children not wanting to eat their snack outside, now that they do not have them in the classrooms.</p>	<p>Class 1 continue to have their snack in the classroom and use this time to support their language development as time to talk. The other children in school still have the opportunity for a snack without using valuable learning time. Many</p>



	children choose to have a snack and must not run around while eating.
Ripon Cluster Carol Concert was charged on parent pay to Sharow and not Skelton.	We will look in to this as we believe there is funding for the transport. There may be occasions when the schools are not charged equally. This may be because of a variety of reasons such as fundraising from parent groups, different travel providers etc.
Who pays for the minibus on a Friday?	Skelton School
What opportunities are there for musical tuition?	At the moment there is only guitar lessons, but this is something that we have been looking at and have discovered a few other instruments that we will be able to loan to children. If you know of any local music teachers who have space in their diaries, please ask them to get in touch with us.
Do you have control over the school lunches, particularly in relation to desserts and sugar content?	We do have some input into the menus and things have been altered over time. A regular vegetarian option and grab bags are two variations that have been trialed. Children always have the option of fruit and a dessert other than fruit or yoghurt which is now only offered three times a week. We will continue to work with North Yorkshire County Caterers to further improve what is offered.
Are there any plans for any other after school clubs i.e. craft/Lego/computers as other schools do?	We have been discussing this with 3.15 club as we need to consider the impact on them. We are hopeful to be able to offer clubs very soon.
Can 3.15 Club be paid through Parent Pay?	No. This is not possible as we are different entities.



	3.15 Club do provide the option of a BACS transfer and the reward of a free session if payment is made in this way.
How is the content of electronic games monitored at 3.15 Club?	Children must identify which game they want to play before beginning it and staff regularly monitor while the children are playing. Electronic games can only be played for a limited time.
Class pages are not updated regularly and we don't know what our children have been doing.	Teachers will ensure that new content is added at least fortnightly.
We don't always know when our children receive certificates. Could this be communicated to us?	This will be added to the weekly update.
Texts are a useful reminder. It is good to know that a regular update is sent out on a Friday, because we know to look for it.	We are glad that you find this effective.
Final details of the Y5/6 residential are quite late and it might be difficult for some people to find payment.	Although it has taken a while to finalise, it has been on parent pay since October to enable the cost to be spread. As this is the first residential to London, we have had to work through things gradually to ensure we are thorough. If anyone is experiencing difficulties with payments to school, we are always willing to discuss options.
It would be nice to see governors at school events. We understand that parent governors do not always want to be bothered when they are bringing their children to and from school, so it would be good if there were other governors available.	Governors do try to attend school events where possible. Governors have a strategic role and that if there were any concerns that they should be discussed firstly with the class teacher and then Mrs. Palmer. It would only be following this, that governors would play a role in the formal complaints process.



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Are there any opportunities for Sharow children to visit Skelton?

We are hoping to build in some shared learning at Skelton in the new year. We are all sharing the carol service at The Church of Christ the Consoler at Newby.



Sharow St Johns &
Friends of Sharow School invite you to
our
Christmas Fair
St Johns Sharow Saturday
7th December 1-5pm

Lovely selection of local crafts people and market stalls
Adult Entry Free
Child Entry (ages 3 upwards) £3 to include Biscuit Decorating, Splat the Christmas Pudding, Christmas Tattoos, Hook a Christmas Duck and Christmas Crafts
Festive Refreshments for sale
Tombola and Raffle

Please come along and help support our local Church and School

Parentikind
Member Association



FOSS CHRISTMAS DISCO
Thursday 12th December 5-7pm
St John's Church
Sharow

£5 per child to include a
visit from Santa, hot dog & juice

TICKETS ON
SALE 1 WEEK
BEFORE IN THE
PLAYGROUND

Refreshments and cake stall also available on the night
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult