



# WISE UP

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\*\*\*\*\* **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL** \*\*\*\*\*  
**PLEASE CHECK ITEMS IN PACKED LUNCHES ARE NUT FREE – THANK YOU**

## Heads Up

Photographs were sent home last week and Christmas card orders were sent home this week.

Firstly, a big THANK YOU to all of our community for supporting us with COVID measures at the moment. We appreciate that it's disruptive taking your children out of school for PCR tests etc... but it is greatly helping school and the community to remain as safe as it currently is. Thank you!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around school with a magnificent, lavishly decorated Christmas Tree in the hall. There are also mischievous elves popping up in a number of classes, wreaking their usual havoc!

If you need inspiration for **Christmas presents** we have an age-appropriate reading list on our website at:

<http://www.hambleton.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-us/curriculum/english/>

The Pie Corbett Scholastic Reading Spine also has excellent age-appropriate recommendations: <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/reading-spine>

## Thought of the Week

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"

*Mother Teresa*

**The best thing you can do to support your child's learning in school in any subject area is to listen to them read and read to them as often as you can (whatever their age). Read, read, read!**

## Fortnightly Safeguarding Update - PSHE Learning

*Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)* has never been more important that it is now, with the COVID impact on children's wellbeing and a significant national and local increase in Safeguarding concerns.



The PSHE area of our website is now updated to include information about the 'Jig Saw' scheme we have started using to teach PSHE and how we cover areas including Sex and Relationships Education, Online Safety and 'British Values'.

<http://www.hambleton.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-us/curriculum/pshe/>

If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of a child, please don't hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Williams, or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Fogg.

**Linked School Christian Values:** Compassion, Respect, Resilience, Truthfulness and Teamwork

*'Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak. Their roots will grow down into God's love and keep them strong'.*

**(Isaiah 40:31, Ephesians 3:17)**





### **Dance Visitor**

Eagle Owls had a socially distanced visit from local dancer and choreographer Sophie Anderson this week, to help them prepare for an inter-school online dance competition. Eagle Owls conquered their nerves and had a great time – our thanks to Sophie!

### **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](http://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 or email address then please advise the school office immediately. Thank you.



### **Young Leaders – Selby Food Bank**

Working towards their next Young Leaders award, Eagle Owls have been collecting food for the Selby Food Bank. Thank you to all the families who donated to this worthy cause.

### **Phenomenal Phonics in Barn Owls!**

Our Barn Owls children have done a national phonics check in recent weeks. We are very pleased that 93% of the class have attained the nationally expected standard. Many thanks to Mrs Harpham, Mrs Mills, Mrs Bourke and of course the children! The check is done very informally, so the children may not even be aware that they have done it. Barn Owls parents/carers will receive your child's score before the end of term.

### **Keeping Warm in School**

Under current COVID guidelines, we have to ensure that school is well ventilated (and we have DfE CO2 detectors in each class to help us spot when we need to ventilate more). As the weather has changed and is very cold, it may be a good idea for your child to wear a vest or t-shirt under their polo shirt/blouse to help them keep warm in school. Please also remember to send warm coats, hats and gloves so that your child is not cold at playtime. Thank you.

### **Christmas Cards**

Children are able to exchange Christmas cards with their friends in their own classes this year.

### **Candles for The Children's Society**

As part of Christingle we ask that any loose change is dropped into the candles that were sent home on Friday and then returned to school by Wednesday 8 December. As explained on the candle, this helps support The Children's Society.

### Christingles

Thank you to Mrs Cliff, Mr Brown and Mrs Ingall who helped with the Christingles last Friday.

### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Every child has the right to learn. Every child should have good food to fuel their imagination. Every child should have medicine when they're sick. For over 100 years, Save the Children have fought for a fairer world for children.



We will be supporting the national day of Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day which takes place on **Friday 10 December**. All voluntary contributions may be made using ParentPay. Thank you.

### Fund Raising

Apologies if we appear to be asking for lots of donations, some for school funds and some to support national charities as we approach Christmas. We have been unable to hold a Christmas Fair once again this year, so the opportunity for vital fund raising for school has once again been missed. However, we also feel it is important to support the children's charities. We raised £267.50 for Children in Need. Thank you for your generous donations.

Watch this space for Christmas fundraising!

### Wise Owls

Winners over the last two weeks were as follows:

Friday 26 November	Friday 3 December
Elf Owls: Vinnie	Elf Owls: William W
Barn Owls: Harry O	Barn Owls: Louie T
Tawny Owls: Matthew L	Tawny Owls: Amelia
Hawk Owls: Esmay & Jenson	Hawk Owls: Poppy
Snowy Owls: Jasmine	Snowy Owls: Lola
Eagle Owls: Wilf & Toby	Eagle Owls: Eddie & Leah

### School Christmas Dinner

We will enjoy our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 15 December. Thank you to the few parents that have told us that their child will not be ordering a lunch or will require a vegetarian option. We normally serve Christmas lunch to approximately 95% of our pupils which is fabulous.



### Worship Warriors Prayer

Working with the York 'Yo Yo' group, our Worship Warriors have led a drama-driven Collective Worship for all children and they have written prayers exploring our Christian Value of the half term - Compassion.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for showing compassion to others.  
Sorry for not always showing love and kindness.  
Please help us to learn to use time to help each other.*

*Amen*  
By Ayrton



### Our Christian Vision

We are:

Creative      Resilient  
Truthful      Compassionate  
Respectful      Teamwork

