

6th December, 2024

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week has dropped to 93.5% below our target.

Life at Lealholm

Heather Class

It has felt very festive at Lealholm this week as we had the pleasure of having Mrs Zanelli in school, who helped us practise carols for the Carol concert next week. We have also continued to rehearse the school play and the children are very excited about performing it!

Our class story has been very difficult to put down, as the children are desperate to find out what happens with the main character of the story. Sky Song is definitely a book that Heather class would recommend! The children are getting ready to write their persuasive letters next week and I am looking forward to reading the final draft, after reading some of their persuasive sentences that they have written.

At swimming, the children enjoyed their last session of the term. It is always great to see how much their confidence grows from the beginning of the term. Whilst teaching the top group, in Mrs Woods' absence, I have been thoroughly impressed with the stamina and technique that the children have.

We have had assessment week and Heather class have worked extremely hard. Their maturity and responsible attitude has been excellent!

After school club

This week, is the last week that clubs will be on. Year 6 club will be on Tuesday and Games club will be on Wednesday this week, due to FOLS Christmas party on Thursday.

Fern Class

It has been another fantastic week at Lealholm. Despite Mr Nightingale and Mrs Sedman's best efforts, nothing has been more exciting than the wealth of diggers, dumpers and tarmac rollers going up and down the hill. The children have loved seeing the work going on from the garden and even getting the workpeople to beep their horns! 😊

Back in the classroom, Year 1 and 2 have produced beautiful non-chronological reports about the layers of the Earth, having completed independent research inspired by our core text.



Rather unexcitedly, it has been assessment week for all classes across the academy trust for Y2-Y6, however we have been so impressed with the Year 2's determination and effort in these tests. The Year 2's have performed incredibly well - a special shout out must go to Eva and Jeffrey for both scoring full marks on a maths paper. Well done both!

Reception and Year 1 have also completed their end of half term phonics assessments. We are so proud of every single child who is on track or ahead with their reading - we know this is the gateway to the curriculum and our fantastic early readers are reaping the rewards of this reading too. Well done Reception and Year 1! Of course, we wouldn't achieve our reading results without our supportive parents so thank you all for continuing to support your child at home, by listening to them read and using the phonics booklet for the half term.

The end of the week was our favourite day of all and we all had a fantastic time at Whitby Spa at the pantomime. The children, as always, were fantastic representatives of our school. We had a fantastic time - oh yes we did!

Christmas jumpers

A huge thank you to FOLS for organising and donating the Christmas jumpers. A lot of our children selected a jumper, which they have worn today to the pantomime and will wear on the 20th December, for our last day at school. We ask that children return these in January so that we can use them again next Christmas.

Mrs Clay's Book Recommendation

One of my favourite children's authors is Emma Carroll and I first came across her great works of historical fiction when we were studying World War II a few years ago. Letters from the Lighthouse was such a fantastic novel; it inspired me to read more of her great literature.

On a conference a couple of years ago, Emma Carroll was the guest speaker, and as you can imagine, I was delighted that I was able to hear from the author herself about how she writes such inspiring stories, based on historical events. It was there that I first came across, 'The Tales at Truth Water Lake'. The key message within this book is about protecting the environment, which is always a very topical conversation. I enjoyed the time-slip element of the story from 2032-1955 and with a twisty, pacy plot, it was book which I found difficult to put down. It explores the issues around future generations having a lot to learn from the past, in terms of how global warming has changed the planet. It is an excellent time- travelling adventure that I feel Emma Carroll does so well. Another extra special aspect of this book is that we have a signed copy in our school for children and our wider community to read and enjoy.





Star of the week

Heather Class

Star of the week in Heather class is James for his excellent resilience this week and his much improved presentation- great work James!

Fern Class

Star of the Week in Fern Class is Mia for her wonderful happy approach to all her learning.

Classdojo winners

Heather class

Red- Solomon
Blue- Lily
Green- Harley
Yellow- Emily

Fern Class

Red - Ivy
Blue – Adam
Yellow - Annie
Green - Oliver

Christmas play

This year, the Christmas play will be performed in the Ley Hall, due to our growing number of families. We will have the over 60's performance on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm and performances at 2pm and 6pm on Wednesday 18th December. We hope you can join us.

Hamper Packing – 16th December

FOLS have arranged to do the hamper packing on Monday 16th December. The hampers are then raffled during the school plays and make a great prize. Please send any donations of produce into school by the morning of Monday 16th December – all donations would be most welcome – Thank you.

Staff Training Day – Friday 13th December

As a reminder, school will be closed to children on Friday 13th December, due to a staff training/planning day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clay
 Acting Headteacher

Key Dates Autumn 2024

December

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| Thursday 12 th | Music Lessons |
| Thursday 12 th | Christmas Carol Concert 2.30 pm |
| Friday 13 th | PD Training Day |
| Tuesday 17 th | Christmas Performance 2.00 pm Over 60's |
| Wednesday 18 th | Christmas Performance 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm |
| Thursday 19 th | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 20 th | Music Lessons |
| Friday 20 th | Christmas Party |
| Friday 20 th | Break up for Christmas 3.30 pm |

Mondays: PE with LC Sports & Afterschool Football Club

Term Dates 2024-2025

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| 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 21st February |
| PD Day | Friday 21st March, 2025 (amended date) |
| Last Day of Spring term | Friday 4 th April, 2025 |
| First Day of Summer Term | Tuesday 22 nd April, 2025 |
| May Bank Holiday | Monday 5th May 2025 |
| Half term | Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May, 2025 |
| Last Day of Summer Term | Monday 21st July, 2025 |
| PD Day | Tuesday 22 nd July, 2025 |

