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Baldersby Blog

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Dear Families

What a lovely afternoon and evening sun to bring the week to a close thank you to Kim Clarke for this glorious photo:

Evening sunset over Baldersby St James

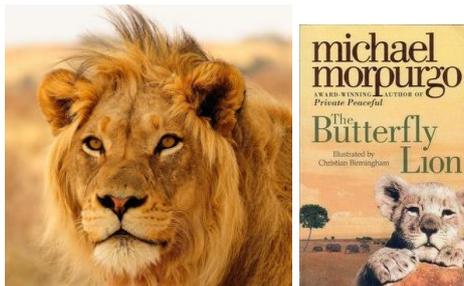
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This week has again flown by at top speed and Christmas is indeed knocking at the door. This week the children and staff all joined together to make an Advent wreath. Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and we will be lighting the first advent candle in worship all next week.



The KS2 have been looking at information leaflets and using the text *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo as a stimulus. The children have studiously researched the needs of a lion; explored the features of non-fiction/leaflets and then written some care leaflets of their own all about how to keep a lion as a pet! I have been impressed by the research, however I am still not convinced it is a good pet and I am little concerned as to just where you can buy Zebra meat from in North Yorkshire?



The KS1 children have been continuing their exploration of the Antarctic – testing insulation for Ice-pops and art work depicting the Northern lights

Reading Challenge

We have not had any registration letters back into school so I hope you are all managing to log on and sign up for this exciting challenge.

Covid update

Again I can say we have no positive tests – We are in the minority of settings who have not yet had any cases, long may this continue! Wednesday 2nd December brings the National lockdown to a close however we are still projected to remain in tier 2. We will obviously still be following all the statutory guidance which is applicable to this tier and any updates to the school risk assessment will be placed on the school website.

The advice still stands that should you, your child, or close family member within your bubble, have a positive Covid test can you **please contact school immediately**. The turnaround of the tests is now very prompt. You need to put on the form when applying for a test, if you are in the key worker/education sector and I do feel this makes the result time quicker. Fingers crossed we can all remain safe and covid free.

Just to remind you the definition of close contact for tracing purposes is:

*a person who has had face-to-face contact (**within one metre**), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including:*

- being coughed on
- having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
- having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
- contact **within one metre for one minute or longer** without face-to-face contact

Or a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes

Continued guidance:

- All **essential** visitors into school must wear face coverings in communal spaces.
- All staff to wear face coverings in communal spaces inside school(not in classrooms) and adhere to social distancing.
- Please keep us informed if you have any contact with Covid tracing agencies as we may need that information if we have any cases at school.

Christmas Organisation

EXCITING NEWS.....

The Christmas tree for school donated by the *Newburgh Christmas Trees at Coxwold* will be delivered next week! Photo of the decorated tree will be on the blog next week.

To find out more about going to choose your special Christmas tree go to

<https://www.newburghchristmastrees.co.uk/>



Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle is now underway – Horray! The tickets are selling like hot, hot, hot cakes, we already have over £100 pledged. **Please can we ask that all unsold tickets are returned to school. The aim is to sell all tickets, as all profits go to equipment for the children.**

£2 ticket

win
BIG PRIZES

Live Facebook Draw
11th Dec 2020

in
our

MAGNIFICENT
Christmas
Raffle

1st Prize: Krug Grande Cuvee 168th Edition champagne (£150)
2nd Prize: Apple Air Pods
3rd Prize: Festive treats donated by M&S Ripon :-
magnum of prosecco, gin liqueur, sweet and savoury biscuits, chocolates and Christmas pudding (£60)
4th Prize: Folklore Society limited edition gin
5th Prize: Children's art materials & Percy Pig giant sweetie jar (£40)
6th Prize: £30 voucher for The Angel at Topcliffe

Promoter: Friends of Baldersby St James School, Baldersby St James, Thirsk YO7 4PT
Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Harrogate Borough Council

To Buy Tickets Call 01765 640277
or FB page @FriendsBSJ

Smartie Tubes – These are still trickling in , keep going and let’s see if we can break £100 for those.

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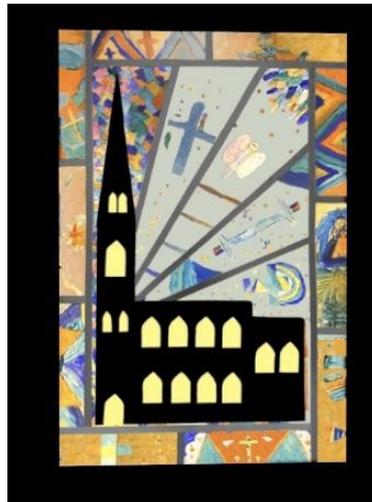
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Christmas cards

The classes have made some large Christmas art installations which will be put in the church, but we have also had these made into Christmas Cards and I think you will agree they are fab! There are 2 designs:



Infants



Juniors

The cards will be available to buy from Lucy next week.

The cards are being sold in packs of 4 for £4 (2 of each design) or 8 (4 of each design) for just £6 There is a limited number so act fast!

(Lucy Wilde will be parked in the lay-by from 3pm-3.15pm on Weds 2nd, Thurs 3rd and Fri 4th next week for you to buy direct)

*****TBC** we are looking into a possible outdoor, socially distance carols around the Christmas tree on the 17th of December at 3.45pm all will be welcome for hot chocolate and mince pies (if we are allowed to gather).

Just a reminder that we will finish after lunch on the last day at 1pm

Kind regards and keep safe everyone

Steff Brown
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