

# Newsletter 5

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Welcome to the fifth newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 25 November).



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
11TH NOVEMBER 2024

## REMEMBRANCE

Thank you for your donations for the poppy appeal. Today we held a 2 minute silence in school and explained to the children why we have Remembrance Day. Pupils were very respectful as always, including our pupils in 1KF who were visiting the library.

## Anti-Bullying Week

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

This week is anti-bullying week. The theme for this year is 'Choose Respect', which fits in perfectly with our school values. Assemblies and PSHE lessons will provide opportunities for pupils to learn what is (and isn't) bullying, and what to do if they are concerned themselves or about others. WE will also join in with Odd Socks Day by allowing children to wear odd socks on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November as part of non-uniform day. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'.





## Walk to School Week

Thank you to everyone for taking part in Walk to School Week. It was great to see the number of pupils walking, scooting, biking or park and striding, which equated to over two-thirds of our journeys! We'll wait to see what the results were for the rest of York schools.

## Staff News



Just before half term, we welcomed Max Gembles as our new caretaker. You may have already noticed how busy he has been around the site and we are very glad to have him as part of our team. He has already received a 'Real Life Hero' card from our Y1/2 pupils, which he was very proud of!

### House Points- Autumn 2 Half-Term Winners

Congratulations to **Rowntree**, who were awarded the highest number of house points last half term- a whopping 292! As a reward, children in Rowntree house will be able to wear non-uniform **this Wednesday**. The children are regularly given house points and know which house they are in, but teachers have reminded those pupils, just in case!

### Lockdown Practice

Just like we practice our fire drill, we also practice our lockdown procedure. This is so pupils know what to do should there be a safety issue in the local area. We will be having a practice this week and pupils will have already discussed what to do in their classes. I'm sure they'll be great just like they were last time.

### Children in Need: Friday 15th November 2024

Our school will be participating in the annual Children in Need appeal this year on **Friday 15th November 2024**. The School Council will be holding an assembly to explain what Children in Need is and we are asking children to come to school in non-uniform, they could even wear something yellow and/ or spotty just like Pudsey Bear.

And don't forget Odd Socks as we mark Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying week.

We are inviting parents/family members to support their child by donating directly via the Wigginton Primary School donation page (link below). You can donate at any point, from now and throughout the next 2 weeks. A suggested amount is £2 per child but please do feel free to donate whatever you can.

Wigginton Primary School donation page:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15540>

Please **DO NOT** send cash into school.



**Follow us on X**  
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This is the best place to keep up to date with all things Wigg!  
WIGGINTON SCHOOL

Going to school **every day** is a great way for your child to make friends.

For more information on school absence in York visit:  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)





## PTA

### KEY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting is TOMORROW (Tuesday 12 November), 7pm at the school. It is vitally important we have parent representatives attend to vote in the committee for this year. Without a committee the PTA cannot continue!

Please spare ten minutes to come along if you can to ensure the future of the PTA.

#### QUIZ NIGHT

This is on Saturday 23 November at Wigginton Squash club from 7:30pm. Teams of four people costing £10 per person. Pizza and nibbles for each group and a licensed bar to purchase drinks. This is a great social event and there will be prizes! Please book tickets on the following link Upcoming events - Booking by Bookwhen



### KEY DATES FOR DECEMBER

#### CHRISTMAS PRESENT ROOM

This is scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday 4 December (in school hours). This is a chance for children to purchase small gifts for their loved ones and encourage the spirit of giving at Christmas!

Children can bring up £10 (max amount) into school in named envelope or wallet. Children can purchase up to three small gifts which range in price from 50p to £4. The gifts will be wrapped to take home. All children are supported by teachers, older peers and committee members to make suitable choices and manage their money.

#### WINTER FAIR

This is being held on Saturday 7 December from 12pm at Wigginton Recreation Hall. We are just finalising a few details before we send through more information on this event. But please SAVE THE DATE!

#### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLES

At EACH Christmas performance there will be a festive hamper and two runner up prizes to win. Tickets can be purchased on entry and will cost £1 a strip. The draw is at the end of each performance. Please bring small change if possible if you wish to enter the raffle.

#### END OF TERM TREATS

Sweets and Treats will be on sale in the year 3/4 playground on the last day of term!

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are on the way back to school and will be sent home with children at the earliest opportunity.

#### DON'T MISS OUT!!!

We still have occasions where deadlines are missed or parents are unaware of what events are being held. All information is primarily communicated via the school newsletter but of course there is a lot of information here to remember. Make sure you have joined the Facebook Parents page as this is where reminders of events pop up! We would hate for anyone to miss out! Scan the QR code to go to our main page and from there request to join the closed group which is our parents page. Any queries about the PTA or upcoming event please contact a class rep or email: [pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com)

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

## Lunchtimes Update



We are continuing to enjoy lunchtimes even though, at times, the weather isn't as favourable. We are fortunate to have plenty of pairs of wellies for children to wear at lunchtimes when the field is wet and the weather has to be incredibly bad for us not to go out to play! Please make sure your child/ren has/have suitable coats with them every day as well as appropriate socks or tights that will ensure wearing wellies is comfortable.

We have now introduced pallets into our loose parts resources. The children have had an assembly on how to use them safely and together we came up with some simple rules to keep everyone safe whilst playing with these, including limits on how high pallets can be stacked, how many children it takes to carry them and to use the mantra "Ready, steady, lift" when moving them.



We can't wait to see what amazing, creative ideas the children come up with when they're playing with these! Any intact pallets in good condition that we can add to our collection would be very much appreciated. Large items can be left at the far corner of the car park on the grassed area next to the gate whilst smaller items can be dropped off in the box just inside the main entrance to school.

To find out more about our OPAL project and all the amazing things the children get up to at lunchtimes, check out the OPAL section of the school website - <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/opal-play-project/>



If you (or anyone you know) is having a clear out of a house/garage/shed please think of us as we can make use of an incredibly wide variety of items at lunchtimes. Additionally, if anyone is having building work done there are often left over items we can make use of, such as pallets or pipes (see photo). If you are unsure whether an item is something we can use or need help in transporting things please email [l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk](mailto:l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk) to ask. Thank you for your support.

To further support our lunchtime provision, we have created an Amazon wish list of items we would love to add to our resources at some point, if anyone would like to see the list and/ or make a contribution to the school please feel free to contact Mrs Ackrel to discuss this further [l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk](mailto:l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk)

Finally, some of you may be aware that there was an owl trapped inside one of our giant cable reels last week. We're very pleased to say that it was released on Thursday morning and was completely unharmed. Thank you to Mr Peacock, Mr Frank and Mrs Ackrel for their help in rescuing this beautiful creature.





## Christmas Events at Wigginton Primary School

We are all looking forward to the upcoming Christmas events in school. Keep an eye on your emails for information letters, ticket requests etc. Copies of all information letters will also be posted on the school website in either 'whole school letters' or class pages. We will send an information letters 3 weeks in advance of the class performances and aim to issue tickets a week in advance of each performance. The Christmas dinner letter and booking link will be sent out next week via email, all dinners must be booked by 26<sup>th</sup> November.

As usual, the PTA will be running a raffle for each of the performances with some great prizes.

### Year 3 Visit to Rosevale Residential Care Home in Wigginton



Last month the Year 3 children visited the residents of Rosevale Residential Care Home in Wigginton. Everyone had a lovely time and we are really looking forward to our next visit.



## Spellingframe



A huge **Well Done** to all the winners of Gold, Silver & Bronze certificates for the month of September and all the children with the highest points overall for this academic year so far. We hope you will display your certificates with pride at home!

A stunning picture taken of a pupil in the Polestar Planetarium in school last week.



FAMILY MATTERS YORK

## A Mind Of Their Own

A 4 week video & discussion based course to help parents support the emotional well being of their child.



Tackling topics like:  
self-esteem, managing strong emotions, anxiety, body confidence & belonging

Starting Thurs 23rd Jan 7-9pm  
@Haxby Methodist Church, York  
YO32 2JJ

SIGN UP FOR THIS FREE PARENTING COURSE:  
[www.fmy.org.uk](http://www.fmy.org.uk)  
[jenwootten@fmy.org.uk](mailto:jenwootten@fmy.org.uk)

Join us to learn more about the challenges our children and young people face to their mental well being. Share concerns, ideas and learn strategies to help them approach life more positively and with greater resilience.

### 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!!!

# Coming up.....

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details on Website?
Mon	11 Nov	2.30pm	Reception Class Phonics Workshop for parents/ carers	Newsletter 4
Tues	12 Nov	7pm	PTA Annual General Meeting (held in school) <a href="https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/pta/">https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/pta/</a>	
Fri	15 Nov	All Day	 BBC Children in Need & Odd Socks day	<a href="https://.../news/full/1/-//">https://.../news/full/1/-//</a>
Sat	23 Nov		PTA Quiz night at Wigginton Squash club <a href="https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/pta/">https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/pta/</a>	
w/c	25 Nov		Parent Consultations during this week	<a href="https://.../news/full/1/-//">https://.../news/full/1/-//</a>
Wed	4 Dec	During afternoon	Christmas Present Room	More details to follow
Sat	7 Dec	12-4pm	PTA Winter Fair- Wigginton Recreation Hall	More details to follow
Tues	10 Dec	1.30pm	Y4/5 Christmas Performance for families	More details to follow
Tues	10 Dec	6pm	Y4/5 Christmas Performance for families	More details to follow
Wed	11 Dec	9.30am	Reception pupils Christmas Performance for families	More details to follow
Wed	11 Dec	All day	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	More details to follow
Thurs	12 Dec	6pm	KS1 Christmas Performance for families	More details to follow
Fri	13 Dec	9.30am	KS1 Christmas Performance for families	More details to follow
Mon	16 Dec	pm	Y3 Christmas Party	More details to follow
Mon	16 Dec	pm	Reception Class Christmas Party	More details to follow
Tues	17 Dec	6pm	Y3 Christmas Performance for families	More details to follow
Wed	18 Dec	pm	KS1 Christmas Party	More details to follow
Wed	18 Dec	6pm	Y6 Christmas Performance for families	More details to follow
Thurs	19 Dec	am	Y6 Christmas Party	More details to follow
Thurs	19 Dec	pm	Y4/5 Christmas Party	More details to follow
Fri	20 Dec		<b>School closes at normal time for the Christmas holidays</b>	

Please check your emails regularly as there will be quite a lot of information coming out to parents/ carers in the coming weeks!

Is your child registered for  
**SCHOOL MILK?**

Child  
**UNDER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child  
**OVER 5**

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY**

Register online  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



Need help?  
Send us a message  
at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)  
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

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# Toy Bank

Drop off your child's clean unwanted toys, books or games and pick up another a few days later!

**DROP OFF POINTS:**  
**MONDAY MONKEYS PLAYGROUP 25TH NOV 10AM**  
**HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:**  
**9.30-4PM THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER**

Pick up another toy or two on **Sunday 1st December 1pm-4pm**  
 It's free but any donations will go to Refugee Action York.  
 Don't have anything to hand in? **Come and find something anyway!**

**HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH**

If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Jones our Family Worker on 07850 631168 or email at [families@hwmc.org.uk](mailto:families@hwmc.org.uk)

## Christmas Collection Drop off day

**Thursday November 28th 9.30am-4pm**  
**Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church**

**ITEMS NEEDED:**  
 Salvation Army: New toys and gifts for children (especially aged 8 and over) and their parents.  
 Haxby Food Share need items for hampers:  
 Christmas Crackers, Christmas sweets/chocolate, crisps, biscuits for cheese, yorkshire pudding mix, mince pies, Christmas pudding, custard, cranberry jelly, gravy pots/granules, tinned veg, fresh orange juice. Gluten free or vegan items. Or cash donations to buy fresh items.

**Say hello to Santa!**

**Haxby Food Share Project**