



10/11/23

Dear parents /carers,

## November Newsletter

### Welcome Back

We have enjoyed a super first week back and it has been lovely to hear about what the children have been doing during their half-term break, with Bonfire Night and Halloween the hot topic of conversation! On Monday, we observed a one-minute silence of Remembrance lead by Brigadier Crossland. We are fortunate that he comes to lead an assembly each year and this year he focussed on the history of the poppy. Florrie Crossland did a great job at presenting the different types of poppy. Thank you for your donations to the Royal British Legion, throughout this week.



Should you wish to further explore the valuable work of the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal, please click on the weblink:

[https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate?seg=APJPPC&gad\\_source=1&gclid=EAlalQobChMI9o7w0sa5ggMVilZQBh23\\_gsKEAAYASAAEgL\\_g\\_DBwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate?seg=APJPPC&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlalQobChMI9o7w0sa5ggMVilZQBh23_gsKEAAYASAAEgL_g_DBwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

### Beechwood Grove School Street Pilot



Many thanks to all parents, carers and children for your continued support with North Yorkshire Council's School Street pilot on Beechwood Grove. It has been wonderful to see the increase in the number of children who safely cycle or scoot to school, as a result of the reduction in traffic outside school.



We would also like to thank all parents and carers, who use Beechwood Grove outside the hours of the School Street pilot, for driving safely and parking considerately. This means that we can continue to keep Oatlands Junior School children safe when they are being picked up from after school clubs, Fun Clubs or attending other events.

We also appreciate parents and carers using the turning circle outside school as the safe way of turning around in Beechwood Grove, rather than trying a three-point-turn. We would like to remind parents and carers that considerate and legal parking includes not mounting the curb or blocking residents' driveways.

Let the school office know if you would be available to volunteer to help on the barrier at the end of Beechwood Grove, either before or after school. We have a network of school staff, parents and residents who currently help put the barriers across the street and tidy them away afterwards. More support, including the occasional times, would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

### **After School Collection Arrangements**

You will receive a letter today regarding home time collection arrangements. It is a reminder that only pupils in Years 5 and 6 are given permission to walk home alone. All pupils in Years 3 and 4 should be collected by an adult from school. We do not permit older siblings in Years 5 and 6 to walk home with their younger siblings. Please can you let the office know as soon as possible of any changes to collection arrangements, which must be communicated prior to the morning or on the morning of the change (unless there is an exceptional circumstance). If this is after 2:30pm, please telephone the school office as we cannot guarantee picking up emails at this busy time.

These include:

- requiring another guardian or contact to collect your child.
- providing one-off permission for your Y5 or Y6 child to walk home on their own.
- requesting for your child to be collected at 3:30pm instead of attending an after-school club.

**Please note as from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, NO child will be permitted to walk home without an adult after any of our after school extra curricular clubs.**

At the start of the day, please wait with your child at the school gate until it opens at 8:45am where there will be two duty members of staff to supervise on the playground. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in helping to keep our children safe before and after school at drop-off and pick-up times.

### **NYC Wraparound Childcare Survey**

In the Spring Budget 2023, the chancellor announced the expansion of wraparound childcare (WAC) for primary school aged children from September 2024. The Government's aim is for all parents of primary school children (Reception to Year 6) to be able to access childcare in their local area from 8 am to 6pm during term time if they need it. Parents will still be required to pay to access this provision.

To enable the local authority to understand possible demand for places, we would be grateful if you could answer the following short survey. Please complete this survey by 8am on Monday, 20 November 2023. Many thanks.

### Winter Preparedness and Digital Health Passport

We want to make sure you have everything you need for you and your child to be winter ready. Attached are two documents produced by the NHS where you can find all the information you need to help live a more healthy and active life, whilst learning about the health services in your area. Use these resources for help and advice from local health professionals and advice and tips on how to manage common illnesses and making asthma self-management for children smarter.

A reminder that our weekly news and information is shared through the school website. This is an accessible and convenient way of keeping up-to-date with school news.

We have a busy term ahead with various events. Please see calendar below for your reference. These dates are also on the school website, where you can sign up to alerts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Estelle Scarth  
Headteacher

NOVEMBER	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens 8:55am
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Image Musical Theatre: Wind in the Willows
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day – wear odd socks
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y2 Parents Meeting 1.30pm at Oatlands Junior School
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual and Family Photos.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need. Dress-up in PJs.
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Road Safety Week
DECEMBER	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harrogate Christmas Concert – Choir. 6pm at Harrogate Convention Centre.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oatlands Infants and Oatlands Junior Schools Joint PTA Christmas Fair 1-4pm at OIS
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccinations. All year groups.
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner - Year 5/6
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner - Year 3/4
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Owls' Christmas assembly 9.15-9.45am
	Y4 Christmas Party 1:00-3:15pm
	Xmas shop – Year 3 & 4
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Foxes' Christmas assembly 9.15-9.45am
	Y3 Christmas Party 1:00-3:15pm
	Xmas shop – Years 5 & 6
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers' Christmas assembly 9.15-9.45am

	Y6 Christmas Party 1:00-3:15pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 Christmas Party 1:00-3:15pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>2.30pm</b>	PTA Non-Uniform Day - School Closes – Christmas Holiday
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	School re-opens 8:55am Young Voices 2024 – Choir at Sheffield Arena (11:30am – 10:45pm)