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#### Christmas trees

As we approach the festive period we are once again asking if anyone would be prepared to supply, or donate, two Christmas trees for our reception area and outside. If you can help, please let the office know. All offers gratefully received!

#### Parents' evening

Parent's Evenings will be held on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Letters with appointment preferences have been sent home earlier this week – let us know if you didn't get one. Please ensure you return your slip as soon as possible to the office.

#### Headlice

Reported case in Class 1 – please check and treat hair over the weekend.

#### Medication

This week we had some adult medication handed into the office, which had been found on the playground. Please can we ask that medication is not brought onto the premises by adults unless it is essential. If medication must be carried on your person, please ensure it is in a zipped pocket in order that it stays secure.

#### FoS News

**Halloween Disco** - Thank you to everyone that came to this year's Halloween disco - you helped raise £406 which is a disco record!

**AmazonSmile** - Great news this week - we have received confirmation that Friends of School has successfully registered as a nominated charity with AmazonSmile. If you shop online with Amazon you can help raise money for the school by registering through AmazonSmile. It takes just 2 minutes to sign up: Go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and log in with your standard Amazon details then under the charity search box, search for 'Friends of Melbourne School' and select it - That's it! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of all eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Friends of School. It only works if you shop using the [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) website (not the mobile apps or standard site) so please bookmark it to start contributing today. In the run up to Christmas this will be a brilliant way to support the school whilst purchasing your Christmas presents!

**Pop-Up Pub** - On the Friday 21st December there will be a pop-up pub at Storwood Shoot Lodge. The Rhodes family have kindly offered to run this event in aid of Friends of Melbourne School and all profits from the event will go to the school. This is extremely generous and we look forward to a fun night out. More details to follow. There will also be a pop-up pub on Friday 23rd November in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Support.

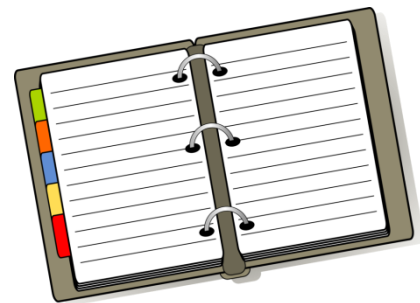
**November's Friends of School 50:50 draw** - 1st Sarah Hunt (£15), 2nd Sarah Marshall (£10) & 3rd Laura Kemp (£8).

#### Children in Need

We had a very pleasant spotty day today in school. Lots of forfeits gathered in which, along with donations from bun sales, will all be donated to Children In Need. Special thanks to everyone who donated cakes and buns – we had loads! Thank you also to parents for specifying ingredients on home baked goods – this means children with specific allergies can have a bit more choice at the bun sale. We will have a count up of the money raised and let you know the grand total next week. Thank you!

#### Footwear

Our school field is such a valuable resource as it provides the children with such a vast area to play and explore. We therefore try to make it accessible all year whenever possible. Therefore please can you ensure that your child/ren have both an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes to change into. For clarity we encourage children to wear their 'school shoes/smart shoes' indoors and wear wellies, boots, trainers at playtimes/lunchtimes.



### Christmas Craft Fayre and Coffee Morning

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov there will be a Christmas Craft Fayre and Coffee morning taking place at Melbourne village hall in aid of the RNLI. There promises to be lots of fun activities and nice items for Christmas available so be sure to pop along. Entrance is £5 which includes coffee and cake, and the Fayre will be open from 10am – 1pm.

### Dietary intolerances

Please be aware that individual meal choices cannot be catered for on the basis of preference. Once children have a diagnosis evidenced by their doctor then we are happy to make arrangements to provide specific meals for them or make alternative plans for menus and special occasions. Please also be aware that vegetarian choice must be a constant choice not an everyday option. Many thanks for your consideration with this.

### Going home early in December after the Christmas show- early notice

- After the afternoon performances on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec we are happy for children to go home. If this makes it easier for parents - siblings can also be taken home at this time. Please let us know in the office if it will not be parents picking up, as without parental permission, children will not be released.
- We are happy for children to go home early on the last day of term, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - should you want an extra couple of hours added to the Christmas break! Children should be picked up at 1.30pm from Reception – please make sure you have informed the office if you are intending to do this (and who will be picking up your child/ren) as children will not be ready if you do not let us know.

Please be aware that these are only options – school will be open until 3.30pm with normal lessons provided, and After School Club will be running as usual on all of these afternoons.

### Christmas Performances

In an effort to try and give you as many tickets as possible we have decided to do 2 separate Key Stage performances again this year – one for lower school and one for upper school. There will be **2 evening** performances and **1 afternoon** performance for you to choose from. We would love to be able to offer you unlimited tickets to events like this but, due to Health and Safety Regulations, we cannot exceed our capacity in the school hall, and putting on numerous performances is not practical or possible with what will, more than likely, be some very tired children at that time of the year. Please indicate on the slip below what your preference is for tickets. Requests should be sent into the office as soon as possible and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. **Please do not ask for extras on your slips.** Tickets will be sent home on 30<sup>th</sup> November and extra tickets may be requested on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please be aware that extras will be limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

- **In the instance where a child does not live with both parents, 3 tickets will be available per parent. Please be aware that it is not the responsibility of the school to ensure that both sets of parents have tickets. Parents should make their own arrangements.**

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### **Classes 1 (including Nursery), 2 & 3 will perform - *The Bossy King*.**

You may ask for 3 tickets in total (not 3 per performance)

I would like the following tickets -

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm.....

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.....

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.....

Signed.....Parent/Guardian of .....Class.....

### *The Bossy King*



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### **Classes 4, 5 & 6 will perform - *Bah Humbug***

You may ask for 3 tickets in total (not 3 per performance)

I would like the following tickets -

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm.....

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.....

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.....

Signed.....Parent/Guardian of .....Class.....



### M&M Club

Anyone wishing to become a Patron or Sponsor of M&M Club can now make a donation via Agora – Clubs section. Many thanks to those who have already donated – it is very much appreciated.

### Dance Festival

We would like to wish children in Class 5 good luck for their grand performance in the Dance Festival at York University on Sunday. Primary schools across Yorkshire were invited to send a group of children to take part in this celebration of dance and, as we are lucky enough to have a dance expert on the staff, we decided to enter. Miss Welch worked very hard to create a dance routine which reflected our chosen theme - Dancing Through The Ages. Thanks must go to all parents for supporting this activity, Mrs Lawrie for organising and to Miss Welch for the time and skill she has put into helping the children – it will be such a thrill for them to perform on the big stage. We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday!

### School Dinners

All our dishes are homemade. Fresh fruit and yoghurt are available every day. Vegetarians and all children with special dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child is having the sandwich options during the week please let us know at the office and we will be able to supply you with the information you require. School dinners are priced at £2.40.

### School dinner menu - week commencing 19th November

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| Mon   | Pepperoni Pizza served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Peas<br>Vegetarian Cheese & Tomato Pizza<br>Marble Sponge & Custard  |
| Tues  | Classic Lasagne served with Crusty Bread, and Winter Salad<br>Vegetarian Roasted Vegetable Lasagne<br>Chocolate Crispie Slice |
| Weds  | Roast Ham with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato, Cauliflower & Peas<br>Vegetarian Quorn Roast<br>Fruit Platter                |
| Thurs | Chicken wrap served with Baby Carrots, and Sweetcorn<br>Vegetarian Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw<br>Orange Shortcake   |
| Fri   | Fishcake served with Steak Fries, Garden Peas, and Sweetcorn<br>Vegetarian Cheese Pasta Bake<br>Apple Flapjack                |



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