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NEWSLETTER 10: 18th November 2022

Headteacher's Introduction

Another week has flown by and, as you can expect, the talk about Christmas is well under way. Speaking of which, you will find some additional dates in this newsletter to add to your diary in relation to Christmas including the announcement that our Christmas Fair will once again be taking place. Many thanks to the Friends of Heworth for investing their time in doing such great preparation for the event which will be taking place on Friday 9th of December in the school playground.
We are also pleased to announce that Class 4 will be representing our school by singing in the annual Archbishop Holgate's School Christmas Carol Service at York Minster on Wednesday 7th December. This is such an amazing opportunity and one I know they will relish. If you would like to be in the congregation, more information can be found at the end of this newsletter.
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr White

Reminder: Attendance

Can I please ask that, should your child be absent from school, you make sure that you contact the school office each day of that absence please. This is really important. We also ask that you phone the office and not email please. There is a dedicated absence extension when you ring school up so all you need to do is leave a message.

Impetigo

There have been a number of cases of Impetigo in school recently so we thought it best to share some advice on what to and not to do in relation to your child should they get this.

- **See your GP immediately if you feel your child has Impetigo - they will prescribe an antibiotic cream. Because Impetigo is very infectious, check with the GP before you go into the surgery. They may suggest a phone consultation.**

Impetigo can easily spread to other parts of your body or to other people until it stops being contagious.

It stops being contagious:

- 48 hours after you start using the medicine prescribed by your GP
- when the patches dry out and crust over (if you do not get treatment)

To help stop impetigo spreading or getting worse while it's still contagious:

Do

- ✔ stay away from school or work
- ✔ keep sores, blisters and crusty patches clean and dry
- ✔ cover them with loose clothing or gauze bandages
- ✔ wash your hands frequently
- ✔ wash flannels, sheets and towels at a high temperature
- ✔ wash or wipe down toys with detergent and warm water if your children have impetigo

Don't

- ✘ do not touch or scratch sores, blisters or crusty patches – this also helps stop scarring
- ✘ do not have close contact with children or people with diabetes or a weakened immune system (if they're having chemotherapy, for example)
- ✘ do not share flannels, sheets or towels
- ✘ do not prepare food for other people
- ✘ do not go to the gym
- ✘ do not play contact sports like football

I must draw you to the top point in the DO list. **Please do not send your child into school if Impetigo is suspected.** Please contact your GP immediately. You can find out more information at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/. All the information above has been taken from this NHS webpage.

BBC Children in Need

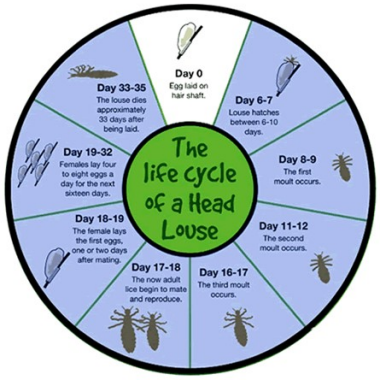
Many thanks for your donations to Children in Need. We will total these and let you know a final amount next week.

Head Lice

As I discussed last week, we are seeing more and more cases of head lice in school at the moment. We ask that you be vigilant with this and treat your child should you see anything suspect. There is no need to keep your child off school once they have been treated. Please ensure that you are following the guidelines as stated clearly below:

Detection

- Detection is more successful by very regular inspection. The best time is routinely when your child's hair is washed. Use a fine toothed comb on wet, conditioned hair.
- Part the hair into small sections.
- Comb each section systematically.
- Comb from the scalp to the very ends of the hair.
- Lice are easier to see if combed onto a light surface (the bath, a basin or a sheet)
- Wash away and kill any lice found.



Treatment

Only individuals who have lice or eggs need to be treated.

Medicated Treatment

Use a treatment recommended by a Doctor or Pharmacist or Nurse. The School and Health Visitor have the list of recommended preparations in accordance with Regional Guidelines. REMEMBER Anyone can catch Head Lice. Check everyone regularly.

Non-Medicated Treatment

Comb with a fine toothed comb on really wet conditioned hair. Do this for at least 5 minutes every 3 days, for 2 weeks. Ensure the whole head is combed each time from scalp to ends of hair. This will remove the lice before they are mature enough to lay

Heworth Christmas Fair - Friday 9th December 2022
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Our annual Christmas Fair is once again upon us and our Friends group have been busy trying to organise this over the past few weeks. From hearing their plans, it sounds like it's going to be lovely. To help with this, we are asking parents to help support the event. Firstly, by joining us at the Fair and secondly by donating items to this. The Friends Group are looking for the following:

Bottle Under Wraps Stall - Please can parents bring in a donation of a bottle. This can be anything from an alcoholic drink (must be labelled A at the bottom) to shampoo. You may wish to wrap this too to help. Could all donations be in by Monday 5th December please.

Tombola - We also have a boxed Tombola stall. If you are able to donate to this, we would be grateful. This can be anything you wish and does not need to be wrapped.

Dare I say it… Christmas

To follow up from last week, please find additional Christmas Dates below.

Thursday 8th December - Early Years and KS1 Nativity
Join us in out annual Nativity being performed in the Holy Trinity Church Hall. We have two showings of this; one is at **10:** and the other at **1.30pm**.
Friday 9th December - Father Christmas to visit school in the morning
Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9th December - School Christmas Fair - 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Monday 12th December - Whole School Christmas Church Service
You are all more than welcome to join us at Holy Trinity Church on Monday 12th at **9.15am** for our whole school Christmas Service.
W/C 12th December - Class parties - more information to follow.

There may be more dates we need to share with you and we will do this in future newsletters.

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School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 27th November 2022. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk
If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

School Reading Books

Could I please ask that you check that your child has their reading book and planner with them each day before they arrive at school. It is essential that they have these with them so that we can support them with their reading.

Christmas Jumper Day - 9th December 2022

To coincide with the date of our Christmas Fair, we will also be having a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December. Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive outfit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. We suggest £1. Children may wear non uniform as well.

Painter and Decorator Needed

We are looking to update a few rooms in the school with a lick of paint or two. Before we go to external contractors, we wanted to invite any parents/carers who are painters and decorators to take a look and offer us quotes. If this is you, please contact the school office and we can arrange for you to come and take a look.

Parental Support

Are you worried about your child's mental health and want to find out more about this? If so, the Parenting Smart website can offer you advice on many different topics. Click on the picture on the right hand side to take you to this website.

Archbishop to read his children's book The Sleepy Shepherd

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, will be at York Minster's Lady Chapel from 10.30am on Saturday 17 December, to give a reading from his children's book, The Sleepy Shepherd.

Archbishop Stephen said, "I have always loved the act of sitting down with my children and now my grandson, and thoroughly enjoyed the wide-eyed extravagant wonder of a tall tale. We all have imagination but, like every other muscle, it needs exercising. Story-telling has been a vital bedrock of every culture. So, on this first weekend of the school Christmas holidays, I am inviting young children, parents and carers to come to York Minster, and capture some of the joy of sharing a Christmas story together."

This is a free non-ticketed event, spaces for the reading will operate on a first come first served basis. There will be bean bags to sit on in the Lady Chapel and all are welcome.

Friends of Heworth

Are you keen to support the school as a parent? Would you be willing to spend some of your time in helping to arrange school based and charity specific events? If so, the Friends of Heworth Primary need you! If this is something you would be willing to support, please contact Miss Busby via the school office email address (office@heworth.pmat.academy). We look forward to hearing from you.

Reminder: New Reading Books

As you may be aware, the school has invested heavily in a new reading scheme this year. To accompany this, a number of new books have been ordered to complement this investment. Can I just remind you to take great care of these books when they come home with your child. I'm afraid that, if a book does get damaged and we feel that we need to replace it, we will ask that you foot the cost of this. This cost is **£5** per book. I'm sure you will understand why we need to do this.

Reminder: KS2 Book Collection

Do you have any fiction books for 7 - 11 year olds? Are they in good condition? Would you be happy to donate them to our school library? If so, let us know as we would love to take them off your hands. Please speak to you child's class teacher to find

Hopscotch

Due to the health and safety ratio requirements for Hopscotch, please can I remind you to book and pay for your child's place at least one day prior to when you would like this. This can be done through ParentPay.

YorkFIS
Family Information Service

We can help

York FIS is a free and impartial service for parents and carers of children aged 0 – 19 (or up to 25 years if your child has special educational needs or disabilities).

Ask us anything about...

- Childcare
- Parent support services
- Groups and activities
- Young People's Support
- In fact, anything to do with family life....

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