

Message from Mrs. Gray:

We had a busy end to the first half-term! The KS1 and KS2 Halloween discos were a huge success – the children looked great in their spooky costumes and loved the dancing and games organised by our fabulous FOMS volunteers! Thank-you!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival before the holidays. We were so proud of the children for their fantastic performances.

Thank-you for your kind donations of food. Reverend Bee has taken the items along to the Barnsley Churches' Foodbank.

Parents' Evenings

Teachers are looking forward to seeing parents at our virtual parents' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday this week. If you haven't yet arranged a time for the teacher to meet with you, please get in touch with the school office by email or telephone. **Links to the meeting will be sent out prior to your appointment date.** If you have requested a telephone call instead, please be aware that staff will be telephoning from personal mobiles and therefore the caller ID will not be displayed. We intend to hold our spring parents' evenings face to face with the children's work being available to view.

Y6 meeting for parents

Mrs. Crouch will be leading a meeting for parents to provide important information about Y6 SATs and about the upcoming visit to Robinwood on Monday 7th November at 3:30pm. Pupils are welcome to attend the meeting with parents.

Special Mentions Assembly

Special Mentions before the holiday were awarded to:

Class 1 – Lacey and Esmay

Class 2 – Lucy L. and Edith

Class 3 – Lilah and Mia

Class 4 – Archie and Sophia

Class 5 – Jessica and Ruaridh

Fantastic effort!



Attendance

Class 5 achieved the highest attendance in the week before the holidays with 94%. They earn 5 minutes extra playtime.

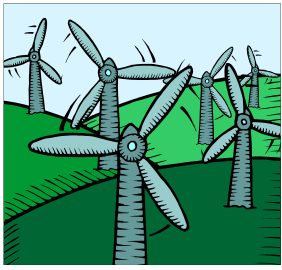
Our whole school attendance for the first half term was 94.5%. This is below our attendance target of 97%. Staff will be discussing any attendance concerns with parents at our upcoming parents' evenings.



Remember every school day counts!

Late arrivals

We monitor the number of lates carefully and letters will be sent by school to any families where children have been late 5 times. If 10 lates occur, a letter from the Local Authority will be received. Please ensure children arrive before 9 o'clock. There were **10** recorded lates in the week before the holidays.



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Tough Tortoises

We present Tough Tortoise certificates for being determined; persevering even when we find things hard; ignoring distractions.

In Friday's assembly, we awarded certificates to:

Luna (Class 1)

Nyla-Rose (Class 2)

Vinnie (Class 3)

George (Class 4)

Charlie (Class 5)

Super!



Crucial Crew

On Thursday 17th November, Y6 pupils will be attending Crucial Crew organised by South Yorkshire Police. Crucial Crew is based around 7 scenarios that include Home Fire Safety, Arson, Bus Safety, Road Safety, Mock Trial, Child Criminal Exploitation and Knife/Hate crime. Further information and consent forms will be shared with Y6 parents this week.

School Council Competitions

The closing date for the School Council Halloween competitions is Wednesday 2nd November. Please upload photographs of any Halloween bakes to Seesaw by this date. Colouring competition entries should be handed to class teachers.

The School Council will select the winners of each competition and present the prizes in assembly on Friday.

Winter clothing

As winter approaches, please can you ensure children come to school with suitable clothing, including hats and gloves to keep them warm during outside breaks.



Choir Update:

The Choir have a busy half term ahead. On **Sunday 27th November** (afternoon) the FOMS group would like them to perform outside of school at a special decorating a Christmas tree event (more details to follow). The choir have also been invited to sing at a concert with Millhouse Male Voice Choir on **Sunday 11th December** at 3:00pm, in Penistone. Choir members please keep these dates free if you can! We still have some spaces left if any children would like to join the Millhouse Choir. We would love to welcome extra members. Please contact the school office if your child is interested.

Dates for the diary

10.11.22	Class 5 Inspire Morning
17.11.22	Crucial Crew visit (Y6)
18.11.22	Children in Need day
24.11.22	Class 4 Inspire Morning
25.11.22	Non-school uniform day – bring a bottle for Christmas Fayre
27.11.22	FOMS Christmas event
28-30.11.22	Y6 Robinwood visit
1.12.22	Class 3 Inspire Morning
2.12.22	Christmas Fayre (3:30-5:00pm)
6.12.22 pm	KS1 Nativity Production
7.12.22 am	KS1 Nativity production
9.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.22 (10am)	Christmas Carol Concert