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*Proud to be part of The White Rose Federation*

## ***One family branching out together***

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your recent support with attending the Parents' Evening sessions; we hope you found this time spent with your child's teacher valuable and have further understanding of what is happening in class and your child's learning. If you do need to speak to your child's class teacher, please email or call the school office to arrange a convenient appointment.



### **Parking**

Unfortunately, we have had several recent complaints from the Burton Salmon Parish Council, local residents and the bus company, regarding the issue of parent/carer parking outside school, on Ledgate Lane. Please share this information with other family members who may be involved with dropping off and collecting children.

- Please ensure you park responsibly and consider the properties surrounding our school at morning drop-offs and at the end of the school day pick-ups.



- Please do not park across residents' driveways and make sure you leave the school yellow zigzags free.

- Please only park down one side of Ledgate Lane – we had an issue with a coach unable to get back to school at the end of the day to drop off the children, as cars were parked along both sides of the road.



- Please remember that there is additional parking available in the Village Hall car park at these times. Thank you.

### **Recent news**

#### **BBC Children in Need Day – The Great Spotacular!**

We recently celebrated the annual Children in Need Day with a non-uniform day. The children came to school dressed in **spots** in return for a minimum £1.00 donation to the BBC Children in Need appeal. We collected a total of **£33.00** which will be sent to the appeal to support disadvantaged children across the UK. Thank you for your support.





### **Rev Pete's visit**

Last week, we were delighted to once again receive a visit from Rev Pete, who led an assembly on the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

### **The parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4: 30–32)**

*The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew into a huge plant. This is Mark's third parable of growth.*

*In this parable, Jesus teaches that although the Kingdom of God started small, with Jesus and the disciples, it would grow and spread across the world to unlimited numbers of followers.*

*The birds represent Gentile people. Jesus is saying that the Kingdom of God will include other nations and not just God's chosen people, the Jews.*

*Mark's Gentile readers would have taken great comfort and hope from this parable.*



### **Message from Rev Pete:**

*My dear friends in Brayton, Thorpe Willoughby, Barlow, Burn, South-West Selby and beyond  
I do hope and pray this finds you well.*

*I am contacting you with a very heavy heart indeed. During my extended time of sick leave, it became evident, and I have very reluctantly had to accept, that my health condition will no longer allow me to continue in full time parish ministry. Over the last few months I have, therefore, been applying for hospital chaplaincy posts. I recently successfully interviewed for and have accepted a post as Health Care Chaplain at the Mid Yorkshire NHS Teaching Trust. The largest of its 3 hospitals is Pinderfields at Wakefield where I'll mainly be based, but I will also work out of the Trust's 2 other smaller hospitals at Dewsbury and Pontefract. Whilst, of course, there will be significant challenges to manage in hospital chaplaincy, nevertheless, my hope is that in it I will find not only another fulfilling ministry, but a more "boundaried", and therefore more sustainable, ministry. In this way my prayer is that I am enabled to continue fulfilling the vocation to ordained ministry God has called me to. I love parish ministry, and love you all, so this brings me enormous sadness.*

*It goes without saying that this is very hard for me and for us as a family. In the almost 14 years since we moved here, our girls have grown up among you and we have all made our home in this community. We are so grateful to you all for these years and will miss you enormously. We know, too, that there will be a lot of sadness, though perhaps not complete surprise, as you receive this news, for which I am very sorry indeed.*

*My last Sunday service in the parish will be a **Joint Parish Communion Service** on the **10th of December**. It would be so very lovely if you felt able to join me for that. **It will be at 10.30am at St Wilfrid's in Brayton.***

*Also, to reassure you that Rev Christine Gillespie and Rev Phil Grayson, supported by Rev Roy Shaw, will continue to oversee ministry and mission in the parish as the process begins of finding a new Rector. My heartfelt thanks to them, and to all in the parish who will be working hard as the parish moves into a period of uncertainty, but also, I hope, excitement as to what God has ahead for the parish.*

*I will, of course, hold you all much in my prayers, and would ask that, if you are someone who prays, you will remember us in yours too. Thank you.*

*With my love and blessings*

*Rev Pete*



### **Message from Sam Maud – Federation Pastoral Support Lead**

The Selby and District Foodbank have informed me that they offer a citizen's advice drop-in service from 10.00am-1.00pm on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays.

Selby and District Foodbank  
1811 Building,  
6-8 New Lane  
YO8 4QP  
Selby



### **Childcare Choices: Help for Households**

**About Childcare Choices** - Childcare Choices is a cross-government campaign that aims to **make more parents aware of the financial support on offer to help them with the costs of childcare.**

While most families in the UK are entitled to some form of support, many are missing out because they simply don't know they are eligible. **And from April 2024, even more working parents can get help with their childcare costs, starting with 15 hours childcare for 2-year-olds.**

**The Childcare Choices website has now been updated to allow parents to find out what they will be eligible for and when to apply.** They will also be able to sign up to a newsletter which will give them further information as the expansion is rolled out.

Financial support is not limited to just nurseries and childminders. Depending on eligibility criteria, this support could also be used for **breakfast clubs; after-schools clubs; activity clubs; holiday clubs; home care workers** and **play schemes**. Support is available through Tax-Free Childcare for children up to 11, or 16 if disabled, and with Universal Credit for Childcare can help with childcare costs for children aged 0-16.

### **Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life**

Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for.

The [Childcare Choices website](#) brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare schemes together and get the most out of it.

And from next year even more help is on the way:

- From **April 2024**, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.
- From **September 2024**, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.
- From **September 2025**, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as **'wraparound care'**.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the [Childcare Choices website](#) to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to our newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.

### **Year 6 Robinwood residential 2024**

I hope the children are looking forward to next March's federation trip.  
A reminder that the final instalment for the Robinwood residential for our current Year 4 and 5 children, is due on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November -this week.  
Please check your child's ParentPay account for the last payment item.  
Thank you.



### **Upcoming events**



#### **Christmas card Post**

This year, our children will be able to send Christmas cards to their friends and the school post box opens on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Christmas cards will be given out to the children by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on the following dates: - **6<sup>th</sup> December** **8<sup>th</sup> December** **11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** **15<sup>th</sup> December** **18<sup>th</sup> December** **20<sup>th</sup> December** and **22<sup>nd</sup> December**

### **Open Classroom events**

Mr Bealey and Class 3 are inviting the remaining parents and carers of the children in Class 3 (who were unable to visit on 15<sup>th</sup> November) to come to Class 3's Open Afternoon on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 2.15pm – 3.15pm.



You will have the opportunity to share in what the class have been learning, get involved in some interactive maths and see some of their fantastic work, the class have been working on.

**We are asking please, if you could let us know if you are planning to come to the Open Classroom, and how many adults will be coming, due to limitations on space. Please contact the office to advise of numbers. Thank you.**

Class 1 are looking forward to showing off their Christmassy classroom to parents and carers of children in Class 1, on the last Monday, before we break up for Christmas from 2.15pm – 3.15pm.



### **Christmas Dinner lunch**



Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Mr Hutchinson (our cook) will be serving up a fantastic feast consisting of the following:

*Roast Turkey with pigs in blankets or Quorn roast fillet*

*Sage and onion stuffing*

*Roast potatoes*

*Sprouts, carrots and peas*

*Roasted gravy* followed by:

*Festive Christmas biscuit or fresh fruit and ice-cream*

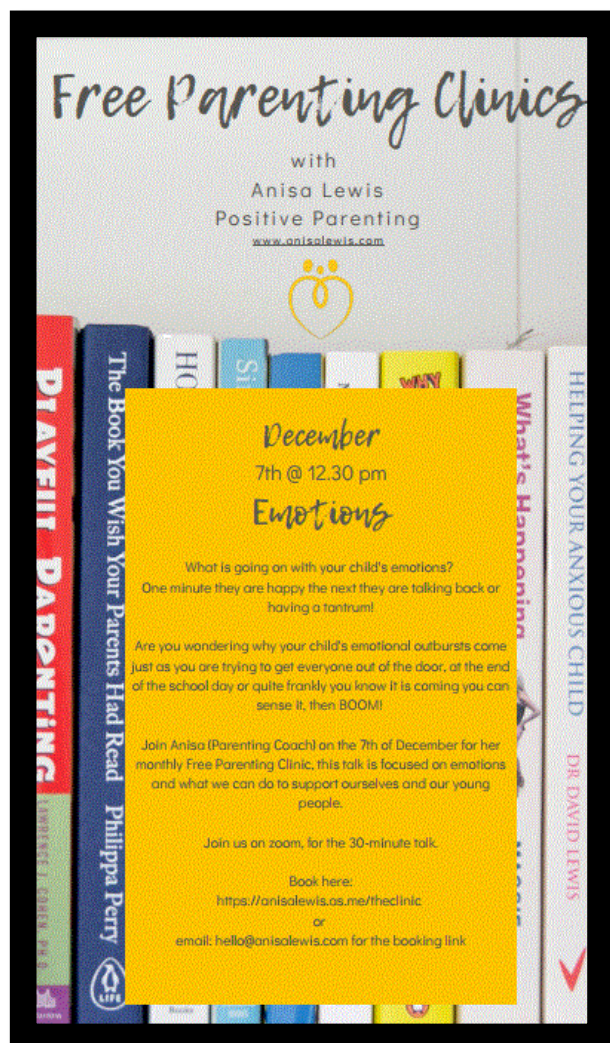
A reminder that the school dinner charge, for Nursery pupils and Year 3 children and above, is currently £2.85.

**This will be the only school dinner option on this day - any child not wishing to have a Christmas dinner should bring a packed lunch.**





**\*\*On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December of that week, we will be having a swap with the planned Friday lunch: Crispy battered fish and chunky chips or Quorn Nuggets with chunky chips – so, no Wednesday Roast Dinner for this week only. \*\***



### **Free Parenting Clinic**

Join our **FREE December Parenting Clinic** with Anisa, an experienced parenting coach.



In December, we're hosting a **FREE** Parenting Clinic, focusing on Emotions in children aged 3 to 18 years.

Our goal is to empower parents and caregivers with practical knowledge and tools to handle behaviours.

These 30-minute Zoom sessions aim to share Anisa's years of experience and are open to all.

We also offer additional services, including talks, workshops, training, personalised coaching, and a Parenting Portal with resources.

Contact us at [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) or 07792 176888 for more information.  
Best regards, Anisa



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Don't forget, on **Friday 8th December** we will once again be supporting Save the Children UK by asking the children and staff to come to school in a Christmas Jumper (non-uniform day) for a donation of £1.00 made payable via ParentPay.

We ask you to spend as little as possible on a Christmas jumper and to encourage you and your children to be as creative as possible by perhaps decorating an old jumper with tinsel, baubles, sequins, etc.

We hope to get lots of lovely pictures of the children wearing their Christmas jumpers whilst we enjoy our annual Christmas Dinner on the same day.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>



### **KS1 Nativity Performances**

I hope you are looking forward to our 3 fantastic performances of the KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity – **'Bethlehem Bake-Off'** which will be taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm along with 2 further showings on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Children from Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3, will be taking part in this special production.

Each family has been offered **3 x free tickets** for parents/carers and grandparents, in the first instance, with the request that you only attend one performance please, due to limits on seating capacity in Class 1. However, we do have a few tickets spare for each of the three performances – if you are interested, please let the office know and you will be placed on a list, on a first come, first served basis.

Whilst the tickets are free, we will also be selling raffle tickets at each event – £1.00 per ticket, with all monies raised going towards our school funds. **We are appealing for raffle prize donations; please liaise with Mrs Obridge in the office.** There will be seasonal refreshments after each performance, for a small donation. Thank you.

### **Housekeeping**



#### **Winter bugs and germs**

It's at this time of year we see all sorts of bugs and germs in school. Please consider if your child has just a cough and snuffle, i.e., a normal cold, and be mindful that Covid is still an infection which remains present in our daily lives. If your child does test positive for Covid, we recommend that they stay off school for 3 days and can return when they no longer have a high temperature and can manage a full day at school.

**Pupil absences:** it is important that you please make sure you telephone or email the school **before 9.00am** to notify us of any child absence, with a reason for their absence. Equally, we ask if your child is unwell and you have called on the first day of their absence, we also require a call on each subsequent day until they are well enough to be back in school. If we do not receive any communication, by phone or email, we start our process of contacting all the contacts allocated to your child and if we still haven't received any information, the Children Missing in Education protocol is triggered. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



A reminder of our school **Pupil Attendance Policy for reporting absences due to illness** which can be found by following this link: [pupil-attendance-policy-autumn-2022.pdf \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](https://burtonsalmonschool.org.uk/pupil-attendance-policy-autumn-2022.pdf)

Parents are asked to inform the school office by telephone or email by 9.10am each day a child is unwell and will not be attending school.

- A child who has been given antibiotics should be kept away from school for the first 48 hours of treatment.
- A child who has been sick or who has diarrhoea should also be kept away from school until the child has been clear of the problem for 48 hours.
- Medical/dental appointments should be attended out of school hours, however where this is not possible the school will require notification prior to the absence. When a child is absent for a medical appointment it is expected that they will return to school immediately following the appointment.

Please contact the office for further guidance on specific illnesses and required length of absence.

**It is crucial that parents please adhere to this procedure to ensure that all pupils are safe and their whereabouts accounted for.**



### Medicines in school including inhalers



If you require your child to have medicine administered during a school day (including asthma inhalers), please complete a 'Parental Request for Medicine in School' form, which is available from the school office. We are not allowed to administer any medicine without this being completed fully and signed by a parent/carer and the Head of School. If your child requires a course of antibiotics for example, over a period of a few days, please ensure that the medicine is handed directly into the school office each morning. **Whilst we can administer Calpol (or similar Paracetamol-based medicines), we are not insured to administer any Ibuprofen medication sent in, unless this is prescribed by a doctor.**

### OOSC – Pippins and Orchard Club drop-offs and collections

For Pippins Breakfast Club, you do not need to book ahead, and Mrs Matta opens the red door across the playground at **8am**. **We cannot permit children onto the premises before this time, due to insurance restrictions. Children must be brought to the door by an adult, signed in and handed over to a member of staff; please do not park on the road and allow your child to enter the school grounds by themselves.** **\*Please also note that breakfast is only served up until 8.30am; if you are dropping off your child after this time, please ensure that your child has already had breakfast at home.** **\*\*Up until the Christmas break, we are trialling a slightly earlier drop-off time of 7.45am on Thursdays and Fridays only, upon the request of a family. This earlier time will incur an extra £1.00, setting the price at £5.00 a session from 7.45am to 8.50am. From 8am until 8.50am the charge will remain at £4.00. Please let the office know if you think you might like to take advantage of this additional service. Thank you.**



**\*\*\* New procedure for collection of OOSC children\*\*\*** - For our Orchard After-School club, please ring the OOSC doorbell as normal, at the red playground door, then enter the green gate at the side of Class 3 next to the field. Please walk down to the Class 3 side door and your child(ren) will be brought by Mrs Hindle, Miss Bowers or Miss McNichol to be collected and signed out by Parents/Carers by **5.30pm**.

**Polite reminder: if you have booked a place at Orchard Club but collect your child at the end of the school day without notifying the office, you will still be charged. We need to know of any cancellations before 12 noon, otherwise a charge of £5.00 will be added to your child's ParentPay account.**

**All payments are usually added to ParentPay within the same week.**

Pay online for  
school meals  
and  
other items...



#### **ParentPay**

A polite reminder to please check your ParentPay balances and ensure that any outstanding amounts are paid. **Across the federation, there is an agreed maximum debt per child, which is £30.00.** This includes any nursery fees, school dinners and out of school club payments.

Yours sincerely

Helen Obridge  
Admin Officer

### **Important dates for your diary**

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Class 3 trip to Barnsley Museum
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	KS1 Dodgeball event – afternoon – for selected Year 1 and year 2 children
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Class 3's additional Open Classroom – 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day - £1.00 in aid of Save The Children UK
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Annual Christmas Dinner Day at Burton Salmon
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity performance (1) – 2pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity performance (2) – 10am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Nativity performance (3) – 2pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Class 1's Christmas Open Classroom – 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Christingle-making in all 3 classes
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Training Day 3
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School re-opens to children
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Open Morning for future Nursery/Reception 10am – 12noon
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2024

### **Training Days for the Academic year 2023 -2024**

Please note that the next NYCC allocated Training Days for the academic year 23/24 are:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**



**Selby District - Carers Resource** are looking to start up a new Parent/Carer support group in the new year and are holding an event on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to advertise it and gain information on how it can support Parents and Carers.

## Selby district parent carer group launch event

Does your child have additional needs (e.g. learning, physical, behavioural, emotional, mental health)? Whatever their age and whether they are diagnosed or not our new group could be for you.



Meet other parent carers, ask questions, take some time out and have a brew. Free entry. For more information contact

Amy Morton:

📞 07940 982167

✉ [amorton@carersresource.org](mailto:amorton@carersresource.org)



Come along to our launch event for a new Selby district parent carer group and tell us what you want from the group. The event is on:

**Thursday 30th November  
2023, 10am-11.30am,  
at Selby Bowling Club.**

