

Crayke Church of England Primary School

FOLLOW YOUR PATHWAY AND WE GROW TOGETHER WITH CONFIDENCE

*You did not choose me, I chose you that you might **go and bear fruit, fruit that will last** so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. John 15:16*

Respect

Friendship

Forgiveness

Determination

Dear Parents and Carers,

News from school this week

It's been a really magical week in school and we are all definitely in the festive spirit now! Christmas Lunch was a roaring success; we were thrilled to be able to host governors and the CHASA committee team. The Christmas parties were a lovely opportunity for children to mix in different groups; there are some amazing dancers in our Crayke family and I'm not just talking about the children!!

As we approach the end of term, on behalf of the staff, thank you to you all for your support, good wishes, cards and gifts. We are truly humbled by your generosity. We look forward to seeing you all from 8:50am on Wednesday 4 January.

Carol Service – This afternoon at 1:15pm

We look forward to you joining us at church this afternoon for our Carol Service, at 1:15pm. The service will be led by Year 6; **adults - please do take part in the singing!**

Christmas card deliveries around the village



"We put on our teacher coats, we left school, went to see the Christmas bits outside a house. We put cards through people's doors. Sometimes we knocked on the door when they opened it we shouted Happy Christmas; that was funny. We gave them a card and sang a song 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. They liked it, some people gave us sweets. It was very cold. We made people happy, they liked to see us. They said come again. One man let us cross the road he said we looked like little workers and it made him smile. We like making people happy. They liked the cards that we had made, they said it would go in a special place. We met the lady who was Mrs Yates a long time ago, she cooked lunches for children at school. She had a dog called Jack, we also met Casp he is a Husky dog. A lady said her children went to our school a long, long time ago. We saw a man who was a vicar, he had a dog, it was his daughter's dog. We saw the man who flew the big plane (Mr Withers)"

Apple Class reporters on their day delivering cards around Crayke

Reindeer Rush Event

Message from Mrs Helfferich

What a way to finish the term! I would like to thank the children for being resilient, determined, respectful and for showing great friendship qualities. The children completed a mile. Well done everyone. We have raised £700, which is just incredible. Thank you to everyone who donated. It's not too late if you haven't got around to it yet!

<https://stleonardshospice.org.uk/fundraising/crayke-church-of-england-primary-schools-reindeer-rush/>

Thank you to Laura from York Mix radio for preparing us for the run, we thoroughly enjoyed the warm up and singing. Thank you to Sarah from St Leonards Hospice for taking time out of her day to explain to the children the importance of fundraising. Thank you to all of the staff for their help and support. The children will have returned home with reindeer food. If your child has allergies, then their pack will have 'GF' and 'DF' written on the sticker. These are gluten and dairy free. The glitter is eco-friendly so will not harm wildlife/ the environment or reindeer.



In case you missed it, a recording of the song is available here: <https://yorkmix.com/radio/> - Ben and Laura's show 16.12.22 – 2 hours and 3 minutes into the programme!

Wow Walk to School Challenge

Message from Mrs Helfferich

December's WOW challenge results are as follows:



Apple



Beech and Holly



Oak



There's a new badge to walk towards in January. As it is a new year and we should start the year with new goals, we have upped the number of walks to school needed in order to achieve a badge. It is now 3 walks per week. I have spoken to other schools; they have also increased their number of walks. Information about the new badge will be issued in January. Congratulations to everyone who has earned a badge this term!

Termly Values Awards

	Friendship	Forgiveness	Respect	Determination
Apple	Louise Keaney	Letty Wilkinson	Jacob Watson	Constance Cater
Beech	Arthur Barrett	Olive Beeson	Grant Colman	Isla Fenton
Holly	Rosie Seligman	Joshua Jefferson	Florence Hindley	Joah Brown
Oak	Cyrus Saedi	Isabelle Sargent	Maisy Emsley	Ethan Jackson
Headteacher	Mrs Helfferich	Arianna Saedi	Asa Champion	Leo Bunker-Barnes

Well done to our certificate winners this term. They were lucky enough to have an additional chocolate treat courtesy of Morrisons – thank you to Miss Griffin for sourcing these!

Water Safety – Important Information



We were devastated to hear about the tragic news earlier this week regarding the four young boys who lost their lives in Birmingham. I spent some time talking to Oak class about the importance of being careful near water and Year 6 recalled the information they had learnt during their Crucial Crew visit. I think it's important to share some further information here, from the Royal Life Saving Society.

RLSS UK offer safety advice for winter water safety, with simple steps to keep safe during the winter:

1. Never go onto the ice to play, to retrieve an object, or a pet
2. Never enter the ice to rescue somebody, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service

What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for 'help'
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water
- Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

What to do if you see someone fall through the ice:

- Shout for assistance and phone the emergency services – call 999 or 112
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

INFORMATION FOR SPRING TERM 2023

School reopens to pupils on **Wednesday 4 January**. We look forward to an exciting term with each class focussing on the following themes and enquiry questions in their learning:

	Theme	Enquiry Question
Apple	Dinosaurs Rock!	Which dinosaurs lived on Earth?
Beech	Growing, Growing, Grown!	How can we explore growing?
Holly	The Inventing Room	How did invention of chocolate change York?
Oak	A Taste of Tuscany	What do Tuscany and North Yorkshire have in common?

Please note, children in Apple Class will finish school at the same time as the rest of the school, 3:30pm, as from 4 January.

Club News

Please remember, there are NO CLUBS AT ALL until **Monday 16 January**. This includes Running Club before school. Further information about next term's club offer can be found on the following page. **Please note, we will not be accepting bookings for clubs until we return to school on Wednesday 4 January.**

Educational Visits – Spring Term

Mrs Chandler and Mrs Rayner have been busy behind the scenes organising educational visits for next half term; Holly Class will be visiting York Chocolate Story and Oak Class will be making pizzas at Pizza Express! Parents/carers in Holly class will have received a letter already with details about their visit and Oak Class' letter will follow in the new year.

Heritage Week - w/c 6 February 2023



To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the school opening on its current site, we will be undertaking a whole school local history study entitled "**How has our school changed?**"

We would be so grateful if anyone has any photographs, news clippings or other resources from their time at Crayke Primary over the years. We would also love to welcome former pupils and parents to speak to the children about what the

school was like when they were here.

If you think you can help in any way, or know someone who can, please contact me on headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk Thanks in advance!

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Spring Term

Some clubs have limited capacity and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. In the event of a club being fully booked, your child's name will be added to a waiting list and you will be advised if a place becomes available. Booking is not required for before school or lunchtime clubs. For after school clubs run by school staff (in red type; denoted with *) please email Mrs Bacon on admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk **AFTER 9AM ON WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY** to book a place. *****PLEASE NOTE CLUBS WILL RESUME W/C 16 JANUARY 2023*****

Before School Clubs

Club	Leader	Day and Time	Group
Run a Mile STARTS 16 JAN	Mrs Jackson	Monday, Tuesday Thursday & Friday 8:30am	All welcome – parents and carers included!

Lunchtime Clubs

Club	Leader	Day	Group
Skipping	Mrs Helfferich	Monday	All
School Council	Miss Walker	Tuesday	Successful candidates
Fitness	Mr Montgomery	Friday	Y4/5/6
Games	Miss Clarke	Friday	Max. 20 (list kept in school)

After School Clubs

We respectfully ask you to check the collection time below carefully and to collect your children promptly at the end of clubs. **Clubs will run unless you are notified otherwise.**

Monday STARTS 16 JANUARY	Craft* (£10 pay via ParentPay) 3:30 – 4:15pm Years 1 – 6 Mrs Seligman and Miss Sherry	Revision* (no charge) – <u>Starting after Feb half term</u> 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 6 Mrs Rayner
Tuesday STARTS 17 JANUARY	Indoor Multi-Sport (fee paid direct) Fliers to follow 3:30 – 4:30pm Years 1 – 6 Mark Cromack	
Wednesday STARTS 18 JANUARY	Well-Being Club* (£10 pay via ParentPay) 3:30 – 4:15pm Years 2 – 6 Mrs Jackson	
Thursday STARTS 19 JANUARY	Forest Schools* (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 1-6 Mrs Helfferich	Chess* (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 3-6 Mrs Seligman
Friday STARTS 20 JANUARY	GOAL (fee paid direct) 3:30 – 4:30pm Years 3-6 Simon Carson Sports School	

Dinner Money Cost Increase from January 2023

We have been informed by our Catering supplier - NYES Catering - that regrettably, our school meal cost will increase by 9% from January 2023. This will mean a cost of a school meal will increase from £2.90 to £3.15 per day. Please see below statement from our supplier. 'The increase in inflation has added approximately 10% to our staffing costs and between 20% and 40% to our food costs. Whilst we have continued to refrain from passing the inflation increases on to our customers, and have been proactively re-negotiating contracts with our suppliers, we are no longer able to sustain this position. NYES Catering continue to be committed to providing the same consistent level of high-quality, award-winning meals without compromising on the quality of our ingredients or menus as we know just how important a nutritious meal is to support the education on pupils. Our menus will continue to meet the School Food Standards and Soil Association award standards; industry-recognised benchmarks of quality.'

STANDING ITEMS

Reception New Starters 2023

We have already started to welcome prospective parents for new starters in Autumn 2023 which is fabulous! Applications for school places are made via NYCC Admissions.

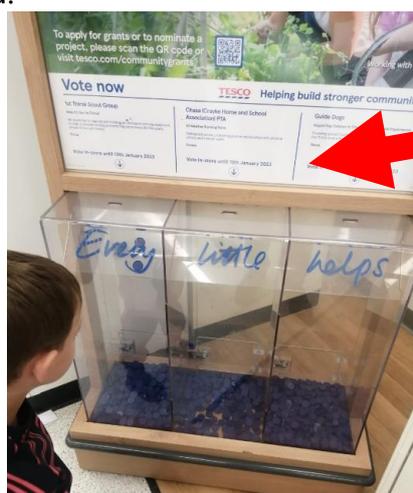
The application window **is now open** and completed applications must be submitted no later than **15 January 2023**. Further details about the process are available here:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

Tesco Thirsk Fundraiser

If you happen to be passing by Tesco in Thirsk between now and the middle of January, please do take a moment to drop a blue token or two into the middle section of the fundraising box...funds raised will go directly towards our running track. In the words of Tesco... Every Little Helps!

Please spread the word! Thank you.



Cost of Living Crisis

We are very aware that costs continue to rise and look set to do so for some time. If you are encountering financial difficulties, we may be able to signpost support. Please get in touch.

If your circumstances have changed and you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, it has never been easier to apply. There is no stigma attached to this, it is not highlighted to the children in any way, and the school gets valuable funding too. If you would like a confidential conversation about whether you may be eligible for free school meals, please do not hesitate to speak to me. To apply directly please use this weblink: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Online Safety

Please see attached School Digital Safeguarding Newsletter from North Yorkshire Police. We recognise the importance of online safety and also understand that it is a fast paced, ever changing online world where parents can struggle to keep up with the technical knowledge and understanding demonstrated by their children. The National Online Safety organisation produce regular guides for parents – this week they have produced a leaflet entitled “What Parents and Carers need to know about setting up apps, games and software”. Please see the attached leaflet which is also available on the Online Safety section of our website. Should you wish to access any of the other online safety parent guides available on a whole range of topics including what parents need to know about Amazon Fire Tablets, Google Chromebooks, and ways to champion equality online, please have a look at this weblink: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides> Should you wish to access more information about how to support your child/ren with online safety at home, this course is available which explains in detail the risks they might be exposed to and what you can do to support them. <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/myleene-uk>

Attendance and Punctuality

Please see attached attendance guide from the DfE.

We strive for high levels of attendance at school. Please try, wherever possible, to book holidays out of term time. The impact of even one day’s absence on your child’s learning is huge. Also, please try to book medical appointments out of school hours if possible as this also minimises the time missed. If your child is very unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the office by phoning **01347 821767 no later than 9:15am**. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Why is it important for children not to miss school?

All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child’s future may be affected by not attending school or alternative provision regularly.

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day, it can be difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children’s ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults. Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class. Some parents may be finding it difficult to ensure that their child attends school regularly. If this is the case please speak to Mrs Jackson as soon as possible so that the situation can be addressed.

The world is run by those who turn up.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time.

If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Make every minute count!

Our Safeguarding Team

At Crayke, we have three members of staff and a governor who make up our Safeguarding Leadership Team. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead, which means that I am the lead person responsible for child protection and safeguarding issues. Mrs Rayner and Mrs Chandler are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Deputy DSLs); a deputy DSL supports the DSL in their role of safeguarding and child protection. Mr Hugh Porter is our Safeguarding Link Governor. The role of the Safeguarding Governor is to support the DSL as well as to regularly review, ask questions and make suggestions about our safeguarding policies and procedures and to report back to the governing body. All staff at Crayke know that safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Find out more on our dedicated website Safeguarding page: <https://craykeschool.org/safeguarding/> You can also report any safeguarding concerns to our DSL email: dsl@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk Please also be aware that as a school we subscribe to Operation Encompass, whereby we are notified of any incidences of domestic violence where a pupil at our school has been present.

Church News

Message from the Family Service Team

There are services across the Benefice: the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm in Coxwold church and the Christingle service on Dec 11th at 4pm in Carlton Husthwaite church.

If you haven't been to those churches before, do give it a try - you will be most welcome. If you have any questions about where the churches are etc, do ask us.

All services are also listed on the website www.bylandchurches.net

You are warmly invited to

Sunday 4th December

10.30am Family Service Advent Posada at Crayke
4.00pm St Nicholas Service at Husthwaite

Sunday 11th December

4.00pm Christingle & Carols at Carlton Husthwaite

Friday 16th December

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Coxwold

Sunday 18th December

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Brandsby
6.00pm Village Christmas Service at Husthwaite
6.00pm Carol Service at Wass

Tuesday 20th December

7.30pm Carols with Easingwold Brass Band at Yearsley

Wednesday 21st December

6.00pm Quiet Service for Christmas at Husthwaite

Thursday 22nd December

6.00pm Carol Service at Crayke

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at Coxwold
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion at Crayke

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.00am Family Holy Communion at Yearsley
10.30am Holy Communion at Brandsby
10.30am Holy Communion at Coxwold
11.00am Family Holy Communion at Husthwaite

Hope to see you there.

Ps Do visit our website to find out more.

*If you would like to receive the Byland Churches Village Link
contact: villagelink19@gmail.com*



We'd like your feedback!

CHASA have prepared a survey for you to complete; we would really value your feedback about events which have already happened and about how you may be able to provide support in different ways for upcoming events. We have extended the deadline for this and the survey will now remain open until the end of January. We would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Thank you!

<https://forms.office.com/r/aW0ct9aFSt>

Film Night

It's safe to say that the children really enjoyed this event! Thank you to everyone involved in making the evening such a success; the CHASA team did a wonderful job in hosting this event and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. The screen was a huge treat in itself – thanks to Mr Davies for organising this!



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Community News

Follow The Star to Christmas

An afternoon of craft and games
for all the family

On Monday, 19th December 2022

At Brandsby Village Hall

From 2pm to 3:30pm

Finishing with refreshments

For more information please contact Lucy on:

lucy.willshaw@outlook.com

or Revd Katie Franks on:

bylandrector@gmail.com



Christmas Library Reading Challenge

Something exciting is coming to North Yorkshire Libraries this Christmas! We're challenging children aged 0-11 to read four library books between 26th November and Christmas to win stickers, prizes, a certificate, and a special Christmas gift.... Think you can take on the challenge? Pop into your local library, give us a call, or follow us on Facebook for more information.

North Yorkshire
County Council

Ages 0-11

Christmas Reading Challenge

Read four library books before
Christmas and earn stickers,
a certificate and a personalised
decoration for your tree

Join from
Saturday the
26th of
November

Lunch Menu – Spring Term

SPRING TERM 2023	Week 1 Served w/c 2nd Jan, 23rd Jan, 20th Feb, 13 Mar	Week 2 Served w/c 9th Jan, 30th Jan, 27th Feb, 20th Mar	Week 3 Served w/c 16th Jan, 6th Feb, 6th Mar, 27th Mar
Monday	Pasta Parcels (Hilcona) in a Homemade Tomato Sauce Cauliflower & Green Beans Garlic Bread Apple Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Pizza Crusty Bread Diced Potatoes Peas & Sweetcorn Krispie Cereal Bar Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Farmhouse Mac & Cheese with Garlic Bread Broccoli & Carrots Jam Roly Poly & Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Crispy Chicken Bites Baked Baby Potatoes Peas & Sweetcorn Herby Bread Orange Shortbread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Pasta Bolognese Cauliflower & Green Beans Garlic Bread Chocolate Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Cheese Burger Baked Potato Wedges Spring Coleslaw with Cucumber Sticks Banana Brownie Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Turkey & Stuffing Roast Potatoes Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Homemade 50/50 Bread Arctic Roll & Fruit Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Sliced Wholemeal Bread Cheese & Crackers Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Mince Beef & Dumplings with Baked Baby Potatoes Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Sliced Wholemeal Bread Marbled Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chilli Con Carne & Naan Bread 50/50 Rice Broccoli & Carrots Cheese & Crackers Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Chicken Wrap 50/50 Bread Vegetable Rice Broccoli & Carrots Apple Flapjack Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Chicken Korma & Rice Cauliflower & Green Beans Naan Bread Oatie Biscuit & Cheese Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Fishwich (Salmon) Chips Crunchy Vegetable Sticks Chocolate Berry Mousse Cake Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Fish Fingers Chips Baked Beans & Peas Crusty Bread Lemon Drizzle Muffin Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	(Harry Ramsdens) Battered Fish Chips Peas & Sweetcorn Crusty Bread Lemon & Sultana Iced Finger Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt

PE Kits

PE Kits w/c 2 Jan	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEECH (LD)	School Closed – Bank Holiday	School Closed - INSET		X	X
HOLLY (LC)				X	X
OAK (LR)				X	X

Please do ensure that on PE days, the children wear their hoodies, school jumpers or cardigans alongside white or blue t-shirts and black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms.

Children in Apple Class need to bring their Forest School kit in each Monday and bring their PE kit in on Wednesday.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children will be marked late if they arrive after 9.00am

Please do help us in our mission to ensure that children are in school on time so that valuable learning time is not missed at the start of the day.

This week's attendance figures: 90.3% School Target: 96%

Apple (CH): 94.3% 2 lates (2 children)	Beech (LD): 87% 3 lates (3 children)
Holly (LC): 91% 5 lates (3 children)	Oak (LR): 91.4% 4 lates (4 children)

Team Points

Red	596	Yellow	793
★ Blue ★	898	Green	797

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Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2023

Day	Date	Event	Who	Where
Wednesdays	18/25 Jan 1/8/22 Feb 1 Mar	Swimming	Holly Class	Thirsk Pool
Thursdays	Alternate weeks	Open the Book – collective worship	Whole school	Hall
Friday	20 January	Educational Visit	Holly Class	York
Tuesday	31 January	Cross Country – cluster event	Holly and Oak	Husthwaite
w/c 6 February		Heritage Week – 50 th anniversary celebrations of Crayke Primary	Whole school	
Tuesday	7 February	Play Leader Training	Year 5	Hall/playground
w/c 13 February - HALF TERM				
Thursday	2 March	World Book Day	Whole school	
Tuesday	14 March	STEM workshop – cluster event	Oak Class	Easingwold Primary
Tuesday	21 March	Parent Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	Whole school	Classrooms
Wednesday	22 March	Parent Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm	Whole school	Classrooms

Term Dates – Academic Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term Tuesday 6th September to Friday 16th December, 2022

Spring Term Wednesday 4th January to Friday 31st March 2023

Half Term Monday 13th February to return on Monday 20th February

Summer Term Tuesday 18th April to Friday 21st July 2023

May Day Monday 1st May 2023

Additional Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023

Half Term Monday 29th May to return on Monday 5th June

INSET Days (School Closed to pupils) –

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

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