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Dear Families,

Goodbye and thank you to Mrs Walker as this is her last day: we will miss her so much as she has been a massive part of the school for about 10 years. We will be looking out for her in her Royal Mail van! Although we wish her all the best in her new role, we are especially sad that we will miss her costumes in the run-up to Christmas. Good luck Mrs Walker!



Leadership from January As you all have heard, from January Mrs Gemma Sutton will be the school's Acting Headteacher, supported by Mrs Ash Atherton as Executive Headteacher, while the Trust recruits a new head. As headteacher recruitment can be a lengthy process, this means that things can remain stable across the school over the next 2 terms. Mrs Sutton will be in school Monday-Thursday, with Mrs Atherton on Thursdays and Fridays. There is some planning going on around extra teaching support for Oak class, and we will let you know once we have agreed the details.

Covid cases Since the weekend we have seen a sharp rise in the number of Covid cases in school. Please can we ask again that if your child appears unwell or under the weather, you book a PCR test ASAP for them so that we can try and prevent further cases developing. As we have said before, no-one wants to go back to remote learning! Although the main symptoms are a cough, temperature and/or headache, we have also had cases which have included upset stomachs and vomiting, or have been totally asymptomatic. Please also see the 'warn and inform' letter we have attached.

SEND drop-in for families Kirsty Mills, our Lead Trust SENDCo, is offering a drop in session on Monday 6th December between 8:30am and 12pm for any families who would like to discuss their child and any special educational needs. As it is a drop in session you



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may have to wait for another person to finish as she will see everyone individually for confidentiality. If you feel you need an extended amount of time please book a separate appointment with Kirsty on a different date (see contact details below). The drop in will take place face to face at school, however if you feel more comfortable speaking on the phone or a zoom please text Kirsty on the number below and she will arrange this for you.

Contact information:

Tel: 07725116081

Email: k.mills@hslt.academy

Salvation Army Angel Tree Reverend Trevor has confirmed that the Salvation Army will be running their Angel Tree Christmas gifts again. To take part, please choose a simple gift for a child of your own child's age: this should be wrapped and labelled (eg Age 6, or Age 10 Girl) and sent into class with your child. The Wetherby Salvation Army will then give these out to children in the area who may not otherwise have anything to open on Christmas morning. The gifts will be collected by the Salvation Army in the w/c 6th December.

School Christmas events We have pencilled in some dates for Christmas events towards the end of this half term, but please be aware that these may very well change at very short notice depending on the wider public health situation.

Unfortunately we are not in a position to plan the larger-scale performances that we have had in previous years, so our focus will be on the church service on Wednesday 8th December. It may be that individual classes will be able to add in their own events, but this is extremely dependent on the rate of absence for the children and the staff!

Christmas decoration afternoon & Christmas Jumper Coffee Morning At the moment we are able to go ahead with these events but will have to manage them differently. You are invited to join our Christmas decorations sale on **Wednesday 1st December**. Come along to school between 2:30pm and 4pm, where you will be able to buy Christmas decorations made by the children and enjoy a hot chocolate served by the Friends outside.

Again, we are expecting the Christmas Jumper Coffee Morning to be able to go ahead on **Tuesday 7th December**, but we will be limiting numbers to ONE adult per child/family, and giving a set time for different classes. This is so that we can manage the number of people in the Hall and help keep everyone safe while still being able to run the event.

Applications for primary school places From 12th October applications are open for primary school places in the Reception year for September 2022. If you live in the City of York Council area, applications should be made online at <https://www.york.gov.uk/admissions> and if you live in the North Yorkshire County Council area, the website is at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The closing date is 15 January 2022. **Even if your child already attends our Nursery, you still need to make an application for a Reception school place.**

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Dojo Awards

Well done to this week's Dojo
award winners!

Jake McFarlane	Bronze
Isabella Ravasio	Gold
Sam Dodsworth	Gold

Keeping in touch with school The main school office email is now hello@fog.hslt.academy. All staff emails remain in the old format initial.surname@fog.hlt.academy but staff can also be contacted through Tapestry and Google Classroom for now, and will update to the @fog.hslt address later this term. Emails sent to the previous addresses are still coming through to us, but over time this arrangement will stop. **We are aware that there have been some issues around emails being bounced back, so to be on the safe side it is worth trying both formats for now!** Please be aware that the member of staff you are trying to contact may not be working that day, in which case it is unlikely that they will be able to follow anything up with you. There are also some updates going on with the school website, so if things appear out of date please bear with us (and the web technicians!)

e-letters the following letters have been sent this week:

- School leadership January 2022 (all)
- PHE Warn and Inform letter (all)
- Christmas dinner letter

Letters which have reply slips (eg the club booking forms) can be completed electronically and emailed back to school at hello@fog.hslt.academy



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Diary dates

1.12.21 – Christmas decorations sale & hot chocolate 2:30-4pm
3.12.21 - EYFS Bun Day
6.12.21 – SEND drop in session
7.12.21 – Christmas Jumper coffee morning
8.12.21 – Christmas church service (am)
17.12.21 – School closes for Christmas

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.