



Filey Junior School

Widening horizons and reaching our potential whilst respecting the world and each other,
within a happy, healthy and positive learning community

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With only a few more days of this term (and year) left, we still have lots of special events and opportunities to share the work of our children. The last few weeks have been extremely busy too, with many appearances from our children at various events around the community, and our whole school visit to the Spa Pantomime. So, with just one week of term left, please remember to add dates to your diaries and, if we don't get chance to meet before the end of term, let me wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Diary

Tuesday 19th December -	Year 3 & Year 5 Christmas Service - Filey Methodist Church 1:30pm Christmas Disco
Wednesday 20th December -	Year 4 & Year 6 Christmas Service - Filey Methodist Church 1:30pm Year 3 Nativity Production (1:30pm)
Thursday 21st December -	Year 3 Nativity Production (6pm)
Friday 22nd December -	Secret Carol Concert (look out for more clues!) School Closes for Christmas (3:30pm)
Tuesday 9th January -	School Opens (8:45am)

Phones, bikes and scooters

If Santa is bringing your children a new phone this year, please be aware that whilst we do not encourage children to bring phones into school, we do appreciate that there are times when children may need their phone due to travel or other arrangements. We do ask, however, that they use them in line with our Phone Agreement which looks to ensure pupil privacy and phone security. If your child brings a phone to school for any reason, please ask them to make sure they have asked for a Phone Agreement and this has been signed and returned to school.

Similarly, if children would like to ride scooters or bikes to school (which we do encourage) please ensure they have a Bike Agreement and they continue to wear all safety equipment (helmet and hi-vis) throughout their journey to and from school.

New Website! APP Coming Soon!

If you haven't already visited, please take a look at our new website (www.filey-jun.n-yorks.sch.uk). The new website should make finding the information you require much easier but please do let us know what you think - especially if there is something you feel is missing. We are also hoping to launch our new APP later this week. This will provide a purpose built communication tool which will keep you really up to date with all of our events, news and documents. We're also developing a range of videos for parents but we need your input - what kind of opportunities for helping your child would you most like to see? Please let us know.

League Tables

The Department for Education produce annual tables and tools to help parents compare school performance. If you would like to make use of these tools they can be found by searching the internet for 'compare school performance' or going to <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/>. We have also put a link to this information on our website under the Key Information section (Performance Tables) along with an informative report which demonstrate the performance of our school (Exam and Assessment Results). Once again, please ask if you would like any further information regarding this.

Staffing

It is with sadness that we say "goodbye" to a number of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Westmoreland, Mrs Taylor and Miss Seymour will all be leaving us to move on to pastures new. We wish them all the very best for the future and say a big "thank you" for all their efforts and hard work. This does, of course, mean there will be new staff joining our school and I look forward to introducing our new staff members in January.

We will also be saying a temporary farewell to Mrs Abbott and Miss Richardson at the end of this term as they leave to have their first babies. We are looking forward to welcoming the new arrivals! Whilst they are away, Mrs Abbott's class will be taught by Miss Dixon, who joins us with experience of a number of schools (and countries); and Miss Richardson's class will be taught by Mrs Baker and Miss Firth, whom I am sure many of you will remember from her previous employment with us.

Have a lovely Christmas everyone and a very happy New Year.

Mr McCarthy and staff.