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Crossing Patrol

The crossing patrol area is still under review and, once the risk assessment has been finalised, we will advise you of Rachel's location.

Flu immunisation

Flu Immunisation for those children from Reception to Year 4, whom consent has been provided for, will take place on Wednesday 15th November at 9.30am.

For those of you who have not yet registered for this free programme, we would urge you to go to the following site and do so immediately. They have extended the final date to the 10th of November.

<https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/>

Caretaker Post

The school is looking to appoint a new caretaker. For details of the post, please visit the NYCC Jobs and Careers page. Details of the vacancy can be also be found on the school website.

Kitchen Assistant

County Caterers are looking to appoint a Kitchen Assistant for 15.5 hours per week to work Monday to Friday (Mon-Wed 11.15am -1.5pm and Thurs -Fri 8.45am - 1.30pm). Please log onto NYCC Jobs and Careers for details and application information. The closing date is November 12th.

Children in Need

Friday November 17th

Next Friday 17th November is Children in Need day. We would like the children to come dressed in something spotty in exchange for a £1.00. There will be a pot in each classroom for donations. We would also like donations of buns and these will be available to sell during playtime and in the day for the Early Years children at a cost 30p. Please bring donations to the front entrance or to the Early Years Office. We thank you in anticipation and let's hope we can raise lots of money for this great cause.

Please remember that children in Year 6 must have their school uniform in school for the afternoon of Children in Need on Friday 17th November. They are welcome to wear spotty clothing for the morning. Any pupils in Year 6 who do not have their full school uniform for the afternoon session will be unable to take part in the Question Time Event, details of which can be found below.

Parliament Week 2017

Next week, we will be celebrating Parliament Week in school and have planned a number of special events and activities both inside and outside the classroom. As well as children learning about Parliament and conducting debates in class, the following is also taking place:

Monday 14th – Skype the Speaker: Children from Years 2 to 6 we will be conducting a video interview with John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Friday 17th – Question Time Event: Year 6 and members of the School Council from Key Stage Two will be taking part in a Question Time Event alongside other children from the STAR Alliance. During this event, they will pose questions to Nigel Adams, our local MP, Richard Corbett, our MEP, Julia Mulligan, the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and David Buckle from Selby District Council.

Representatives from media outlets, including Minster FM, will be attending the Question Time Event to take photos and interview some children in Year 6. **If you do not want your child to be photographed or interviewed, please talk to your child's class teacher before the event.**

APSA News and Information

APSA have lots of exciting events coming up in the lead up to Christmas. We are kicking off with the APSA Winter Mum's night on **November 17th**. There are still places available for a fun filled night of dinner, drinks and dancing please find us on Facebook or email athelstanpta@gmail.com for a place.

On the **22nd November** from 4-6pm we will be hosting a family photo night in the main hall.

This will be done by Tempest Photography and a notice board will soon appear in the main entrance where you can sign up for a slot. Only pay for the pictures you order! Package prices will be similar to school photos!

This year we will be taking part in the Elmet Lions Christmas Toy Collection. We will be collecting donations of new toys on Friday November 24th to be distributed by the Salvation Army to less fortunate children in time for Christmas.

On the **1st of December** from 3-5:30pm we will have our annual Christmas Fair, we have lots of great stalls including sweets, crafts and games galore!!

I hope you are looking forward to these events as much as we are! If you would like to help out in any way please contact us at athelstanpta@gmail.com.

Annual Pantomime Visit for Year 2-6 and Puppet show for Raindrops – Year 1

Letters have been sent home tonight for the children in Years 2 -6 regarding our annual visit to the pantomime. This is a visit we all enjoy and really gets us in the Christmas spirit. Please remember to log in to Parent pay to give your consent for your child to take part and make payment of £12.00. As always, we endeavour to give best value and have subsidised this visit by £4.00 per child.

The children in Raindrops, Puddles, Sunshine's and Year 1 will enjoy a performance of Christopher's Christmas on Wednesday 6th December. Details to follow.

Local Visits Reply Slip

If you have not already done so please return this slip as soon as possible.

Head lice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly for head lice.

Sports Crew



Firstly I must start by apologising to Sam Randall in Year 6.

He was an appointed member of our Sports Crew and his picture was missed off the Autumn Newsletter. He is already proving to be a valuable member to our team with his fantastic ideas. Keep up the good work Sam!

There will be lots of information coming through from our Sports Crew in the next few weeks so please keep a look out on the school website.

Over the last week our Sports Crew have received their training on how to lead the Golden Mile in school. The Golden Mile is an initiative we were hoping to launch last academic year but with the building work in school we felt it was better that we waited until we had our new playground area up and running. We will be launching our Golden Mile from next week. For those of you who are unsure about what the scheme delivers please read the information below.

The Golden Mile is a safe, simple and measurable health initiative aiming to inspire and encourage the school community through physical activity with the focus on fun, rewarding personal achievement and school competition.

Every pupil can choose to run, jog, or simply walk and chat to their friends whilst travelling around the Golden Mile track at lunchtime.

We've challenged the pupils to complete a total of 50 golden miles by the end of the year. Certificates for 10 Miles (Bronze), 25 Miles (Silver) and 50 Miles (Gold) are awarded to children as they progress.

"The Golden Mile represents an excellent opportunity for primary school children of all abilities to get fit and be active. The project is simple, effective and accessible to all schools, children and parents. It really is an innovative and interesting project that will be embraced by both children and schools." **The Golden Mile Ambassador, Olympic Gold Medallist Duncan Goodhew MBE**

This is a fantastically simple scheme, which has many endorsements by university studies, teachers, parents and pupils themselves! (www.golden-mile.org)

Yours sincerely

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