



### December News 2023

#### Christmas Trees

Our outdoor Christmas tree will bring twinkling cheer to the dark December drop-offs and pick-ups ahead. Our indoor tree has come from Gallaber Christmas Trees again this year - thank you to the Sedgwick family for their kind donation.

#### Brathay Hall Meeting

Next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm there will be a meeting for all the parents/carers of our Y5 children going to Brathay Hall next April for their 3 day residential visit. The children are most welcome to come along too and see some photos of where they will be going and listen to my tales of past visits. Exciting times ahead!

#### Sports News

**Settle Swimming Gala** - Congratulations to our swimming team who competed against other local schools at Settle Swimming Pool recently. Well done Arthur D, Isabel, Jacob R, Alfie L, Olly S, Cassie, Nieve, Ted, Arthur A, William S, Oliver S, Lola, Lily L, Lucy W and Hannah D.

**Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament** - After being postponed earlier in the term, this competition will now take place next Wednesday at Giggleswick School Astro Pitch, in the morning. Good luck boys!

**North Yorkshire Cross-Country Competition** - This event was postponed due to high winds and will now take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Online Safety at Christmas

Some children may well receive new devices this Christmas and more time will be spent online gaming. Here are a couple of links to websites offering you as parents all the advice you need to ensure your children stay safe online. This is everyone's priority.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

#### Carol Service

We would like to invite you to join us for the KS2 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

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### Christmas Post

The post box will be by the Christmas tree ready to be 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 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am 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 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This is also **Christmas Jumper Day** should children wish to wear theirs. There will be a Christmas jumper swap shop on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm. Thank you PTA for coming up with this idea.

### Party Day

The last day of term (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>) 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....of course he will, he's already busy polishing his sleigh!

### The 12 Tins of Christmas

Thank you to Bee Scott for organising this initiative for another year.

Some of you may remember that for the last four years we have taken part in the '12 Tins of Christmas' donating much needed food items to those in need. This year, with your support, we would like to continue to donate items to both Pop-Up Pantries in Ingleton, Bentham and Settle.

We are aware that financially this is a particularly difficult year; there is no obligation to take part and the lidded boxes for donations will remain at the 3 school gates for items to be donated and we hope those in need would take from the boxes too.

From Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December there will be lidded boxes situated at the three school gates. Please leave any donations in these boxes and they will be emptied daily. Suggested items: Tea, coffee, biscuits, fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned fruit, cereal, rice, toilet roll, long life milk, toiletries.

The opportunity to donate will end on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you so much for your support and kindness.

### Messages from the St Mary's church this Christmas

Sunday 17th 10:30am Nativity at Ingleton Methodist Church

6:30pm Carol Service at St Mary's Church with Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band

Saturday 23rd - 10-11am Pop Up Pantry last opening before Christmas (reopens 06/01)

Sunday 24th Morning Services 9am at St Mary's & 10:30am at IMC

4pm Christingle Crib Service at St Mary's

11:15pm Midnight Communion at St Mary's

Monday 25th 10:30am Christmas Celebration at IMC

10:30am Family Service at St Mary's

Here's what's happening at the other parish churches locally:

Sun. 03/12 - 4pm Christingle at St Oswald's, Thornton (supporting the Children's Society)

Sun. 10/12 - 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols at St Oswald's, Thornton

Sun. 17/12 - 4pm Crib Service at St Oswald's, Thornton (come dressed as Nativity character)  
Sun. 24/12 - 2:30pm Carol Service at St Leonard's Chapel-le-Dale  
Sun. 25/12 - 9:30am Christmas Day Communion at St Leonard's Chapel-le-Dale  
Sun. 25/12 - 9:30am Christmas Day Communion at St Oswald's, Thornton

FB @ingleboroughchurches, [www.ingleboroughchurches.org.uk](http://www.ingleboroughchurches.org.uk)

### **Snowy weather**

In snowy weather children will be outdoors having fun in the snow at playtimes. Sledges are encouraged. Children must have a change of outdoor footwear, suitably warm clothing and even a spare pair of warm socks. Shorts or skirts with socks are not warm clothing in snowy weather! Please keep those legs cosy.

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 the school Facebook page.

### **Attendance**

As you probably already know from the media, improving school attendance nationwide is a priority this year. Our overall attendance rate currently stands at 96.63% which is good. The vast majority of absences are due to illness and are unavoidable. We do have a high rate of term time holidays being taken and this is something I discuss regularly with Governors and the Local Authority. Teachers will share individual attendance data with you at Parent's Evening at the end of January. Our Attendance Policy has been updated this term and is available to read on the website:

<https://ingleton-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk/info/policies/attendance-policy/>

### **Spring Term**

Term starts on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. Half term is the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### **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.





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Thank you to our hard-working PTA for everything they do in preparation for many fabulous events. They are a wonderful team!

### *Non-Uniform Day*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December is non-uniform day! Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a small Christmassy item to go in the Christmas Raffle Hampers.

### *Christmas Fair*

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December is our annual Christmas Fair. Join us straight after school for festive fun with stalls, musical entertainment from Harry Hinchcliffe and his group, and refreshments. Please look out for our Lucky Christmas Jars info too!

### *Christmas Jumper Swap*

We are looking for donations of old Christmas jumpers for our "swapsie day" on Friday 8th December. Send them in with your child on the morning of Friday 8th, then visit us after school to choose a new jumper ready for Christmas jumper day, all for free!

### *Tea Towels*

Thank you to everyone that bought our anniversary tea towel. We hope you like them! If you missed out or you would like to buy an extra one we will be selling a very small number at the Christmas Fair- first come, first served.

### *Want to know more?*

If you have any questions about our upcoming events, or you'd like to join the PTA you can message us on Facebook or via the email above. Alternatively, why not ask one of us? Here is our current list of members:

*Emma Skeldon, Jemma Stead, Emily Lawson, Gill Denby, Niki Quinn, Liz Meller, Leea Heald, Charlie Nemeth, Betsy Armstrong, Verity Gawthorp, Sharilyn Jenkinson, Tracy Joel, Becky Garner, Camilla Birchall, Lizzie Williams, Kirsty Rucastle, Jo Colledge, Bee Scott (until Jan), Jess Bagnall (until Jan), Sally Handscombe Alexander (until Jan).*