

Gargrave C of E Primary School Thursday 16th November 2017



White Ribbons

Alice Walton-Brown (for super maths)
 Isabelle Taylor (for trying lots of activities and being kind)
 Jessica Taylor (super attitude to learning—always willing to have a go)
 Isabelle Taylor (super confident and great attitude to learning)
 Harvey Pawson (working really hard in all areas)
 Eve Harrison (fantastic attitude to learning)
 Eliza Bullock (super writing)
 Thurston Galvin (challenging himself in maths)
 Becca Ashworth (great art work)
 Victoria Taylor (Good school values)
 Luke Swift (kindness to others)
 Emily Claxton (working hard in maths)
 Boudica Slinger (a great member of Sycamore class)
 Crystal Ashworth (always being kind)
 Finlay Greenway (great problem solving in multiples)
 Megan Webb (working really hard in maths)
 Emma Hargraves (excellent contributions in class discussion)
 William Jose (Interesting discussion with Diversity Group)
 Archie Shackleton (Fast and accurate mental maths)
 Sam Barrick (excellent explanation to others in grammar)

Transition Meeting Thursday 23rd November 2:30- 3:10pm @ Gargrave Primary School

All parents of pupils in years 4 and 5 are invited to an informal meeting to share current information about transition to secondary schools. This will take place on Thursday 23rd November at 2:30-3:00pm. Mrs Ellis and myself will be available to answer questions.

Performances

Following parental questionnaire comments in the summer and staffing changes we have reviewed the provision we make for whole school performances.

This Christmas there will be a nativity and carol service in Church on Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm. The year 2's will have a greater role, including performing a story to share the nativity (played by EYFS). All pupils will contribute with the EYFS and Y2's leading. There will **not** be a production on 13th December at the Village Hall.

There will be a whole school production in the summer term at the village hall on 5th July. This will be led by the year 6, include the whole school with a greater profile of the year 2's. The new year 6 teacher Mrs Smith, and Miss Hesleden will produce this. We feel that this better meets our curriculum needs at this time.

Children In Need



Tomorrow is Children in Need day. Please don't forget pupils can wear non-uniform with something spotty. We are asking for a donation of 50p-£1 for this wonderful charity. Thank you.

From the School Council.

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Lisa's Kitchen



This is the main choice—there is a vegetarian option available every day (as per menus sent at the start of term)

Monday 20th November

Pizza
Chocolate Surprise Cake

Tuesday 21st November

Cottage Pie
Apple Cinnamon Crunch

Wednesday 22nd November

Roast Chicken
Australian Crunch

Thursday 23rd November

Organic Pork Meatballs
Arctic Roll & Peaches

Friday 24th November

Breaded Salmon Fillet
Swiss Bun

Monday 27th November

Cheese & Tomato Pasta
Chocolate Semolina
& Mandarins

Tuesday 28th November

Minced Beef & Dumpling
Custard Cookie & Apple
Wedge

Wednesday 29th November

Chicken Korma & Savoury
Rice
Fruity Gingerbread & Custard

Thursday 30th November

Tex Mex Bake
Autumn Marble Berry Sponge

Friday 1st December

Fish Fingers
Apple Cake

Top Tip #1

Each newsletter we will be giving top tips to help and support your child's learning at home.

Practise and learn your times tables—these are needed in all areas of maths and in everyday life.

Sumdog competition starts on Friday 24th November (years 3-6) – can you have a go?

PTA News

The Christmas fair will be on the 8rd December from 4pm til 5.30pm in school. There will be lots going on, the usual Secret Santa, lucky dip, tombola, raffle and a visit from the big man himself! This year we also have Kanga Sports coming along too!

We will need volunteers on the day to set up and tidy away, we also need help with stalls. Please come forward if you can help. As always, we really appreciate any donations that you can give. Tombola prizes, Secret Santa gifts for ladies and gents and chocolate tombola prizes. If anyone is able to donate a great raffle prize (local businesses etc) Please do. More details to follow, please check out our Facebook Group and also posters to come soon!

On the week commencing the 20th November we will be selling Christmas cards in the yard, 10 cards for £1 (great for the children to send to each other). On Saturday 25th November we will be presented with a cheque from the Co-op for the money raised in the Community fund. Allan would like any families who can make it to go along for a photo opportunity! The time hasn't been confirmed yet but it will be in the afternoon.

Staffing

Recent recruitment has taken place and we are delighted that Mrs Gilmartin and Mrs Flinn-Smith have been appointed as teaching assistants for the school. We are delighted that we can increase our staffing and this will enable us to provide greater support to learners across the school. Mrs Ali has also been appointed as play assistant for 'Triangle Club'.

Christmas Services at St Andrew's Church

Sunday 3rd Dec: 10.45am Family Advent Service (Hot Breakfasts from 10am)
Sunday 3rd Dec: 4.30pm Village Lights Switch-on and carol singing at the Summerseat - followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Saturday 9th Dec: 4.30pm Gargrave Nativity - matinée
Sunday 10th Dec: 4.30pm Gargrave Nativity - finale
Thursday 21st Dec: 1.30pm School Nativity
Christmas Eve: 4pm Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society

PTA Christmas Wreath Making Events 3rd and 12th December 3.15-5pm



The dates for the wreath making have been revised to 3rd December at the Craft Fair at the village hall and 12th December in school at 3.15pm.

Wreaths from £10 to make and children's decorations from £4. All materials provided. Please bring secateurs. The session on 3rd is suitable for families and the session on 12th is suitable for children accompanied by an adult.

Upcoming Dates for Diaries

Thackley Museum- Monday 20th November—Oak Class
Bewerley Park Meeting- Monday 20th November- all pupils in year 6 and their parents, 6pm in Oak classroom
Sycamore class assembly- Tuesday 21st November @ 9am
Flu immunisations – Wednesday 22nd November reception-year 4
Ash class visit to the Church- Thursday 23rd November as part of our RE curriculum