



Headteacher Mr M Shillito

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AUTUMN 2018 - Newsletter 14



Sicklinghall Superstars!



Congratulations to everyone who has received a Special Mention Certificate this week:

Georgia

William

Oscar H

Anna

Sophie

Charlotte W

Maisie

& to the whole of Willow Class for their work towards the German Christmas Market and Ukulele performance!



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What a super way to 'kick off' the Christmas period at St Peter's Church and afterwards at the Christmas Market in school. Thank you to the many that attended the event and supported the stalls through buying the hand crafted gifts that the children made. Huge thanks to all pupils for their valued contributions to the day and to Willow Class in particular for their preparation and leadership of the event, including their musical contributions. Thank you, too, to the PTFA and to the many parents and carers who supported the event through serving refreshments, helping on stalls and organising the raffle! A particular mention goes to Mrs Gomersall who spent time in Willow Class helping them with their song words to 'Stille Nacht' and for her preparation of the hall for the Christmas Market. *Vielen Dank!*



As we are rapidly approaching the end of term next week, this is our final newsletter until we return in January. We close for the Christmas holiday next Friday 21st December at 2:30pm (following Carols around the Tree). We return to school on **Tuesday 8th January at 8:50am**. Have a fantastic Christmas!

Attendance

A reminder that good attendance at school is vital if pupils are to make good progress in all aspects of their learning. We continue to promote good attendance in our weekly achievement assembly and we appreciate the support of parents/carers in keeping us informed where a child is absent from school.

Parents/carers will be informed by letter next week if their child's attendance has fallen below the persistent absence rate of 90%. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed and to make you aware of the potential impact of regular absence from school.

Stray FM Sleeps to Santa

We hope that you all heard our wonderful contribution to Stray FM's 'Sleeps to Santa' this morning. If you missed it, you can see the video on Stray FM's Facebook page.

Reminder- Potential Road Closures - 17th and 18th December

We have been informed of possible road closures on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December along Longlands Lane and potentially Main Street, due to Yorkshire Water maintenance work. Despite these scheduled works, we will still be holding the children's Christmas party at the Village Hall as originally planned - all arrangements previously communicated to you remain the same. Should anything change before Tuesday 18 December we will advise you.

As this is our final newsletter of the Autumn Term we wish to remind you of the following in preparation for the start of the Spring Term in January 2019:

Applications for a Primary School Place for September 2019

If you live within North Yorkshire and your child was born between **1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015**, your child will be due to start school in the academic year 2019-20 and you will need to apply for a primary school place for **September 2019**.

All North Yorkshire applications are encouraged to be made online, details of which can be found using the following link:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23544/Apply-for-a-primary-school-place>



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Applications can be made from now and have to be submitted before **15 January 2019**. Please also see NYCC letter attached.

***A note for families living in Wetherby/West Yorkshire postcode area:** Please note that your applications should be made via your home authority, Leeds City Council, stating Sicklinghall CP School as your preferred school. For further information and advice please see:

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Admissions-Primary-School.aspx>

Leeds City Council Admissions Team tel no: 0113 222 4414 and email: education.admissions@leeds.gov.uk.

Reminder: School Christmas Dinner

A reminder that it is our school Christmas Dinner next **Thursday, 20 December**. There will be ***no alternative options*** available on this day. All pupils have requested a Christmas dinner this year.

If your child is in KS2 (Yrs3-6) we request that you make the payment of £2.30 for your child's meal via their ParentPay account. Thank you.

After School Multi Sports Club

Please note that Mr Whitford's after school Multi-Sports Club will not be on next **Wednesday, 19 December**. It will restart for the Spring term on **Wednesday 9 January 2019**.



**A Thank You from Willow Class -
Enterprise/German Christmas Market**



A big thank you for all of your support at the Church Service yesterday. I'm sure everybody enjoyed the afternoon and well done to the children for all of their efforts.

Thank you also to everyone who was able to come along to the German Christmas Market and support our charity fundraising buying our hand crafted goods that

we have made in school. We made a fantastic £219.85! Additionally, the PTFA have very kindly donated the takings from their refreshment stall yesterday, £27.82, making our grand total of fundraising £247.67. This will be sent to Cancer Research UK, the charity chosen by Willow Class. We thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon and hope you did too!

Mr Morris

Can You Help?

With the Christmas holidays fast approaching, we are in need of brilliant volunteers to help with the chickens, who will need a visit every few days. Please see Miss Bartlett if you can offer a helping hand. Thank you.

PE Lessons - Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Wearing PE kit all day on Wednesdays had a really positive impact on the amount of learning time we were able to enjoy during the Autumn term.

From January, PE lessons for Cherry Blossom and Willow will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays so please send your child in their PE kit on both Mondays and Wednesdays. Silver Birch children will be swimming on Monday afternoons, so please remember your swimming kits, towels & goggles (if required) every Monday. Please come to school dressed in your PE kit on Wednesdays only.

Full school uniform should be worn on the remaining days.

Kind regards

Mrs Keetley, Miss Bartlett & Mr Morris

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising day today. We are pleased to say that we raised £41.80 for Save The Children Christmas Jumper campaign.



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Reminder: Parent/Carers of Yr6 Pupils Fellside Information Meeting

A reminder that there will be a joint information meeting for parents/carers of Yr6 pupils from Sicklinghall & Goldsborough schools on **Thursday 17 January 2019, 6.30-7.30pm**, in the school hall at Sicklinghall School.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Reverse Advent Calendar. We have received so many thoughtful gifts. All donations will be given to families in need in the district so that children in need might have a gift to open at Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and support of this initiative.

Christmas Party - Tuesday 18 December 2018

This year's children's Christmas party will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 18 December from 1.00pm-3.30pm**. Children may come to school wearing their party/casual clothes that day, but please remember they will still need suitable footwear. There will be **no school lunch** on this day as the PTFA provide a party lunch for the children on arrival at the hall. Children should be collected at the end of the party from the Village Hall at 3.30pm please. We request that you please park considerately when collecting your children from the village hall and preferably park in the car park at The Scotts Arms pub, thank you.

Any children who will be attending Chill Out Zone up until 5.30pm on this day will be walked back up to school by Miss Redmond & Miss Hobbs at 3.30pm.

Breakfast Club & Chill Out Zone Booking Forms for Spring Term 1, 2019

Please note that booking forms for next term, Spring Term 1, are now available **for you to collect** from the plastic wallets in the cloakroom corridor wall holder. (they are also available for you to print from our website).

If not already done so, please complete and return **before NEXT Monday 17 December 2018** in order for Mrs Johnson Ware, Miss Redmond & Miss Hobbs to make provisions for bookings on our return after the Christmas holiday, on **Tuesday 8 January 2019**.

Please note that two weeks notice is required for cancellation of any bookings otherwise payment will be due.

For bookings or alterations to bookings please use **Tel no: 07342 164 297**. Thank you.

Young Voices Concert - Monday 14 January 2019

The Young Voices Concert Day payment deadline has now passed (10.12.18). May we kindly request that payment is made for your child as soon as possible.

We hope to issue you with your concert tickets next week - please look out for a text advising you to collect them from the school office. A signature will be required on collection of the tickets, we will not be sending the tickets home with your child.

Thank you.

REMINDER:

Silver Birch Class Swimming Lessons

Silver Birch class will swim during the Spring Term. Lessons begin on **Monday 14 January 2019**, up to and including **Monday 08 April 2019** (12 weeks).

The ParentPay payment service for these lessons is now available for your payments. Please remember to bring swimming kit, towel (and goggles if required) every Monday morning.

ParentPay

Thank you for payments already received for various services.

Please ensure that your **child's lunch account** is in credit before lunches are taken and that your child's **Breakfast Club & Chill Out Zone accounts** are also in credit **before** places are booked.



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Please may we ask that you check your child's balances for the various trips, clubs, water bottles and services taken to ensure that and any outstanding balances are paid accordingly.

Payment services are available for:

NEW - Young Voices Tickets & Concert Day Costs

NEW - Yr4 Bewerley Park Residential

NEW - Yr6 Fellside Residential

Swimming Lessons for W, SB & CB classes

Pupil Lunches (KS2 pupils)

Breakfast Club

Chill Out Zone

Please make payments accordingly if applicable for your child. Thank you.

Music Lessons

Mrs Hanson & Mrs Edward have advised us that they will restart their lessons in school on **Monday 14 January 2019**.

Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Boots!

In anticipation of the colder weather descending upon us, please can we remind all parents/carers that children need warm coats, hats, gloves and suitable wet weather footwear (wellies/boots) which should be worn for outdoor playtimes every day. Thank you.

Spotted

This week, Mr Shillito has spotted the following children in and around school this week:

Cherry Blossom- Theo for his brilliant 'stage voice' in the Nativity.

Silver Birch- Alexis for being helpful to others.

Willow- Hannah D for bravely and brilliantly playing clarinet solo at the Christmas Market.

Advance Notice re Chill Out Zone-Last Day of Term - Friday 21 December 2018

Please note that Chill Out Zone will not run on the final day of term, next **Friday 21 December 2018**, due to our **early finish of 2:30pm**.

Attendance Aces

Each Thursday, we award an attendance point to the year group with the highest attendance figure in the school.

Congratulations to Year 1 with 100% Well done!

Year Group	This Week (%)	Half Term Points
Reception	95.0	3
Year 1	100	2
Year 2	99.5	5
Year 3	90.5	
Year 4	91.0	1
Year 5	94.6	
Year 6	97.7	1

Friday Folders

Please could you ensure that your Friday Folders are returned to the school **on Mondays of each week**. Please ask your child to hand it to their class teacher. Thank you.



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Bad Weather Arrangements

We would like to advise/remind everyone of our bad weather and winter arrangements which are outlined below:

- School will endeavour to remain open where possible during the winter months.
- The school would need to close before the school day starts only if staff are not able to make the journey into school, meaning that there would not be enough adults to provide adequate and safe supervision of pupils.
- The school would need to close during the school day only if conditions worsen to such an extent that journeys home for families and for staff would become dangerous.
- Families' journeys to school are diverse, with some walking, some driving from local villages and some driving from further afield. For this reason, we ask that parents/carers take their own decision as to whether it is safe to drive to school on snowy days. If you decide not to make the journey, please inform school via a phone call or email.
- Should school need to close, a text message will be sent to all parents/carers as early as possible. This message will also be posted on the front page of our website (sicklinghallprimary.co.uk) and broadcast on Stray FM (97.2FM).
- Should school remain open but there is a thick blanket of snow on the ground, the playground entrance will remain closed. Pupils are therefore asked to come into school via the car park entrance, which will be supervised by a member of staff.



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DIARY DATES TO KEEP - 2018-2019

Swimming Lessons for Willow Class every Monday: 10 Sept-17 Dec 2018

Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2 - Wednesdays-w/c
 Mon 03 Sept: 3.30-4.30pm. **Please note** that this does NOT run on the last week of each full term, - ie.the last week of the Autumn, Spring & Summer term.

Forest School After School Club-Autumn Term 2
 Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm: 4 sessions on 22/29 Nov & 06/20 Dec (please note the club is NOT running on 15 Nov or 13 Dec)

Autumn Term 2

Mon 10 Sept-Mon 17 Dec: Willow Swimming lessons

Fri 14 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
 Tue 18 Dec: 1.00-3.30pm Children's Christmas Party at Village Hall - **COLLECT FROM VILLAGE HALL AT 3.30pm**
 Thur 20 Dec: School Christmas Dinner
 Fri 21 Dec: 2pm Carols around the Christmas Tree
 Fri 21 Dec: **2.30pm** School closes for Christmas holiday (NO COZ provision)

Spring Term 1

Swimming for Silver Birch class every Monday: 14 Jan-08 April 2019

Mon 7 Jan: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils
 Tues 8 Jan: School re-opens
 Mon 14 Jan: Young Voices Concert-Sheffield Arena
 Tue 15 Jan: Deadline for YrReception applications for Sept 2019 places
 Thur 17 Jan: 6.30-7.30pm Joint Fellside Meeting for Yr6 parents/carers @ SCPS
 Fri 01 Feb: Final balance payments due - Yr4 Bewerley Park
 Fri 08 Feb: Deadline for deposit payments-Yr6 Fellside trip
 Mon 11 Feb: 3.50-5.30pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening
 Thur 14 Feb: 6.00-8.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening
 Fri 22 Feb: School closes for half term

Spring Term 2

Mon 04 Mar: School re-opens
 Thur 07 Mar: World Book Day
 Mon 18 Mar: 3pm Willow class assembly
 Thur 21 Mar: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly
 Mon 25 Mar: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly
 Fri 12 Apr: School closes for Easter holiday

Wed 17 Apr: Final balance payments due for Yr6 Fellside trip

Summer Term 1

Swimming for Cherry Blossom class every Monday: 13 May-08 Jul 2019

Mon 29 Apr: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils
 Tue 30 Apr: School re-opens
 w/c 13 May: Yr6 SATs week
 Fri 24 May: School closes for half term

Summer Term 2

Mon 3 Jun: School re-opens
 Thur 6 Jun: Adventure Photography-class/year group photos
 Thur 13 Jun: 2pm Sports Day (reserve date Wed 26 Jun)
 Mon 17-Fri 21 Jun: Yr6 Residential-Fellside
 Wed 26 Jun: 2pm RESERVE date-Sports Day
 Fri 19 Jul: 12pm Whole School Picnic lunch (NO school lunch provision today)
 Fri 19 Jul: 1.30pm Leavers assembly
 Fri 19 Jul: **2.30pm** School closes for Summer holiday (NO COZ provision)

Mr Shillito's weekly diary for Dec 2018/Jan 2019:

w/c	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
w/c 10.12.18	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 17.12.18	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B
w/c 07.01.19	STAFF TRAINING DAY	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 14.01.19	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B

Please note this may be subject to change