



# The Wolds and Vale Federation

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## ***'One federation family, with transformation at its heart'***

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Certificates**

#### **Stars of the week -**

Play School – Regan J - for sharing his positivity and enthusiasm with peers

Class 1 – Theo M - Fantastic effort in Phonics this week.

Class 2 – Sapphire F – for taking care in everything that she does.

Class 3 – James M - for amazing resilience in science.

#### **Children receiving praise postcards from the headteacher this week –**

Thalia P and Jake W

Joshua M and Ruby J

Liam M and Zac W

### **School lunches next week**

Monday – Chicken wrap

Tuesday – Sausages and roast potatoes

Wednesday – Organic beef burger in a bun

Thursday – Minced beef and mashed potato

Friday – Fish, chips and peas

We are seeing some better news this week in our fight against Coronavirus in our local areas. As a result of your concerted efforts and the impact of the lockdown, North Yorkshire's rate of infection is now under 200 per 100,000. That puts us below the England average, which is positive. However, we must not forget that just a couple of months ago a rate of 20 per 100,000 was enough to put Scarborough on the watch list, so it is cause for hope rather than celebration! To each and every one of you who has played their part to get the rates down our schools are grateful, please keep going because there really is light at the end of the tunnel now. If we can keep that downward trend, we will all get back to as close to normality as possible sooner.

Over this term we have still not seen a positive case of Covid 19 amongst our pupils and your alertness over sending children to school, if they are feeling unwell, has been sensible in your approach. We understand that things are still different in school and that regular activities have to change in order for the schools to be Covid secure but I thank you for understanding and patience during times of change.

I do hope I am not tempting fate in my above statement but let us all stay alert over the next 3 weeks of this term so we can enjoy a well-deserved Christmas!

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-data>



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## Wolds and Vale Vision

You may have noticed that our 'strap line' or header to our newsletter has changed recently. Pre, mid and post 'lockdown' the staff and governors of our schools have been working hard to define the **vision of the Wold and Vale Federation** and take into the account the ever changing priorities and needs of all our pupils. I am proud of how we have developed our curriculum over this and the last academic year with a greater emphasis on reading skills and to this end have devised a simple sentence that sums up the complete vision of our two schools:

**"All children become active learners through a high quality and inspirational curriculum which leaves children with the ambition to want to know more"**

**We will do this by instilling a love of reading and research and allowing children to follow their own interest by being knowledgeable, being creative, being positive, being collaborative, being reflective, being curious and being adventurous.**

**This is at the heart of all that we do in our schools.**

Every part of the children's school day is based around one or more of our 7Bs. You may have heard them talk about it at home or you may not (as it is still early in the process of embedding this with all children). As we move through this year we will strive to ensure that these 7Bs are part of the children's everyday school life and have a big impact on their ability to learn in and outside school. We will, of course, be seeking your thoughts on how we are getting on!

## Support at Christmas

As we look towards Christmas we will endeavour to ensure that school becomes a magical place for your children (with plenty of activities planned for that last week). It is also warming to know that we will be able to spend some time with families over the Christmas period. We also recognise that Christmas could be a challenging time for our community this year. To this end the government has announced that they will be providing disadvantaged families with meal vouchers over the two week holidays. **If you do not qualify for these but are still in need of some support, we would like you to reach out to us.** There are many things we can do to support your family this year and sign post you in the right direction to ensure that your child has the best Christmas possible! Please do not hesitate to have a private conversation with myself or Mrs Waller in the school office if you would like our support over Christmas. Messages can be sent confidentially on Class Dojo directly to us. We all would like to make the festive period as special as possible for the children at the end of a very difficult year.



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## Children in need

Thank you to everyone who has donated to children in need, with Class 1's contribution today we have raised £48. Class 1 all look amazing in their outfits! The winners of the decorated duck competition are as follows –

- Head Teachers choice - Harry W
- Best duck in class – Isla O
- Most creative duck – Eva T
- Funniest duck – Jaydan L

## Dojo consent

Thank you to everyone who completed the Class Dojo consent letters, we had them back in record time! The winners of the sweets and advent calendar were Jake and Liam.

## PE

As the weather deteriorates during the winter months it is becoming increasingly challenging to keep children dry during our PE sessions. The children attend school in their PE kits to avoid congestion whilst changing and additional items being brought into school. It would seem reasonable that during these damp and wet sessions children are able to bring in a change of socks and footwear so they feel comfortable for the duration of the school day.

## Christmas

Our Christmas celebrations will be a little different in school this year but we promise not to lose any of the usual magic and sparkle! Unfortunately, we won't be able to hold the usual fair, play, panto visit and family lunches. These will be replaced by festive fun in each Class bubble. The staff are busy preparing lots of exciting things for the children to enjoy. We will let you know via the newsletter and class dojo what is happening and when in December.

## Christmas cards w/c 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

We are allowing Christmas cards to come into school for distribution if families would like to send them. The post box will be available from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Cards will then be quarantined, sorted and sent home the following week. If you would like to make a donation to school funds in lieu of sending cards, the Friends of School Bank account details are as follows-

Friends of Sherburn School

Yorkshire Bank

Sort code: 05 07 47

Account Number: 26608374



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## **Christmas Jumpers 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

As we prepare and get excited for the Christmas celebrations, we will be having 'Christmas Jumper Fridays'! If children would like to wear a festive jumper OVER THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM, they can each week on Friday, that is 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. If not please come in your normal uniform.

## **Christmas dinner and Panto 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

We will be having Christmas dinner in our Class Bubbles on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, sorry we are unable to invite family members this year. We will also be enjoying a 'virtual' trip to the panto in our classroom. Children will watch and interactive version of Cinderella kindly paid for by our friends of the school.

## **Reception places for September 2021**

FAO Parents of Nursery Children (born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017)

If you have a child who falls into the age range above they are due to start school in September 2021 and you must apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception.

Important – you must apply for a school place even if your child has an older sibling at the school or they are attending the nursery attached to the school. You can apply for a Reception place at a primary school for your child from 12 October 2020 and the deadline to submit your application is 15 January 2021. [www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## **2 year old's Golden tickets**

From November 2020, North Yorkshire will be sending out the new Golden Ticket Letters to eligible 2 year olds. All parents who are newly eligible will be sent a Golden Ticket letter stating that their child will be entitled for up to 15 hours of Government funding childcare provision per week for 38 weeks per year. In the Golden Ticket letter, parents will be asked to contact a NYCC childcare provider to discuss their child's place. We are accepting children at play school so please pass on our details if you know of anyone receiving a letter.

Have a great weekend

Mr Taylor