

## Newsletter No. 14

Monday 18th December 2023



Mrs Heap, the staff and the governors would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas!



Here are some photographs of the Reception Class along with Years 3 & 4 singing in their performance of 'The Angel Express'.



The Key Stage 1 performance of 'Wriggly Nativity' was a great success. The children worked hard to learn the signs to go with their songs. We hope everyone enjoyed our Christmas shows!



We would like to thank everyone who donated to the School Fund at the performances and who bought raffle tickets.

A total amount of £483 was raised!

This money will enable us to replace the costumes for the children and to purchase other resources.



The Nursery children did a super job in their first Nativity, the children sang all of their songs beautifully, and looked angelic in their costumes!







Please remember to visit our website for long term dates. Thank you.

**Monday 18th December:** Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Jumper Day.

**Thursday 21st December:** 2pm, KS2 Christmas singalong. Last day of term.

**Monday 8th January 2024:** School reopens for Spring Term 1.

**Friday 19th January:** Friends & Families of Tonacliffe bags to school given out.

**Monday 29th January:** Robinwood parent's meeting— 5pm.

**Tuesday 30th January:** Purple Class parent's assembly.

**Wednesday 31st January:** YGAM parent's meeting— 3:45— 5:45pm.

**Tuesday 6th February:** Gold Class parent's assembly.

**Tuesday 6th February:** Safer Internet Day.

**Wednesday 7th February:** Year 6 trip to Robinwood.

**Friday 9th February:** Year 6 return from Robinwood.

**Friday 9th February:** End of Spring Term 1.



# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College

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#WakeUpWednesday





## Term Dates – 2023-2024

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	Training Days (children do not attend school)
	Holidays