



November and December 2023

End of the Autumn term

This Autumn term has seen all our children settle into their new classes and year groups, building new relationships with children new to our school and those in other schools while attending shared residentials, tournaments and other events.

It's been a busy term with 2 residentials, many sporting tournaments, poetry festivals, local trips, anti-bullying week, parents evenings and other events and activities. All the while teaching our children about the 4 Rs (respect, resilience, responsibility and reflection) as well as the building blocks of personal development; building confidence, teamwork and relationships. Children's academic learning has flourished and we are very proud of the many achievements across school.

All of this is supported by you, our wonderful community, who support your children every day, especially in getting them to school, as well as reading and homework projects – it's a team effort!

I'm sending you my warmest regards for the coming holiday, and, if you celebrate, a happy Christmas and a hope for a peaceful new year for all.

Mrs Tindal

Reminders

Don't
Forget!

- School closes on the 19th December and reopens to children on Wednesday the 3rd January at 8.50am.
- 5th and 8th January, year 4 trip to Hardcastle Craggs
- through January year 6 mountaineering trip
- 12th January year 6 boys handball tournament
- 15th January, IMPACT Multi Academy Trust swimming tournament
- 16th January year 2 trip to Roundhay Park
- 19th January year 4 girls football tournament
- 2nd February year 4 boys football tournament
- Week commencing 22nd January year 6 MYWY Literacy Festival
- 29th January IMPACT Multi Academy Trust teambuilding tournament
- 1st February author visit to KS1

Staffing news

We welcome Miss Norman back to school in January following her maternity leave. Miss Norman will be working across school on a Wednesday to Friday – welcome back Miss Norman!

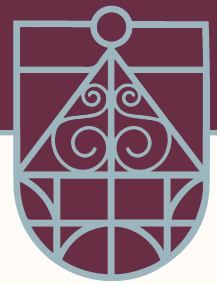
We are also very pleased that Miss Rehman will continue to teach Moors class to the end of the academic year.

Mr Heathcote will be working in school on a Monday and Tuesday supporting our year 6 children through small group tuition.

Dr Ovenden will continue working with our greater depth reading and writing children, giving them broad reading and writing experiences.

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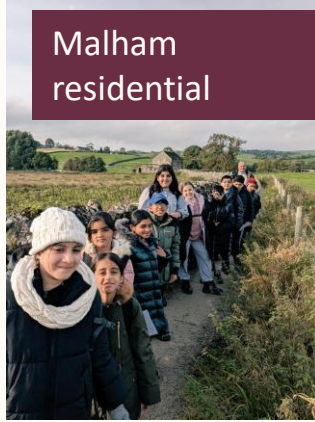
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What's been happening

Whitby residential



Malham residential



Outdoor learning
at Nell Bank



Local
geography
walks



Parent sessions



School council



Skipping day



Charity work

- ✓ Thank you for your generosity again in raising **£827.50** for The Palestine Red Crescent Society.
- ✓ Also for raising **£365.60** towards the Children In Need charity.
- ✓ The winter fair was a resounding success and raised an incredible **£1363.88** thanks to your support.

Parents evening and survey

We hope you all found the recent parents evening valuable and enjoyed hearing about how your child is getting on in school and looking at their work.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the parent survey for us, helping us gather your thoughts about our school. If you haven't yet had opportunity, the survey will remain open over the holiday period and can be found on the following link <https://forms.gle/seE64DnjEksXaym4A>.

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4Rs



Talk, read,
write



Aim high



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Attendance

At the end of this term, it was well done to the following classes for winning the best class attendance award:

- **Phase 1 winners - Hebble class**
- **Phase 2 winners – Shaw class**



There were **101** 100% attendance t-shirts given out, which is fantastic!

Attendance for the autumn term was **94%** for the whole school which is slightly lower than our 96% target we aim for.

Sports report from Mr Walters

We have competed in the following football tournaments this half term:

- Year 5 and boys and girls tournaments at Lee Mount. We came 1st and 2nd in both events.
- We also entered under 11's boys and girls teams into the Adam Heslop cup at the 3GI Soccer Centre. It was a really good standard and both our teams played really well and gave a really good account of themselves.



i-challenge and residentials

Through our i-challenge curriculum, children develop important skills that support them in all aspects of learning by building;

- ✓ confidence
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ relationships

In the spring term we will be planning the residentials for the following year, and will start to communicate with parents. Look out for details if your children is currently in years 3, 4 & 5. We hope for as many children as possible to attend:

Year 4 Whitby
Year 5 Malham
Year 6 Ambleside