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Dear Families,

**Covid cases** We are still seeing a 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.

**Christmas Tree** Many thanks to Croft Equestrian for providing us with the school Christmas tree this year, and Laura & Tony Huggins for collecting it!

**Christmas Decorations sale** It was lovely to see so many people for the sale on Wednesday afternoon...although the weather was not ideal, everyone wrapped up and the Friends' hot drinks were appreciated. The children really enjoyed being able to sell their crafts, and it was the first time we have been able to have so many people on site for so long! We hope you all enjoyed the chance to come along and see what the children had been doing, as well as to chat to other families. Thanks to the Friends for their work on setting this up, and to the staff for their preparations with the children.

If you weren't able to come along, you can call in after school to see what your child has made, or send £2 along with your child.

**Christmas Jumper Coffee Morning Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** We are still planning this as an indoor event, and we are allocating different time slots so that we can keep numbers in the Hall manageable. This is an event where you can come and buy a drink and a cake and your child(ren) can join you, with all money raised going to the Friends. **Christmas jumpers/clothes for everyone are encouraged!** To help keep this event safe, we are asking that you follow these points:

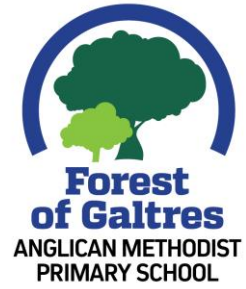
- ONE ADULT per family only please
- Cash only please as we don't have contactless payments: if you can bring plenty of change that is really helpful
- Please wear a face covering while moving around the Hall, paying for your cake & drink. This can be removed once you are sitting down
- Attend at the time you are offered. This year we have given different timings so we are asking that you come at the following times, and leave quickly when you are finished so we can prepare for the next group

The timings are:

**Acorns (Nursery & Reception) & Ash class 9:30-10am**

**Y3 & Y4 (Elm & the Beech Y4s) 10:15-10:45am**

**Y5 & Y6 (Oak & the Beech Y5s) 11-11:30am**



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If you have children in more than 1 class, please come at the time for your OLDER child if possible.

All children are welcome to come along in a Christmas jumper/top/dress whether or not a family member is coming along but this is NOT ordinary non-uniform: it's Christmas clothes or school trousers/shorts/skirts with a Christmas jumper please. If you can't make it, please consider sending a donation of baking or cash along with your child to support the Friends' fundraising. The money raised by the Friends goes directly to support the children, for example by providing Christmas gifts for every child.

Finally, if you are able to send in a donation of some baking (NO NUTS) to help the Friends, these can be sent into school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas church service Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** This will take place at Holy Evangelists' (Shipton Church) at 10am. We will be sharing songs and a Christmas-themed items from all classes from Reception-Y6. Please note that the Nursery children will not be involved in this event as it is a bit too long, formal and far to walk for the smallest people!

Again, we ask that only ONE adult per family attends, and that face coverings are worn whilst moving around.

**Excellence awards** If your child was one of the winners of an Excellence Award last half term please can these come back to school ready for the end of term. Thank you.

**SEND drop-in for families** Kirsty Mills, our Lead Trust SENDCo, is offering a drop in session on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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



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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 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Applications for primary school places** From 12<sup>th</sup> 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

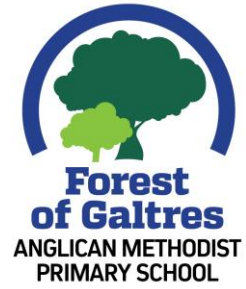
Well done to this week's Dojo award winners!

Jaxon Holmes-Ellerker Gold  
Nieves Embleton Gold

**Keeping in touch with school** The main school office email is now [hello@fog.hslt.academy](mailto:hello@fog.hslt.academy). All staff emails remain in the old format [initial.surname@fog.hlt.academy](mailto: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:

- Information for parents about the Y4 multiplication check 2022 (Y4)
- Friends raffle (all)



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

## Diary dates

6.12.21 – SEND drop in session  
7.12.21 – Christmas Jumper  
coffee morning  
8.12.21 – Christmas church  
service (10am)  
16.12.21 – Christmas dinner  
17.12.21 – School closes for  
Christmas  
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.