

Ingleton Primary School

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow"



December News 2021

Christmas Trees

Our outdoor Christmas tree, plus last year's new lights, survived storm Arwen last weekend and will bring twinkling cheer to the dark December drop offs and pick ups ahead.

Our indoor tree has come from Gallaber Christmas Trees - thank you to the Sedgwick family.

Carol Singing

We would like to invite you to join us for outdoor **Carols around the Christmas Tree** on Thursday 16th December at 3pm. After school, PTA will serve refreshments outdoors and we are hoping there will be some musical entertainment in the bandstand to bring plenty of festive cheer to the occasion.

Warm clothing

December also brings colder weather and because our classrooms have to be well ventilated to keep our children safe, the temperature indoors can be chilly too. This is the time to be putting extra layers on under school uniform and perhaps bringing an extra jumper/gilet to wear indoors. We now have CO2 monitors in classrooms so we can keep an eye on the air quality.

Christmas Post

The post box will be by the Christmas tree ready to receive your children's cards to their friends in school. Please make sure the child's name and class is written on the envelope to avoid confusion for our posties!

Nativity

On the 8th and 9th December, Nursery and Dentdale will entertain their families with a Nativity performance in the school hall. What a treat!

Christmas Lunch

A special festive dinner will be served on Wednesday 15th December.

Party Day

The last day of term (Friday 17th) is class party day for everyone. Children can wear their party clothes and we enjoy a special party lunch. We hope Santa will have time to fit us in his busy schedule....

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Reindeer Run

Thursday 16th December. We will pop on our antlers (provided by St. John's Hospice) and run around our school grounds to raise some money and awareness for the wonderful work that St John's Hospice do. All children from Nursery to Year 6 will need trainers for this event. You are invited to make a small contribution on the day, but only if you feel you can at this expensive time of year. Sponsor forms will be sent home shortly for those wishing to make a donation.

Cross-country

Last week we held our first inter-house competition. All Key Stage 2 children took part in a cross-country competition around our school grounds. It was great fun! The top 4 runners from each age group were invited to a competition at Giggleswick School today. Good luck to Ethan, Matthew J, Frank, James S, Lottie, Edie H, Esrah, Laura, Daniel, Jack G, Oliver S, Stanley, Dorothy, Edie A, Lucy and Lucy. Well done to Ewan and Amelie for qualifying too.

House captains

We had some excellent candidates for House Captains from Year 6. The house captains voted in are as follows;

Ribble - Ewan and Henry

Doe - Matthew K and Matthew J

Greta - Laura and Oliver

Twiss - Claudia and William

The 12 Tins of Christmas

Some of you may remember last year we took part in the 12 Tins of Christmas donating much needed food items to St Mary's Church Pop Up Pantry in Ingleton.

This year we would like to continue to donate items to both Pop Up Pantries (in Ingleton and in Bentham), and also donate to The Olive Branch (Lancaster).

During the first 12 days of December there will be a plastic box situated at the main gates. Please leave any food donations in this box and it will be emptied daily. Hand sanitizer will be available next to the box. The opportunity to donate will end on **Monday 13th December** to allow time to get the items to the food bank. Suggested items: Tea, coffee, biscuits, fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned fruit, cereal, rice, toilet roll, long life milk, toiletries.

Thank you so much for your support and kindness.

Messages from St. Mary's Church this Christmas

Like last year, every child in school will receive a Christingle kit, to make a **Christingle** orange at home. Everything will come in the kit, except the orange! Either supply one from home, or pick one up at the Pop Up Pantry. Our Christingle service will be in St Mary's Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

Here are some other things going on:

- Advent Services published every Sunday on Youtube (search Nick Trenholme)
- Carol Singing in the Square, dates to be confirmed.
- Carol Service Sunday 19th 6.30pm at St. Mary's
- Christingle Service Christmas Eve 4pm at St Mary's
- Midnight Communion Christmas Eve 11:15pm at St Mary's
- Christmas Day Service 10:30am at St Mary's

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Snowy weather

In snowy weather children will be outdoors having fun in the snow at playtimes. They must have a change of outdoor footwear, suitably warm clothing and even a spare pair of socks.

We endeavour to stay open on snowy days and we clear a pathway from the main gate to the front door.

In severe weather it is important that you send children to school so long as you are sure that you can get them home safely again. We understand if parents need to collect children early due to travel difficulties. In the unlikely event of us being forced to close school we will send text and email notification, place notices on the website, on the gate, notify local radio stations and post a notice on P.T.A Facebook page.

Christmas Reading Challenge

North Yorkshire Libraries are launching a Christmas Reading Challenge for children aged 4-11 years on Saturday 20th November. Children need to sign up at their local library and read four library books to complete the challenge. As a reward for their reading children will be able to earn stickers, prizes and a certificate. A young volunteer at Harrogate Library has designed the scheme for use at libraries across North Yorkshire.

Check the www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries for up-to-date opening hours. You can also follow your local library on Facebook for regular updates. We look forward to seeing lots of families at the library soon!

Dinner Money Prices

From January, the cost of school meals will increase to **£2.45** a day. This is to cover the rise in food prices and distribution costs. Sorry everyone, it is sadly inevitable.

Please remember that meals should be paid for in advance, either at the beginning of each week or the beginning of each half-term. We would be grateful if all accounts are paid up to date by the end of term. Thank you.

Thank you

We have been selected to take part in the Co-op Local Community Fund again. The last round raised £3,430.59 for the school which was fantastic! Please support us by becoming a member of the Co-op and visiting <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/43535> or downloading the Co-op app and selecting us as your support choice.



Autumn Term Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity this term, we have raised plenty for charity:

Poppy Appeal £125.68

Children In Need: The Early Years Ramble raised £99.85, Pedal for Pudsey £204.00 and merchandise sales £379.00! Thank you so much for your support with these causes.

Spring Term

Term starts on Wednesday 5th January until Friday 8th April 2022. Half term is the week beginning Monday 21st February.

Tempest Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 5th December 2021**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022

Thank you to everyone who placed orders for the School Calendar which contains the photographs of all the entries from our Moment in May photography competition. The calendars should arrive in school next week and will be handed to your children to take home. We raised £100 for PTA funds from the calendar sales, thank you!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND REFRESHMENTS

The PTA are hoping to provide refreshments after school from the class porches on Thursday 16th December at 3.30pm, following outdoor carols in the school grounds. Please save the date and look out for details to follow! This is to replace our usual Christmas Fair which will hopefully return in 2022.

AMAZON SMILE and EASY FUNDRAISING

When you can't find what you need in our local shops, **Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising** will turn everyday shopping into free donations for the PTA as a registered charity. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and www.smile.amazon.co.uk for more details.

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Thank you for your continued support of the PTA events. As well as promoting a close liaison between home and school, the Association raises funds for extra classroom and playground resources, subsidises transport for educational visits and funds discos and entertainment.

Christmas Wishes

All the staff, pupils, governors and members of the PTA at Ingleton Primary would like to wish you and your family health and happiness for the festive season and beyond.

