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Dear Families,

Goodbye and thankyou To everyone as I get ready to move to my new school in January. I have been with the school for 8 years and I know how hard everyone connected with the school: staff. Governors and the wider team, work to make Forest of Galtres an amazing place for your children. We have always seen the children as the most important people in the school, with us all being there for them through the challenges and the celebrations as well as the learning. I have seen all of the children start their primary school journey here, and they have been an absolute joy to work with.

I know that the school is in very safe hands with Mrs Sutton and I am sure there will be lots of further successes to celebrate. We will be staying in touch so I will be looking forward to hearing about all the great things that are happening!

Staffing update After Christmas we will be welcoming Mr Bill Topping as our new school Chaplain. Bill will be supporting the pastoral life of the school, leading worship, and offering invitational opportunities to engage with the Christian faith. We are also delighted to let you know that Miss Steph Weller will be working full time in the school office as the Senior Administrative Officer.

As part of the leadership arrangements for next term, Mrs Sutton's teaching commitment in Oak class will be covered on Mondays and Tuesdays by Miss Sara Oakley, a new appointment within the Trust. On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Mrs Beth Prihar, who the children already know, will continue working with them. Miss Oakley was in school on Monday afternoon and has been able to meet the children and start to get to know them. Obviously as Mrs Sutton will still be in school she will also be able to support this transition.

School Christmas dinner Another thankyou to the team in the kitchen who worked hard to produce our amazing Christmas Dinner on Thursday...roast with all the trimmings including pigs in blankets and of course Yorkshire puddings! New this year on the dessert menu were individual Christmas cakes and cheese and crackers which were very popular.

Friends Christmas fundraising Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Christmas decorations sale, the Christmas jumper coffee morning and the online raffle. So far this has raised £560, with the final amount from the raffle still to be confirmed.

Angel Tree gifts Another thank you to those who have sent in the Angle Tree gifts to support the Salvation Army's work. We have had a very large heap of presents that have been collected for families and will be very much appreciated on Christmas Day.

Excellence Awards After a very long gap, this week we awarded our Excellence Awards, to recognise excellence in school in all its forms. A very big well done to these children who really excelled in some way over this half term:

Elm: Esme Embleton



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Artist of the Half Term Well done to these artists, who were nominated for their work:

Beech: Kai Navin

The overall winner, who is awarded the Dragonfly Award, is Kai Navin class for his cupcake collage. Well done!

Where names appear to be missing, this is either because consent has not been given or has not yet been received.

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>

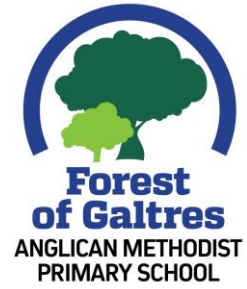
The closing date is 15 January 2022. **Even if your child already attends our Nursery, you still need to make an application for a Reception school place.**

Dojo Awards

Well done to this week's Dojo award winners!

Eliza Embleton	Gold
Kai Navin	Gold

Keeping in touch with school The main school office email is now hello@fog.hslt.academy. All staff emails are also in the updated format of initial.surname@fog.hslt.academy. 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



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contact may not be working that day, in which case it is unlikely that they will be able to follow anything up with you.

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

- NHS bowel and bladder letter (YR & Y6)
- Y6 residential letter
- Out of school club booking form

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

Diary dates

5.1.22 – School opens

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.