




# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## Message from Mr M

### Cold Weather



Despite the freezing temperatures outside this week, I have been amazed that a small number of our pupils have arrived in school totally unprepared for this. We have seen pupils with no coats, no jumpers, no gloves or hats and have even had a couple just arriving in school in just a t-shirt and nothing else!

Please make sure your child is well prepared for the weather.

### Behaviour Watch

We have had a few issues this week with children winding each other up and not being able to manage their emotions. We have also witnessed pupils answering back and challenging adult directions. This is very disappointing and does not align with our behaviour expectations of READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE. It also worries me that for some of our children, they speak to their parents in the same manner.

## Governor Corner

Following this week's Full Governors meeting, a quick update on Governor matters.

Firstly, we said a big thank you to Ash Hutchinson who stepped down as a Parent Governor. Ash has relocated to London and will be sadly missed. Ash has held the role of Vice-Chair for the last couple of years and has contributed to the overall running of the Board.

Following elections, Matthew Dixon will continue in his role as Chair and Beki Bulmer will step into the Vice-Chair role. We were also delighted to welcome Jo Sawyer to the Governing Body as a co-opted Governor. Jo has a wealth of experience in education. A previous Headteacher, Jo now works for the Yorkshire Maths Hub as well as working internationally training education providers. A Great addition to the team!

In light of Ash's departure, we have also moved Amber Grant to a co-opted Governor role meaning we now have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors. Accompanying today's KIT, is the information and application forms for the roles of Parent Governor. Please contact school if you wish to find out more before. We look forward to receiving applications for this role.

## Christmas dinner



Remember to book your child's Christmas dinner using the link in your email, even if your child will not be having the Christmas dinner.

The deadline to book is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

If you have not received your email please call the school office.

## Royal British Legion

A big thank you to everyone who donated or purchased an item from the school office, we managed to raise £166.09

**THANK YOU**





# STAR ASSEMBLY KSI

Congratulations to all of our children who have worked so hard this week.





LE CATEAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Christmas Fair

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FRIDAY  
28 NOVEMBER 2025  
2:30 - 5PM

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If you are interested in having a stall at our fair please  
contact Amber Grant for more details on  
[a.grant@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:a.grant@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk)



PLEASE HELP US MAKE  
**RAINBOW HAMPERS**  
FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR

These are always an extremely popular part of our Christmas fair but we rely on your generous donations to create the magic.

If you can, please send in something for the hamper for your year groups colour :

2 year olds/FS1 - Red

FS2 - Orange

Year One - White/Silver

Year Two - Green

Year Three - Purple

Year Four - Blue

Year Five - Pink

Year Six - Yellow/Gold



# Christmas at Hipswell Village Hall



Indoor Christmas market 🎅 -  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10am till 1pm

Christmas Afternoon Tea & Carols 🍰🎺 -  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm till 4pm

Children's Christmas party 🎉 -  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 5pm till 6pm

Raffle tickets for our amazing Christmas Hamper  
are also available at £1 per ticket

Tickets are now available for our afternoon tea  
and Childrens Christmas party events.. 🎄



Friends of Le Cateau

# CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Grab your blankets and cosy up for a magical evening of holiday cheer!

Join us for a special Christmas Movie Night filled with fun, laughter, and festive vibes.



**EYFS, Y1 & Y2      4-6pm**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
The Grinch, (U) 2018

**Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6      4-6:15pm**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Home Alone, (PG) 1990

**TICKETS ARE £4**

**& INCLUDES POPCORN OR CRISPS AND A DRINK**

Tickets will be sold from the FOLC hub on the following dates -

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	8:30-8:45am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	3:15-3:45pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	3:15-3:45pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	3:15-3:45pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	8:30-8:45am
	3:15-3:45pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	8:30-8:45am
	3:15-3:45pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	8:30-8:45am
	3:15-3:45pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	8:30-8:45am

Tickets are also available from the school office from  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

If your child attends breakfast club they can take the correct money  
in on any morning and be given a ticket.



You're invited to a special

# Christmas Nativity *Celebration*

Wed 10th Dec at 2pm

Thurs 11th Dec at 2pm

Fri 12th Dec at 9.30am

Tickets will be available in the morning at  
the front of school from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov



# Friends of Le Cateau **NEED YOUR HELP**



We need a group of parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles or even older siblings who can help at our future events such as discos, movie nights and fairs.

If you are able to spare just a couple of hours for these events can you please contact [a.grant@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:a.grant@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Have FUN at our

# FESTIVE FEAST

ON: Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 2025

**NYES**



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# FESTIVE FEAST



Turkey, Stuffing, Sausage, Gravy  
Vegetarian Roast

Potatoes  
Seasonal vegetables

Christmas  
Celebration  
Cake





# Merry Christmas!



## December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm



## FS1 Bears



We have had a very busy week in FS1 following the children's interests. Lots of fun was had in the snow! Please ensure children have waterproofs and wellies in school every day as well as a change of clothes. We play outside in all weathers.

We would be extremely grateful of anymore red items for the Christmas Fair hamper. Any donations would be warmly received.

Following on from the message on Seesaw, please can all children bring in a black t shirt and black joggers/leggings by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. These need to be in a named carrier bag. Please remember we will be decorating the t shirts so don't send in your best!

Watch out for the Christmas Nativity dates and times. These will be shared soon!



## Caterpillar Room



Our Caterpillars have been getting very festive this week, practicing our songs for our Nativity, please keep your eye out for information on this, dates and times will be shared with you very soon.

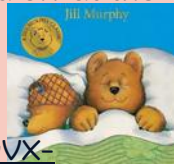
Please can we ask for Nativity costumes to be in school by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December in a named carrier bag, you will of received a message on seesaw as to what your child needs.

We thank you in advance for your help with this.

Please ensure children have waterproofs and wellies in school everyday as well as a change of clothes as we like to be outside in all weathers. With the weather becoming increasingly colder, a hat, gloves are a warm coat everyday as well please.

We are still asking for donations of red things for our Christmas hamper any donations are greatly received, these hampers will be raffled off at the Christmas fair.

This week we have really enjoyed reading 'Peace at last' by Jill Murphy you can listen to it here <https://youtu.be/9U9y35kWBvM?si=wwVX-NkgeSiJmc9k>



## FS2 Mice & Hippos



The children have been throwing themselves into learning the songs for our Nativity and we have now begun to practice our speaking parts and dances. Some children will bring home some words to practice (speaking loudly and clearly) - your support in helping would be great!

In maths, we have continued to work on how to make 5 and whether things are equal. Next week, we will explore 2D shapes. This week we have concentrated on describing words and we will continue with this next week, looking at octopuses in the real world!

\*As you have no doubt seen, we are set to have a cold spell of weather. With this in mind, please ensure that your child is equipped with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves (all named, please as this makes it easier to reunite items with children).

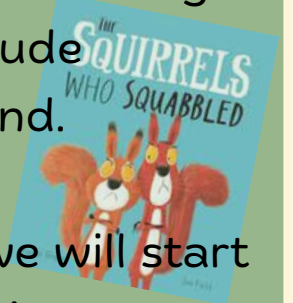
Any more orange items for the Christmas Fair hamper will be warmly received as at the moment we are a little thin on the ground.

And finally, a gentle reminder that costumes for the Nativity should be brought o school by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> in a named carrier bag.  
Thank you

## News from the Nest

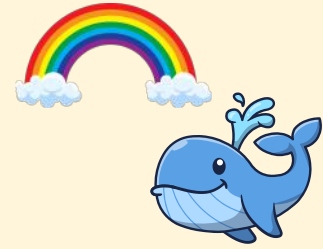


Next week we are looking at the book "The Squirrels Who Squabbled" We will be looking at activities that include sharing and being kind.



The following week we will start our Christmas activities.

If your child has a favourite book for Christmas or winter to share, please send it in!



## The week in Year 1

What a great week in Year 1! The children have been busy creating their own speech bubbles for our class book. In maths the children have had fun with addition and subtracting by separating the numbers into 10's and ones. The children have been working on describing the value of a number. The children have been continuing their topic on materials by exploring if objects can float or sink. In history the children have been learning about The Wright brothers, they will be using this knowledge to support their English work over the next few weeks.

*Don't forget*



Our Christmas hamper is white/ silver. If you would like to make a donation please send this in with your child.

**The importance of reading** - Please ensure your child brings their reading book into school daily. These are needed for all phonics lesson and a great opportunity for your child to share their reading experiences at home, with their teacher.

### Special shout outs for Year 1:

To all the children for demonstrating our school values ready, respectful and safe whilst on our school trip.

## This week in Year 2

We've had another fabulous week here in Year 2!

This week we have been looking at subtracting with renaming. The children have found this concept quite tricky, if you could support them with their homework on this that would be brilliant.

In English we have been looking at our new book, The Green Dragon Machine and discussing new vocabulary. The children have been exposed to using a dictionary which they enjoyed.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their learning walk of our local area on Monday, spotting features typical in Catterick Garrison.

Next week we will be continuing to consolidate our understanding of subtraction with renaming before moving on to addition of 3 numbers.

We will be looking at completing a story map for George the Dragon Machine and creating our own alternative ending to the story.

**Shout out this week goes to:** Mairi in 2R for showing excellent mathematical skills when subtracting.

Anna in 2W for her amazing efforts and trying her hardest.

Our PE days are:

Wednesday - indoor PE kit

Friday - outdoor PE kit

If your child wears earrings, please can we ask that these are removed before school on PE days please, thank you.



## Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



This week: A successful week completing GL assessments, the children have worked so hard and we are very proud.

Next week: English - Next week we will continue learning about Stonehenge Maths - bar models RE - we will be taking a deep dive into the Jewish place of worship - the Synagogue PE - we will continue building teamwork skills in PE Computing - this half term we are focusing on e-safety, we have been looking at the thinkuknow.org website and completing games to earn badges. This is a website you can also use at home.

### Shout outs!

Mckenzie and Keenan in 3HA Louie and Ellie in 3IL

### Reminders:

Christmas Dinner - 17th Dec  
Christmas Party - 16th Dec

Indoor PE - Monday  
Outdoor PE - Wednesday



## Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers

This week, children were amazed to discover that there had been a sighting of a dragon over Le Cateau Primary School! It certainly has inspired some fantastic writing and created a buzz of imagination. In maths we are working very hard to develop our understanding of written methods for adding and subtracting. In RE, we have been finding out about Holi festival. The children have completed some excellent art work linked to this. In music, we created beats using glockenspiels and rhythm to different rock and roll music. In French, we have learnt key words to express our favourite vegetables and fruits. In science, we completed a matching task to determine which definitions were solids, liquids and gases.



*Well done!*



### Congratulations...

**Butterfly of the Week:** Reuben Reid for excellent presentation in all subjects.

**Tiger of the Week:** Laurence for putting extra effort into his work and good behaviour in class.

### Don't Forget

**Indoor PE:** Tuesday morning.

**Outdoor PE:** Friday morning.

The days are becoming much colder now, please ensure that your child wraps up warm with a water proof coat, hat, scarf and gloves.



## Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



We have started our new topic of multiplication in maths and have been looking at multiplying 2 and 3 digits by 1 digit; next week we will look at multiplying by 2 digits! Please look on SeeSaw for support with our methods.

This week we have started an extended piece of letter writing which we cannot wait to share the results in the next couple of weeks. We have been incorporating lots of Year 5 SPAG objectives into our writing.

RE, this term has focused on Buddhism and we finished this topic off with a lesson on meditation ready to move onto the Christmas story.

For the past couple of weeks, in RSE, we have delved into the mystery of puberty and looked in more depth at periods and erections this week – we had a lot of inquisitive Year 5's and a lot of questions!

### Upcoming Events:

Parent Maths Workshops – Every Tuesday 3:30-4pm in 5S classroom.

Xmas fair 28th November – if you, or anyone you know, would like a stall please contact FOLC.

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner!

Payments towards trips can be made at any time via Arbor.

### Shout out:

Victoria and Mabel (5H) and Hannah (5S) for writing powerful WW1 themed poems at home.

Arthur (5S) for super science this week and a brilliant explanation on forces at work!

## Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Reminders for parents:

Don't forget to keep reading at home, at least twice a week -more reads could mean more raffle ticket entries!

Monday 1st – Friday 5th December – Marrick Priory residential

- start to pack together – you need to know what items belong to you.
- Remember a packed lunch on the Monday (Disposable is better – no Tupperware)
- Additional gloves are a must!

Children not attending the residential – come to school as normal – Mrs Biggins has a fun week planned for you all. (no swimming that week)

Swimming:

6RH – Wednesday AM

6JH - Friday AM

PE: Thursday PM - PE kit all day

Monday 24th Nov – Pupil Flu immunisations

Friday 28th Nov – Christmas Fair 2pm – 5pm

Wednesday 17th December –Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch

Monday 15th December – 6RH swimming (due to cancellation 19/11/25)

6RH:

Molly – grasping long division very quickly.

Finley: working on his presentation

Jude: Always writing the date and title!

Henry H – Great contributions in lessons

6JH:

Poppy C – superlearner of the week  
Jackson – great contributions in lessons

Henry L – excellent effort with his homework and spellings every week