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Dear Parents and Carers,

December Newsletter

The term is certainly racing along with only three weeks of term left before the Christmas holidays. We have several Christmas events happening throughout school over the next few weeks, starting with a European Languages day today in school focusing on Christmas in different countries. The newsletter mentions several things which are going on in the next few weeks so please take time to note all the events mentioned.

Fairtrade Champions

We are extremely proud of our Fairtrade Champions who gave a presentation about what it means to be a Fairtrade school at the grand opening of the new Fairtrade shop in Selby, 'All's Fair'. They received lots of positive feedback and Linda MacAvan MEP commended them on their work. The children have even been asked to give presentations to local schools and to share some of their work with schools in Derbyshire. We are looking forward to helping the staff at All's Fair help to get Selby town Fairtrade status. Well done everyone.



The Friends of Cawood School

Each Christmas, the Friends organise a hamper raffle which will be drawn following the Reception/KS1 Production on Wednesday 9th December at 6.30pm.

Thank you for all of the donations received and these have been made up into some great hampers (thanks to Joanne Colley and Dawn Reid for again giving their time to make them all up). Tickets have been circulated and more are available if you wish.

Please see advanced details opposite of the second Grown Ups School Disco which is going to be held on Saturday 6th February in the Old



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Boys School. This was an excellent event last year which raised a great amount for the Friends of Cawood School. There will be a live band (Refried Radio), DJ (Lee Kershaw), food and a bar available. Tickets are sure to sell fast and they are available from this week.

The Secret Santa Grotto will be open for the week beginning Monday 7th December. The grotto is open each lunchtime and is in the library. Please send the children with £1.50 per gift and they will have the opportunity to purchase surprise presents for you all! It is available for all children in school including those in nursery.

Sainsbury's School Games

Congratulations to the boys' football team who drew with Barkston Ash in the league last week and played very well despite losing in the cup. Their final match before Christmas is against Brotherton this week.

Well done also to the Tag Rugby club who played against Wistow last week, winning all three matches and retaining the trophy for the school. It was great to see so much enthusiasm on show and there is a real improvement in everyone's skills.



Sportshall Athletics took place a few weeks ago. The local Selby Schools (7 in total) competed in several athletics events at Selby High School over the course of an afternoon. The school team performed brilliantly coming in second and only narrowly missed out on the top spot.



Well done to everyone who has represented the school at sport this term. The cross country finals were postponed today due to the bad weather (new date to be confirmed) and we are hopeful that some of our children will again make it through to the North Yorkshire county finals in March.

New Parent Governors

Following the advert for new parent governors earlier in the term, two parents put themselves forward for nomination. As there were only two nominations for the two positions, both Mrs Chris Shepherd and Mrs Helene Clugston were appointed without the need for an election. Chris and Helene have attended their first full Governing Body meeting last week and will serve a four year term of office as Parent Governors.

Key Stage 1/Reception/Nursery Christmas Productions

As advised in the dates I circulated at the beginning of term, the Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children will be performing their Christmas productions next week.



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The productions will be as follows:

Tuesday 8th December – Mrs Mudge and Mrs Ramsdale’s classes will present ‘Mary’s Knitting’ at 9.30am in the School Hall.

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Thursday 10th December – Mrs Rodgers’ Nursery class production will be at 11.00am in the School Hall. This is for nursery parents and carers and there is no need to book tickets for this celebration.

Please book your tickets for the productions on the form below by next Monday 7th December and we can give four tickets per family for the children involved. Due to our limitations on space, please come only to one performance and the morning performance may be more suitable for families with younger children.

We take out licences to perform our productions each year. The licence allows parents to record short excerpts of their own children during the performance at no extra cost to us above what we pay for the licence to perform. However the companies have asked us to make it known to you that there are copyright restrictions on the productions and that the whole performance should not be recorded.

In the same way, we allow recording and photographing of your own children in productions for your own personal use but would ask that these are **not published online**, particularly on Facebook.

All the performances will be followed by a retiring collection in aid of The Children’s Society.

Christingle Worship – Friday 18th December, 9.10am in the School Hall

Each year we give the children a candle/box for our annual Christingle Celebration held both at school and in church. Any money given in the candle/box goes to The Children’s Society – an organisation that works with disadvantaged children and young people in England and Wales. They support children facing life’s harshest challenges: children who may find themselves sleeping rough; fleeing conflict and war; caught in the cycle of crime; or marginalised due to disability. If you wish to discuss their work further with your child, the Christingle website is www.christingle.org

If you and your child wish to give in this way, the candles/boxes will be distributed and can be brought into school for our Christingle Worship on Friday 18th December or they can be taken to All Saints Church, Cawood, on Sunday 20th December at 10am for their Christingle Service which I will be leading. This collection will be added to the one taken after the KS1/Rec productions and forwarded to The Children’s Society. Please only give if you wish and we would be happy to receive empty candles/boxes back so that they can be used again.

A number of people have also asked if they can give presents to children less fortunate this Christmas. In response to this, we will be collecting gifts for the Salvation Army’s Christmas Present Appeal if anyone wants to give to this collection this year.

Suggested gifts for children and young people include:



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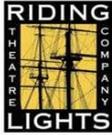


- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, CDs, DVDs, books, T-Shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: CDs, DVDs, books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, T-Shirts, hair accessories

Presents should be unwrapped and the Salvation Army are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

I will put a collection box in the front entrance of school. Any gifts should be put in the box by Friday 11th December when Emma Chittock (Chair of the Friends of Cawood School) will collect them and take them to the Salvation Army for distribution this Christmas.

Other Christmas Information

Christmas Dinner	Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 11 th December.
Riding Lights Theatre Company 	Riding Lights will be performing a play to all the children (excluding nursery) on Wednesday 16 th December in the morning. It is a retelling of the Christmas story in a modern and engaging way, aimed at primary school pupils. Riding Lights are an established part of our Christmas celebrations and the play will be funded by the money we raised from the sale of Christmas cards and other merchandise.
Christmas Service	The Key Stage 2 children will be leading our Christmas Service at All Saints Church on Monday 14 th December at 9.30am. Parents are most welcome to join us and help walking down to church would be appreciated. Please speak with your child's teacher if you can help.
Christmas Sing-a-Long 	You are most welcome to join us at 2.15pm on Friday 18 th December in the school hall when we will be having our traditional Christmas Sing-a-Long. It will be a mixture of carols and songs, accompanied by musicians and will be followed by refreshments up to the end of the school day.

Do enjoy the various events and activities in the run up to the end of term and the holiday period when it arrives. In the New Year, term begins on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Yours sincerely,
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CAWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARY'S KNITTING – RECEPTION/KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

	Number of tickets
Tuesday 8th December 9.30am performance	
Wednesday 9th December 6.30pm performance	
Total number of tickets (Maximum 4)	

Signed _____

Parent/Carer of _____

Class _____



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Please note school will be closed from Friday 18 December.

We open on Tuesday 5 January.




CHRISTMAS EVENTS
18 December

Join us for our Christingle Worship at 9.10am, and the Christmas Sing-a-long at 2.15pm.




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