



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your generosity. We have raised £41.40 through Choctober for National Kidney Federation and £80.41 for Children in Need - thank you again.

### **Bad Weather Arrangements**

As the climate is turning colder please find a reminder of the bad weather arrangements we have in place for the safety of both the students and the staff.

If you are in any doubt as to whether school will be open or not we would ask you not to phone unless it is an emergency, but to work with the arrangements set out in this letter.

Firstly, whatever the weather conditions, please always assume that the school will be kept fully open as normal, because we understand the complications that arise for parents if we have to close suddenly during the day. Therefore, if the school opens normally we will do all that we can to ensure that it remains so for the full length of the day.

With variations in weather forecasts and contrasting road conditions across our catchment area it will always be difficult to choose the right moment to close the school. We cannot guarantee that such a decision can be made in time to meet the expectations of all our families but we will try our best to keep you informed in as timely a way as possible.

If the school cannot open for whatever reason, this information will be broadcast as soon as possible after 07.00am on the "Snow Line" features of Stray FM (97.2FM). No message means that the school will be open as usual. We will also send out an email message and a text message.

If you live outside of Sharow please do not send your child to school if there is a foreseeable possibility that they will have difficulty in getting home safely later in the day. Even if the school is still open do not bring your child if you feel there is a risk to your safety in making the journey.

### **Lightwater Valley**

Each family will be given a complimentary family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) to attend the opening night of their Alice in Winterland Lantern Trail for next Friday evening 4pm - 8pm.

### **Back to Basics Cookery Class**

Sarita McDermott from Realitea Tearoom in Ripon, and I are trialling a scheme to benefit children on Free School Meals. Our idea is to provide Back to Basics cookery classes that are free of charge, demonstrating how to cook meals on a budget from scratch. Our class will run on a Monday afternoon from 3.45 in Holy Trinity Church Crypt, starting this coming Monday (November 18th) and running fortnightly thereafter. Each session will demonstrate a starter, main course and a dessert, with the emphasis on providing delicious, nutritious, healthy meals whilst working within a budget. Parents will then be given a bag of ingredients and a recipe card for the three dishes which they can make in the comfort of their own home.

The classes are not just available to families on Free School Meals, although in the first instance that is our target audience, but actually anyone who is interested and wants to learn some basic cooking skills is eligible to come along. Children are also welcome and will be looked after by a DBS checked member of our team - or they can join in with the cooking process if they so wish. The idea is that parents don't choose not to come simply because they have childcare issues - we want to take any obstruction out of the equation!

You may ask why we are offering this service. It is our belief that the six week summer holidays can be very expensive for parents as they are having to provide the lunchtime meal that is normally catered for by schools. This is an even greater expense if that meal is provided free of charge - hence why our target was initially families with children on Free School Meals. We thought that by taking cooking 'Back to Basics' and teaching parents how to cook with cheap, fresh ingredients, would be an ideal way to bring families closer together and enjoy the whole cooking experience.

Obviously with GDPR I can't have access to families on FSM, and this is why I need your help in getting this message out to those that need to hear it. We have advertised on Facebook and it will be in the Gazette this coming Thursday. We have also contacted the gentleman that runs the Bread of Life Foodbank and he will speak to the people on his own scheme.

Three cafes and two restaurants in Ripon are all buying into the scheme and we will all take turns to demonstrate our favourite meals - Italian, Chinese, Indian and British dishes are all featuring before Christmas!

Thank you so much for your help in making this scheme a success.  
Helen Mackenzie and Sarita McDermott

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#### Dates for your diaries

Wed 27 Nov	Year 6 Health Questionnaires - Healthy Child Team
Mon 2 Dec	Class 3 - Rural cluster carol concert
Tue 3 Dec	Year 3/4 Change 4 Life - change of date from 26 Nov
Thu 5 Dec	Learning Together Session - Theme RE - 14:30
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, 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

# FOSS CHRISTMAS DISCO

TICKETS ON  
SALE 1 WEEK  
BEFORE IN THE  
PLAYGROUND

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 5-7pm**

**St John's Church  
Sharow**



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

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



North Yorkshire  
County Council

Parents/carers

Drop in session for **parents/carers** with the  
Inclusive Education Service (IES),  
Communication and Interaction Team (C&I).

**Bilton Children's Centre, Woodfield Road, Harrogate**

**Tuesday afternoons between 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm**

**Dates: 14.1.20; 28.1.20; 11.2.20; 3.3.20; 17.3.20 & 31.3.20**

Two members of the C&I team will be available to offer guidance and support  
on the following areas:

Language and Communication

Social Skills and Understanding

Peer Interaction

Emotional Regulation

Sensory Processing



If you would like further support and advice please come along.  
We look forward to meeting you.

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