

Newsletter 7

Monday 9th December 2024

Welcome to the seventh newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 9 December).

Christmas at Wigginton Primary

We are very much in the festive season at Wigginton Primary School.



On Monday, 2nd December, the children arrived to find the school decorated, with all displays showing work pupils have produced for the winter art gallery and the Christmas tree in the hall. Many thanks to the Parish Council, who donated this. The children's tree decorations look fantastic - it's amazing how creative they have been!



Christmas lunch is this Wednesday and we look forward to seeing the children in their Christmas jumpers.

Don't forget... if you have not pre-booked a Christmas lunch for your child they will need to bring a pack-up from home.



Next Monday, Singstars will be at the Carols Around the Tree, starting at 7pm at the Old School. All are welcome! Well done to them already for an amazing performance on Saturday with Mrs Liversidge at the Easingwold Community Christmas Concert. We are very proud of you all. Thank you to the parents who supported too!

Our Christmas performances begin tomorrow: Year 4 and 5 are performing 'What on Earth is Christmas?' at 1.30pm and again at 6pm. 'The Wiggly Nativity' returns with Reception pupils on Wednesday at 9.30am. Year 1/2 perform 'Rock the Baby' on Thursday at 6pm and Friday at 1.30pm this week too. Don't forget to bring your tickets to the performance which will need presenting on entry.

Then on Tuesday, 17th December, Year 3 will be performing 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox & The Horse' at 6pm and Year 6 will round off the festive shows on Wednesday, 18th at 6pm when they perform 'Wiggitivity'. Tickets will be coming home with pupils on Tuesday 10th December.

What a busy fortnight! As well as performing to families, the children perform their dress rehearsals in front of the whole school - something which is a real treat in the lead up to Christmas. Thank you for all your support - the children enjoy it so much and we value all pupils having these opportunities each year. A huge thank you also to the PTA for organising the raffles. Tickets are £1 per strip, with a chance of winning a festive hamper!

'Open the Book' will visit with their Christmas assembly, re-enacting the Christmas story and understanding the meaning of Advent. YoYo are also visiting Reception after seeing Year 6 two weeks ago.

During this final week, children will have their Christmas parties too. On your child's Christmas party day they may wear their party clothes all day; however, please be aware that breaks and lunchtime will still be outside and ensure their clothes are suitable for the weather. A list of party days can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming children back in the New Year on Monday, 6th January 2025!

How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely



As Christmas approaches, we know this is often a time where our older children may receive a phone as a gift for Christmas. We thought it may be useful to share some top tips from the UK Safer Internet Centre ahead of this. Here are some possible conversation starters:

Why do you want to get a phone? Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your phone? You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use and who they would talk to.

How can we do more online together? Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.



PTA

We had a fantastic winter fair on Saturday. Lots of dancing, singing and fun was had. Thank you to everyone that came and supported the event.

The Christmas Present Room was a sell out! The busiest yet. It was lovely to see the children choose their presents with such care for their loved ones.

We will share Christmas fundraising totals for these events in the New Year.

The Christmas card sales raised £255 - lots of budding artists in school as we saw some fantastic designs returned!

Over the next two weeks, the children will be performing their Christmas plays. The PTA will be selling raffle tickets for the hamper raffle. There is a hamper to be won at each performance and two runner up prizes. Tickets are £1/strip. Please bring small change if possible. The raffle is drawn at the end of the performance.

On the last day of term we will be holding a sweets and treats stall on the year 3/4 playground.

As the winter term comes to an end we would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** for the support for all the events and fundraising. It really does make a difference to the school and pupils.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR from the PTA team.

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<https://www.facebook.com/WiggintonPrimaryPTA/>



Bronchiolitis

It's cough season! Coughs and colds are common, but it's natural to worry when your child's breathing is affected.

Bronchiolitis is a virus that can cause breathing difficulties - find out more and what signs to watch out for.

Thankfully, in most cases, self-care at home is all that's needed.

More information: [Bronchiolitis](#)

[Asthma Nurse Jen explains more about bronchiolitis in this Facebook reel](#)

[Asthma Nurse Jen explains more about bronchiolitis in this Instagram reel](#)



Important

Reminder that lost property will be recycled over the Christmas holiday. Please ensure that you have checked for any missing items before then.

LOST PROPERTY

School Clubs- Spring Term

There will be NO school clubs in the 1st week of the spring term.

More information about clubs have been sent to parents/ carers via email today.

Please check your emails and the club section of the school website for details:
<https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/clubs-extra-curricular-activities/>

Medicines in School



Please ensure you collect any medicines your child has in school from the School Office by Thursday 19th December. Any medicine not collected by this time will be disposed of.

INHALERS may remain in school. You will be contacted when the inhaler needs replacing.

****NUT FREE SCHOOL****

Please can we ensure that any food brought into school does not contain ANY nut products. This includes hazelnut spreads, confectionary containing nut products and obviously peanut butter. We have children in school who have a nut allergy. Thank you.

Cool Milk

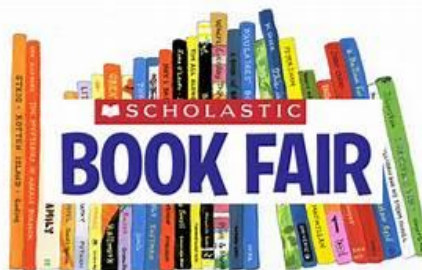
School food standards state that **children of all ages should have easy access to milk each day, should they require it.** Luckily with Cool Milk, this couldn't be easier!

Register your child for school milk. Simply visit www.coolmilk.com/register it's super easy and your child can benefit from a nutritious drink of milk to keep them hydrated until lunch.

Parents of medically vulnerable children & pregnant women.

Please be aware:

We have one confirmed case of Chickenpox in school, reported today.



We are so excited to welcome the **book fair back to our school!** The book fair will be open after school **from 10th December to 16th December** with payments made by card or contactless (no cash please).

Please come along to support the school and your child's reading, perhaps taking care of some of that Christmas shopping too! What a great way to help school and encourage a love of reading!



Coming up.....

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Details on Website? |
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| Tues | 10 Dec | 1.30pm | Y4/5 Christmas Performance for families | https://...../class-pages/ |
| Tues-Mon | 10 to 16 Dec | After school | Scholastic School Book Fair | Newsletter 6 |
| Tues | 10 Dec | 6pm | Y4/5 Christmas Performance for families | https://...../class-pages/ |
| Wed | 11 Dec | 9.30am | Reception pupils Christmas Performance for families | https://...../class-pages/ |
| Wed | 11 Dec | All day | Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day | https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/other-whole-school-letters/ |
| Thurs | 12 Dec | 6pm | KS1 Christmas Performance for families | https://...../class-pages/ |
| Fri | 13 Dec | 9.30am | KS1 Christmas Performance for families | https://...../class-pages/ |
| Mon | 16 Dec | pm | Y3 Christmas Party | Newsletter 6 |
| Mon | 16 Dec | pm | Reception Class Christmas Party | Newsletter 6 |
| Mon | 16 Dec | 7pm | Carols by the Tree 2024- The Old School Wigginton | Newsletter 6 |
| Tues | 17 Dec | 6pm | Y3 Christmas Performance for families | https://...../class-pages/ |
| Wed | 18 Dec | pm | KS1 Christmas Party | Newsletter 6 |
| Wed | 18 Dec | 6pm | Y6 Christmas Performance for families | https://...../class-pages/ |
| Thurs | 19 Dec | During school day | Y3 Trip to Clifford's Tower and The Castle Museum | https://...../class-pages/ |
| Thurs | 19 Dec | am | Y6 Christmas Party | Newsletter 6 |
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| Fri | 20 Dec | School closes at normal time for the Christmas holidays | | |
| Mon | 6 Jan | School opens to pupils for Spring 1 2025 Term | | |

Finally, as this is the last newsletter of 2024, we'd like to wish you all a very



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS with TOTAL SPORTS

ARTY/ CRAFTY/ SPORTY/ ADVENTURE/ FUN

**The region's No.1 holiday clubs for children aged 5-12 !!!
8am-5:30pm (Times Vary Per Venue)
Ran by qualified DBS checked teachers
50+ Activity Choices- 2 Choices Every Hour !!!**

Total Sports Holiday Clubs are running at several venues across York over the Christmas Holidays!

Our holiday clubs will be running on various dates of the Christmas Holidays, offering boys and girls the perfect Holiday Camp with 50+ choices of activities, 2 choices every hour, specific age groups meaning your children make lifelong memories with friends A dedicated football camp will also be running at Manor CE School.

Our activity choices ensure children of all interests have a brilliant day and rule their days with 2 choices every single hour - choose between painting or dodgeball, Parachute Games or hockey, yoga or football, field games or Arts & Crafts - the choices are endless!!

**Our holiday clubs open at 8am with flexible drop off until 9am! Pick up as late as 5:30pm!!
Parents can book in single days or a full week and pay using government childcare vouchers.
Our clubs are led by qualified teaching staff who have been with Total Sports for a number of years!
We know exactly how to make every child's day amazing and high energy!!**

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE;

Simply visit our website; <https://www.totalsportslimited.co.uk/book-online/>

Select the week you require and book on how many days you need!!

Book individual days or full weeks-the choice is yours!!!

JOIN YORK CITY FOUNDATION FOR SOME HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

10AM
TO
3PM

RECEIVE
A YCFC
GOODIE
BAG



£14
PER
DAY

Monday 23rd December 1 Day £14
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

Tuesday 24th December 1 Day £14
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd January 2025 2 Days £28
Millthorpe Secondary School YO23 1WF - Indoor Sports Hall

ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE FOR ALL COURSES AT
officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity

Advance booking is required and is available online up to 48 hours prior to the course start date unless sold out. We regret we cannot offer a refund for illness or other reasons for non-attendance.



YORK CITY FC FOUNDATION OFFERS FOOTBALL
HOLIDAY FUN COURSES EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
AT VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS THE CITY

Bookings for February Half Term & Easter 2025 will go live from
Wednesday 8th January 2025 via officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity.

Check out our social media for the details in advance.

Please join Wigginton Parish Council for

Carols by the Tree 2024

Join us for carols,
mince pies and
seasonal drinks.



Performances by:
Wigginton Sing Stars
The Wonder Years children
Shepherd Youth Brass Band

Recorded by YO1 radio to be aired on Christmas Eve at
around 7.30pm
Thank you to Monty and Joanne Feather for providing the
sound system.

Monday 16
December 7pm
The Old School



Mulled wine and hot chocolate with mince pies served by Do Drop Inn Volunteers, with
refreshments kindly provided by Wigginton Village Stores & Deli.

For more information please email clerk@wiggintonparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone: 07724 205786