



WISE UP

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Heads Up

A letter was sent home last Friday regarding the celebration of Mr Key's time at this school

Key Dates

- **Special Assembly** for Mr Key on Friday 14 Dec at 2.30 pm
- **NO Special Mention Assembly** on Friday 21 Dec

Thought of the Week

'Advent is a season of preparation and waiting for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas.'

Isaiah 40:9-11



Adverse Weather Information

A reminder that in the event of our school having to close due to bad weather, a text message would be sent out to parents via our Teachers2Parents messaging system. Announcements would be made on **BBC Radio York (103.7 FM)**. Also it would be listed under school closures on the NYCC website at www.northyorks.gov.uk.

IT IS THEREFORE REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE UP TO DATE CONTACT INFORMATION – If you have changed your mobile phone number, then please advise the school office immediately. Thank you.



Little Owls Christmas Spectacular!

Little Owls got the Christmas ball rolling for us this week with their fantastic Christmas Spectacular. The children were full of smiles and they sung and spoke beautifully! Thanks very much to the enormous number of parents/grandparents who attended. Also thanks to Mrs Parkin and the team for following the children's interests and supporting them well. Finally thanks to Mrs Gregory and the Friends group for laying on and serving delicious mince pies and hot drinks. We're looking forward to the older children's performances over the next two weeks!



Castle Museum Trip

Earlier this week, Elf Owls paid a trip to York's fantastic Castle Museum as part of their Toys topic. They enjoyed the Victorian street, Dick Turpin's dungeons and particularly the range of modern and historical toys. Thanks to Mrs Harpham for organising the trip and to the parent volunteers for supporting us.



Christingles

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Cliff for helping us out with this year's round of Christingle-making. Janys also led a Collective Worship to remind us of the enduring symbolism of the Christingle. I am pleased to hear about a growing number of Hambleton children attending services in the village.

History Walk

On Tuesday year 3 and 4 carried out a very interesting history walk around Hambleton as part of our WW1 topic. We were joined by Celia Barnes from the Hambleton History Research and Archive Association who provided us with lots of local information. Our thanks to Celia for her hard work on a project which has really engaged the children. Please visit their website for further information about the history of Hambleton <http://www.hhrra.org>

New War Memorial – Dedication Service

A service of dedication for the new War Memorial on the Village Green is being held on Sunday 9 December at 2.30pm (at the memorial). Everyone is welcome, please do join us. Miss Middlebrook's class have been building on their WW1 topic by drafting prayers for the service. Jessica Glover's poignant bidding prayer will be read at the service:



We are gathered here today to remember all of the men, women, sons and daughters who sacrificed their lives for us to be free and to live in peace. May God help us to never start World War Three and to end all wars. Thank you God for all these people who have come today only because they care.

This memorial was placed here to remember all the soldiers who gave their lives and left their families home alone, from Hambleton. Perhaps some of them were in your families? Some returned, some never to leave.

World Wars One and Two were death pools and for us people dived in, patriotism was the reason why.

*Now they rest never to wake,
So we remember wars for their sake.*

As part of their 'Talk for Writing' English learning, Miss Middlebrook's class have also been 'innovating' existent WW1 poetry to create their own unique verse. Kian Graham's poem shows great use of metaphors and the depth of his understanding of the conflict:



THE SOLDIER

*I'm not a muddy charm
I'm a memory charm
I'm not a deadly threat
I'm more than a reminder*

*I'm a memory of a husband, father or son
A gleaming medal on someone's chest
I'm a sacrifice for ones who needed it
The one making Britain the best*

*I'm a simple soldier
A bloody grave for you all
Bravery, terror and fear
Will lay where heroes fall!*

'Bethlehem' Tickets

Tickets for this KS2 performance will be sent home with children next week. We are pleased that we have been able to fulfill all ticket requests. Please remember to bring your tickets to the performance as entry is by ticket only. If you have not ordered any tickets, then there are a few left, so please call at the school office.

On Monday 17 December, KS2 pupils will stay at school in order to get ready for the 4 pm performance of 'Bethlehem'. They should bring a drink and snack to eat after school. We expect the performance to last approximately 1 ¼ hours and you should therefore pick your child up at 5.15 pm. The KS2 children will leave school at 3 pm as normal on Tuesday and should be back at school for 6 pm in order to prepare for the 6.30 pm performance. Parents should collect their children at 7.45 pm please (after the 6.30 pm performance). Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday, 14 December is 'Christmas Jumper Day' nationally in aid of Save the Children. All pupils and staff can wear a Christmas jumper to school next Friday and voluntary contributions to Save the Children are welcome.

Children's Society – Our Annual Appeal

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the candles with loose change. Please can all candles (even if empty) be returned to school by Wednesday 19 December.

School Council

Over the last two weeks children from Year 2 to 6 have been electing their School Council representatives for this year. In true Westminster style, and in keeping with the current 'British Values' agenda the children talked about democracy, made their pitch to their classmates and then held a secret ballot. We are pleased to announce that the following children have been elected:

Eagle Owls: Mary and Harvey

Snowy Owls: Phoebe J and William

Tawny Owls: Livia and Aaron

Barn Owls: James and Isabelle

1st Hambleton Rainbows:

1st Hambleton Rainbows will have a limited number of spaces available after the Christmas Holidays for any girls aged 5-7 who would like to come to Rainbows. Rainbows are the youngest members of GirlguidingUK and we have loads of fun doing lots of different activities! If you are interested in joining, please register your daughter

at www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter.

(If your daughter is not 5 yet, names can be placed on the waiting list). If you would like more information on GirlGuiding in general, please visit www.girlguiding.org.

Nativity Messy church

Christmas messy church takes place next week on Sunday 16 December at 10.30am at Hambleton Methodist chapel. Please come along to join in Christmas songs, activities and Nativity play.