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At 11 am on Friday 11 November we will respect 1 minute silence and readings to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

I hope that you found some time to share together over the half term break and recharged your batteries because we have a busy and exciting half term ahead!

I am delighted to say that we have appointed Mr Stuart Gawthorpe as the new Deputy Headteacher and he will start in January along with Mrs Helen Dunn, the new Headteacher. I have to admit, that I am now feeling relieved that school will have a full staff team again and assured that our wonderful school will continue to shine. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated and committed staff who have gone above and beyond this term to ensure that all the children continue to thrive and enjoy exciting learning. The staff have also volunteered to run a host of exciting clubs and activities which are underway and it is great to see so many children involved from Japanese to Lego club☺.

It has been a real pleasure to see so many adults in school recently with Reception enjoying “Stay and Play”, 3S sharing their collective worship with their parents and also both a parent/teacher consultation and an opportunity to come in and look at your child’s books. We have also had Year 3 enjoy a great day out at Bolton Abbey and Year 1 discovering the variety of toys at Ilkley Toy Museum.



Harvest Celebration

Our friends from Give a Child Hope will be joining our collective worship on Monday to update us on the work of Bishop Ivan at the Revival Centre in Matugga. If you would still like to donate please do so via the Harvest Festival trip within Arbor.



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Christmas Events

We are building up to some wonderful Christmas events – check the diary dates for these. As we are an expanding school with only 1 hall and the numbers in KS1 increasing, we have had to consider the best way forward to celebrate Christmas. Therefore, there will be a Reception and Year 2 nativity performance for their parents and Year 1 will be performing a winter wonderland of carols for their parents. KS2 will come together for their traditional carol service at All Saints' church.

On Wednesday 14th December, Mrs McCluskey and our catering team will be serving Christmas lunch with all the trimmings to pupils and staff. If your child/ren normally have a packed lunch but you would like them to have a Christmas lunch please sign up via the relevant Club on Arbor. You will then be charged £2.00 for a school meal on that day. Sign up closes on Friday 9th December

Pyjamas for Pudsey

Friday 18th November is Children in Need day! Pupils are inviting to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and to bring a tasty treat to eat during the afternoon for a minimum donation of £2.00. Please donate via Arbor do not send cash into school.



Sports Council News

Our sporting hero of the week this week is the England men's T20 cricket team captain, Jos Buttler for scoring 80* off 49 balls in the semi-finals against India. What a great knock!

A sporting hero from the previous week is the Manchester City men's red-hot striker, Erling Haaland, for his late winner against Fulham.

Some sporting events this week include: an England-New Zealand women's world cup rugby final and the men's T20I cricket world cup final which is England-Pakistan.

A big shout out to all who are doing cross country on Saturday, if you don't plan on doing it why not try it? It's a great way to get some exercise in and you never know, you might even find an inner running talent.

By Sevan Chotai and Henry Wood-Robertson

Toy Appeal

We have been contacted by the Children's Charity Circle (Registered Charity 230279) who support families and social workers in the local area to help the most severe cases. They are asking if we could donate a toy in good condition (no toy guns/weapons) so that every child they support can enjoy receiving a gift this December. They are particularly short of toys for boys between 9-11 years old. Please can you bring your toy donation to school on either Monday 21 or Tuesday 22 November so that the Charity workers can collect them. Thank you and let us try to give as many children a gift this Christmas.

PE Sessions

Can we please remind you that children need to be wearing school uniform colours for their PE kits, dark shorts/tracksuit/joggers and a white t-shirt and red jumper/fleece/sweatshirt. For safety, all children with long hair or long fringes obscuring their vision, will be required to tie it back for PE sessions, therefore a hair bobble/band will be needed. Earrings will either need to be removed or taped.



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Dogs

Please can we remind you of the access for dogs within the school grounds;

- Well-controlled dogs on leads will be permitted only through the Easby Drive school entrance into the car park area of the school grounds
- Dogs must stay on their lead with their owner, using the area under the large beech tree
- Dogs **must not be left unattended at any time**
- Dogs are not permitted in any of the playground areas (even puppies being carried)
- Children should not have to interact with dogs, if they prefer not to.

Attendance

Please can we remind you that school monitors attendance on a weekly basis, focusing on those children with less than 95%. The following shows the link between % attendance at school and number of days absent:

- 98% = Fewer than 4 days absent in one school year
- 95% = Fewer than 10 days absent in one school year
- 90% = 4 weeks (20 days) absent in one school year
- 85% = 5½ weeks (28 days) absent in one school year
- 80% = 7½ weeks (38 days) absent in one school year

Over a period of 5 school years, students with an average attendance of 85-90% will have missed half a school year of education while students with an average attendance of 80% over the same period will have missed a whole school year.

Our aim is to therefore encourage full attendance for all students at school.

Kind Regards
Mrs M Robinson



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Please find below forthcoming dates and events for your diaries. Please note that these may be subject to change and additional dates added.

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

DIARY DATES (Autumn Term)	Date
Cross Country – Ghyll Royd	12/11/22
Open Day for Foundation 2023 Starters	15/11/22
Children in Need	18/11/22
1M Collective Worship	18/11/22
2M Great Fire of London Outdoor Learning Day	21/11/22
2BK Great Fire of London Outdoor Learning Day	24/11/22
Yr 2 Parent Lunches	W/C 21/11/22 & 28/11/22
The Plumber Drummer (in school)	28/11/22
6T Collective Worship	29/11/22
PTA Christmas Wreath Making	02/12/22
School Choir at Church	03/12/22
EYFS Nativity – 9.30am	08/12/22
Yr 1 Carol Service – 2.30pm	08/12/22
Yr 2 Nativity – 2.15pm	09/12/22
PTA Christmas Fair	10/12/22
EYFS Christmas Party	13/12/22
Two Rivers Band (in school)	13/12/22
Christmas Lunch	14/12/22
UKS2 Christmas Party	15/12/22
KS2 Carol Service at Church 7pm	15/12/22
LKS2 Christmas Party	16/12/22
KS1 Christmas Party	16/12/22
School closes for the Christmas holidays	16/12/22
School re-opens – 8.50am	04/01/23