

22nd December, 2023

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week is only 90% - below our target of 97%.

Message from the Headteacher

What an action packed week we have had - from the disaster that was ice skating to the amazing performances mid-week and then the wonderful carol concert! I have spent 5 days in school this week and it has been a pleasure 😊 Our children are wonderful - I could take them all home with me for Christmas! I have to give a special shout out to Chloe and George who helped me to bake 19 gingerbread houses before the carol concert - what excellent teaching assistants! What they did not tell me was that I was covered in flour and I had bits of dough in my hair.... so apologies for my rather dusty appearance at the carol concert. I also have to give a shout out to the children that sang solo or duet in the concert - how brave were they! I am already planning something even better for next year! Thank you as always for your support this term - it is very much appreciated. Have a lovely holiday - and we will see you in the New Year. Merry Christmas.

Mrs Z 😊

Life at Lealholm

What a fantastic, festive week we have had at Lealholm school! With all of our Christmas play performances and Christmas Carol service! The children did an excellent job learning their lines and all the words to the multiple songs we had in our performance, Born in Barn. All the children took part and it was great to see so many members of the community and our Lealholm family supporting each of the performances. The Christmas Carol concert was also a huge success with the children performing solos, duets and playing musical instruments. Thank you to Mrs Zanelli for working hard with the children to practise the songs and Mrs Lillie for her work with the musicians.

Not all work stopped at Lealholm this week in Heather and Fern class. Heather class have been busy making their gingerbread houses which they carefully planned and constructed. They have also been busy writing their diary entries about Karl from our whole class text. After finishing our story, the children were disappointed that it has come to the end. They gave it a glowing review. I am excited to share the new class text with them in the New Year!

As part of the Christmas festivities, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch today. As always, it was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children alike. Thank you very much Mrs Atkinson for producing such a scrumptious lunch for us all. The children then

followed this with the Christmas party which was full of games, giggles, lots of treats and they even had a visit from Santa!

Congratulations

A massive congratulations to Isaac for passing his Debut piano exam with a merit and he was only 3% from getting a distinction! Such a fantastic achievement Isaac and we look forward to hearing about your future success.

Uniform reminder

After Christmas, please ensure that children have their PE kits in school on a Monday and Thursday. Our PE kit is a white t-shirt and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Football kits are NOT to be worn – thank you.

Thank you the Friends of Lealholm School

A huge thank you to FOLS for making the many lovely hampers that were raffled off during the Christmas plays this week. Also, thank you to Amanda Smith for organising the creation of the tea towels. They were a great success and we sold out of all 50 that were ordered!

100 Club Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas 100 Club draw:

1st £40.00 No. 7 C Kirkbride
2nd £30.00 No. 106 M Nelson
3rd £25.00 No. 61 C Hood

4th £20.00 No. 97 S Gibbons
5th £15.00 No. 70 N Kirkbride
6th £10.00 No. 54 J&R Whitwell

FOLS – Thank you

FOLS's would like to say a massive thank you too everyone how supported the Christmas Raffle and purchased Tea Towel. They made a fantastic amount of £605.

After School Clubs Spring 2024

Clubs will resume again in the New Year.

Monday - Multi-skills in the Ley hall until February half term, due to the dark nights – PE kits must be worn.

Monday – Y6 Club with Miss Parkes

Tuesday – Games Club with Mr Nightingale

Please complete the Spring Term After School Club form here: [After School Clubs Spring 2024](#)

Healthy Packed Lunches

Having recently completed our PSHE units about healthy eating, we would like to update parents on our guidelines for packed lunches. We suggest a packed lunch

contains a healthy sandwich, wrap or similar, a portion of fruit and another snack. We also advise that children have a water bottle in school (we do have school bottles too if needed). We have attached the following link to the British Nutritional Guide, which we hope you find useful:

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/putting-it-into-practice/make-healthier-choices/healthy-packed-lunches/>

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

Poverty Proofing Measures

We just wanted to remind parents of our Poverty Proofing Measures to relieve as much pressure as possible. We recognise that Christmas can be an especially expensive time, so would encourage you to speak to a member of staff who would be more than happy to work out a personalised, private plan to support in any way we can as a school. Please remember and take advantage of the fact that we have:

- Free pre-loved uniform of high quality available in the School Reception in all sizes, labelled under the bookshelves. Should you feel more comfortable, we have extended our selection of free school uniform into the Church.
- We have some new uniform available (limited sizes) at the cost price of £10.00 - please speak with Mrs Taylor should you wish to buy new uniform.
New uniform is also available to purchase from:
Laughing Whale at Whitby [Laughing Whale](#)
Online at My Clothing [My Clothing](#) - My Clothing are offering a 10% discount (valid for the next 80 days) on all orders.
The 10% off code for the parents is: LEALHOLMMYC10
- A Book Swap Free Shop, to alleviate the need to travel to Whitby to access the library. We have a large selection of children's books - why not take a couple and wrap them up as presents this Christmas, then bring them back when you have enjoyed them? 😊
- We also have a vast collection of adult's books of all genres thanks to generous donations from the Literacy Association. There really is a book for everyone! Pop into Reception or Church to browse, swap and shop! These would make lovely Christmas gifts that are eco-friendly as they can be re-gifted to the book swap once enjoyed!

Celebrating 150 years of Lealholm School

Next year marks the 150th year of our special, rural primary school opening in our picturesque village. We are going to put together a video of pupils past and present, to share stories about what it was and is like to attend Lealholm School and we need your help! Please spread the word and ask people to get in touch if they would be happy to tell us their story and/ or any photographs of school through the ages would



be gratefully received. We are also asking for ideas from our families' and people in the community for other ways we can commemorate this special occasion.

School Lunch Menu w/c 8th January

Monday: Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Cornflake Crispie
 Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets with Marble Berry Sponge & Custard
 Wednesday: Pork & Stuffing with Cheese & Crackers
 Thursday: Beef Chilli Wrap & Fruity Flapjack
 Friday: Battered Fish and Lemon drizzle muffin

Yours sincerely,

Miss Parkes & Mrs Togwell
 Teachers in Charge

KEY DATES LATER IN THE YEAR

20 th – 22 nd March	Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Visit
13 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
10 th – 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
22 nd July	YEAT Arts Extravaganza

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.

Term Dates 2024

First Day of Spring term	Monday 8 th January 2024
Half term	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February
PD Day	Friday 15 th March, 2024
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 22 nd March 2024
First Day of Summer Term	Monday 8 th April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Half term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
PD Day	Friday 12 th July, 2024
Last Day of Summer Term	Monday 22 nd July





Term Dates 2024-2025

PD Day	Monday 2 nd September
PD Day	Tuesday 3 rd September
First Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 4 th September
Half term	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
PD Day	Friday 13 th December, 2024
Last Day of Autumn term	Friday 20 th December 2024
First Day of Spring term	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
PD Day	Friday 28 th March, 2025
Last Day of Spring term	Friday 4 th April, 2025
First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April, 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May, 2025
Last Day of Summer Term	Monday 21 st July, 2025
PD Day	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2025

