



Weekly Bulletin

Term 1 Week 14: Friday 6th December 2019

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Welcome this week's newsletter. What a funny end of the week. I never thought at the start of the week that school would be closed today/Friday. As you may be aware Holy Family Catholic High school next door to us was closed on Thursday and Friday too. As I explained yesterday, it was a difficult decision to close our school but with so many children being taken ill, we feel we have made the right call. We have extra cleaners in school today helping ensure a 'deep clean' of school.

I am truly sorry for any inconvenience caused by this decision, but a one-day closure will hopefully help reduce absence for the next two weeks and stop the spread of any such illnesses. I'm sure we are all in agreement that good health is the most important factor in this situation. Thank you for your understanding with this matter. We plan and fully expect to reopen on Monday 9th December 2019.

Please help us be vigilant by not sending anyone to school within 48 hours of any incident of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

Reflection on the rest of the week:

- The children came to school on Monday to be greeted by a beautiful Christmas tree in our hall. We are extremely grateful to Carlton Towers for once again providing us with a lovely real tree, for us all to enjoy.
- Reverend Becky Alright (and her Bible group) led a really enjoyable and informative assembly on Monday talking about the meaning of Christingle.
- On Tuesday we held our Christmas Fayre. A huge thank you to our Friends team for organising another successful and enjoyable event. Mrs Pemberton and Mrs Pierce informed me yesterday that we made an incredible £593 profit. Thank you so much to our fabulous Year 5 and 6 pupils who runs stalls, all external stall holders and to the staff team who helped support the event. A huge thank you of course to the Friends team for their continued efforts and support of school. Most of all, thank you to everyone who was able to support the event by attending and spending! All profits are injected into enhancements for pupils! Thanks for everyone's wonderful contributions!
- We welcomed National Leader of Education Ian Clennan into school this week to support our School Improvement work.
- Mrs Burton has been overwhelmed with the generosity of the contributions to her 'Reverse Advent Calendar' appeal. Your support is simply fantastic. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.
- A huge thank you to Eve and Steve S for their time and efforts again this week. They shared their story and ways in which to help support VIPIP (Very Important Visually Impaired People) with Derwent and Humber classes on Thursday. An inspirational, and informative pair of mini assemblies!

Staffing update:

Mrs Longfield returns to school and Ouse class next week. Mr Ogram will continue to work with the class over this transition period.

Next week and beyond:

There are lots of events happening over the final 2 weeks of term:

- **Thursday 12th**
2.00pm and 5.30pm performances of Aire and Calder's Christmas production
The requests for additional tickets will be dealt with early in the week.
- **Friday 13th**
Kings Church Selby trips (for Year 2, 3 and 4 pupils).
- **Tuesday 17th**
Whole School Pantomime trip
- **Wednesday 18th**
Aire, Calder, Derwent and Humber Christmas party
Letters about this to be sent next week
- **Thursday 19th**
Ouse and Trent Christmas party
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- **Friday 20th**
Christmas Jumper Day
School Christmas Dinner
Christmas Church Service and carols (10.00am)
Last day of term

A reminder that the new term's menu was sent out this week via ParentMail. If you would like a paper copy please contact the school office. It has also been added to our school website.

Also, we have now closed the 5p appeal and bottles will be totalled by Mrs Pierce early next week, when the winning class will be announced. Thank you for your generosity with this.

I hope everyone affected by the seasonal germs rest and recover well. Here's to a happy and hopefully healthy last 2 weeks of term.

Thanks as always for your continued support.

Kind regards

Jon Watson

Headteacher