

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,

It has been a busy week in school and there's just one week to go! Please remember next week that the children need to come to school in... Party outfits on **Wednesday**, PE kits on **Thursday** and Non-uniform (Christmas Jumpers) on **Friday!**

Nativity Performances - Triumph!

We know from your feedback just how much you enjoyed this week's performances of "Christmas with the Aliens." An enormous well done to all the children involved; it was wonderful to see them looking so happy and confident on the stage, clearly loving the opportunity they had been given to perform. Thanks again to parents and carers for all your support at home and for being such fantastic audiences. Thanks to Mrs Bacon for organising the tickets. A special mention to the Apple and Beech staff team for working so brilliantly as such a great team to put on a show to remember. That's: Mrs Dobson, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Helfferich, Miss Walker, Miss Ayre, Miss Ford and Miss Clarke. You are all superstars! Thanks also to CHASA for organising a brilliant raffle with some great prizes – we raised over £100 which is just fabulous!

Posada

It was a brilliant start to our week, receiving Mary and Joseph into school as they commenced their travels around the village. Thank you to Gem and Asa for bringing them to us on Monday, where they spent time in Beech class, joined us for collective worship with Lucy and then stayed overnight in the staff room! We then wished them a fond farewell on Tuesday and sent them on their way. What a lovely tradition!



Pantomime – Sports Hall



The children absolutely loved the whole school visit to the Sports Hall last Friday for their very own Pantomime performance of Aladdin. Thank you to Mrs Bacon for organising this, to the Sports Hall committee for providing the venue and to CHASA for funding this brilliant experience.

Skip2Bfit



It was a chilly start to the day but the sun shone as the children enjoyed another Skip2Bfit session with Dave. For Apple Class it was their first session; they thoroughly enjoyed it and listened really well as Dave gave them some top tips for starting learning to skip. They will be receiving their own skipping ropes after Christmas to enable them to practise.

From the excited tones that we could hear throughout the rest of the day, we could tell that the rest of the school were enjoying their sessions. We came together at the end of the day for a 'skip off'. Emma earnt first place with Harry coming second. Sienna and Asa came in joint third. Well done everyone! Remember Dave's catchphrase.... **"Practise makes us better!"**

The children in Beech, Holly and Oak should all still have their skipping ropes at home. Dave has mentioned a Cluster skipping competition in March. We need to set ourselves a New Year's Resolution to get skipping again. Children can attend Skipping Club on a Monday lunchtime; so dust off your ropes and put them in your book bags.

Mrs Helfferich, PE Subject Leader

York Mix Toy Appeal

Thanks to Mrs Bacon for masterminding this initiative and for offering to take the donations we receive to the drop off point later today.

We're so grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness and your donations are sure to be so very much appreciated by so very many local families. Thank you.



Pianists – Achievement Worship

Wow! We have some talented musicians in our midst! Last week, Toby played "Wake me Up" by Avicii and this morning Isla H played "Walking in the Air". We look forward to more performances from other children after Christmas. It takes a lot of courage and confidence for children to play instruments and as Toby said, it's the largest audience he has ever played in front of. Well done!

Upcoming Events – Christmas

Date	Time	Event	What we need from you as parents
Tuesday 13 December	12pm	Christmas Lunch	If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like Christmas Lunch please contact Mrs Bacon on admin@
Wednesday 14 December	pm	Christmas Party afternoon	Come to school wearing party outfits .
Thursday 15 December	pm	Reindeer Rush afternoon	Come to school wearing PE kits . Sponsorship information sent separately.
Friday 16 December		Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Carol Concert End of term -2:30pm	Children are welcome to wear non-uniform and Christmas jumpers . Parents and carers are welcome to meet us at church for a service at 1:15pm.

REMINDERS: Swimming – Oak Class – Tuesday 13 December

In order to allow Oak Class the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal of the nativity performance, we have changed the date of the final swimming session for Year 5/6. This means that they **WILL** swim on **Tuesday 13 December**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Reindeer Rush Event - Thursday 15 December 2022

Message from one very giddy Mrs Helfferich

Thank you all so much for the very generous donations. We have nearly reached £400 which is amazing. I am ready to pop with excitement; I

just hope that I can contain myself until 1.15pm on Thursday. I can't wait for the children to see the starting line, 'I understood the assignment' ;0). If anyone would like to donate then there is still time <https://stleonardshospice.org.uk/fundraising/crayke-church-of-england-primary-schools-reindeer-rush/>

**St Leonard's
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Carol Service – Friday 16 December

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we unfortunately need to change the time of the Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church on **Friday 16 December**. It will now be held at 1:15pm. We do hope that you are able to join us for this service which will be led by Year 6.

End of Term Arrangements

Please note that all children will be brought back to school after the Carol service and it will not be possible to collect from directly from the church after the service. This is both for safeguarding reasons and to ensure that they have the opportunity to collect all their belongings from school before the end of term. Please note, school closes for the Christmas holidays at 2:30pm.

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 the invention of chocolate change York?
Oak	A Taste of Tuscany	What do Tuscany and North Yorkshire have in common?

The class teachers are working exceptionally hard at this busy time to update the curriculum trees; we hope that these will provide you with some additional information about what the children will be learning in each subject next term. They have also been expanded to include key vocabulary for each subject area. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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.

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.'

Club News

Please remember, there are NO CLUBS AT ALL next week. This includes Running Club. Further information about next term's club offer will follow in next week's newsletter.

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.

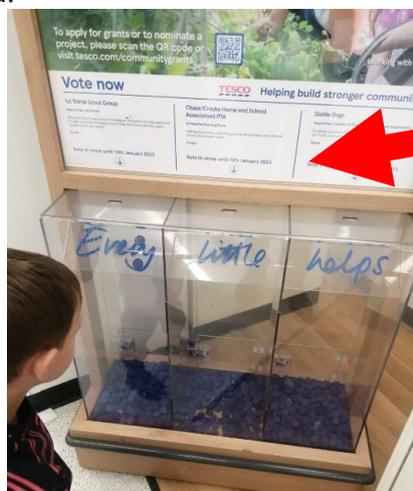
The application window **is now open** and completed applications must be submitted no later than **15 January 2023**. Further details about the process are available here:

<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

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 "Parent's Guide to HiPal". 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

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. The survey will remain open until the end of term and we would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Thank you!

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

Christmas Film Night – Tonight!



We are looking forward to welcoming children to school later today for the CHASA Christmas film night for a special showing of Arthur Christmas.

Please bring your child/ren onto the playground for 4:30pm. They will be brought back onto the playground in class groups for collection at 7pm.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A FILLED WATER BOTTLE.

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Community News

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.



The poster features a background of red, green, and white diagonal stripes. At the top left is the North Yorkshire County Council logo. To its right is a yellow star with the text 'Ages 0-11'. Below the star, the title 'Christmas Reading Challenge' is written in green. In the center are three cartoon characters: a robin wearing a Santa hat, a reindeer with a red collar and a red star on its nose, and a penguin wearing a Santa hat. Below the characters, the challenge details are written in red: 'Read four library books before Christmas and earn stickers, a certificate and a personalised decoration for your tree'. At the bottom left, a green circle contains the text 'Join from Saturday the 26th of November'.

North Yorkshire
County Council

Ages 0-11

Christmas Reading Challenge



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Useful Resources for Families over Christmas

Please see attached resources from North Yorkshire, which may be useful ahead of the festive season. If anyone would like a discussion about anything raised in these materials, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lunch Menu

AUTUMN TERM	Week 2 w/c 12 Dec
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pasta with Seeded Bread Grated Carrot & Cucumber Sticks Oatie Cookie Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	CHRISTMAS LUNCH! 
Wednesday	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Gravy Creamy Mashed Potato Roasted Parsnips & Green Beans Homemade Wholemeal Bread Cheese & Crackers Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Meatballs & Pasta Green Beans & Cauliflower Homemade Garlic Bread Fruit Muffin Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Battered Fish Ketchup Chips Peas & Sweetcorn Homemade 50/50 Bread Chocolate Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt

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 12/12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Party Outfits	Thursday Reindeer Rush	Friday Non-uniform / Christmas jumper
BEECH (LD)				X	
HOLLY (LC)				X	X
OAK (LR)		X (SWIM)		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: 93.8% School Target: 96%

Apple (CH): 97.9% 3 lates / 2 children	Beech (LD): 90.3% 3 lates / 3 children
Holly (LC): 95.7% 1 late	Oak (LR): 93.2% 4 lates / 3 children

Team Points

Red	527	Yellow	517
★ Blue ★	731	Green	185

Stars of the Week

Stars	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
	Oliver Warriner	Carl Keane	Leo Bunker-Barnes	Aiden Simpson
		Sophy Triffitt	Zhdan Kovalchuk	Ethan Jackson
Gold Awards for Sport	Alanna Dawson	Reggie Jagger	Wynter Brierley	Emma Swiers

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Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2022

Day	Date	Event	Who	Where
Tuesday	13 Dec	Swimming	Oak Class	Thirsk Pool
Tuesday	13 Dec	Christmas Lunch	Whole School	Hall
Wednesday	14 Dec	Christmas Parties	Whole School	Hall
Thursday	15 Dec	Reindeer Rush	Whole School	Field
Friday	16 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone	Whole school
Friday	16 Dec	Christmas Carol Service 1:15pm Parents and carers welcome	Whole school	Church
Friday	16 Dec	End of term – school closes at 2:30pm	Whole school	

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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