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Baldersby Blog

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Dear Families

This week has seen the arrival of the Christmas cards to sell and the Christmas tree in School! The children have all enjoyed the decorations going onto the tree and I am sure you will agree it looks wonderful – Thanks again to *Newburgh Christmas Trees at Coxwold* for our lovely tree.

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

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



We have been lighting the first advent candle all week in worship and all next week we will be lighting 2 candles.



Covid update

Thankfully still no positive tests – We are in the minority of settings who have not yet had any cases, long may this continue! We remain in tier 2 and still 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.

Mrs Meneely has returned and is very happy to be back in school and today we say goodbye to Mrs Tart. It has been wonderful having Mrs Tart in school and we are sorry to say goodbye, but hopefully we will get to see you again if we ever need you.

Christmas Organisation

We will be having Christmas cards swap in school however we need to do this in a Covid safe way! Please can we ask that the cards are bought into school next week (by Tuesday if possible and then they will remain untouched for 72hrs and then sorted and left another 72hrs and then handed out. This is a challenge but the children love swapping cards so even though it is a strange state of affairs to organise I think it is worth it for the children.

Christmas Raffle

******PLEASE CAN YOU SEND UN SOLD TICKETS INTO SCHOOL ASAP ******

– all ticket sale money goes towards equipment for the children

We have 12 books returned unsold so if you need more please email Mrs Carter and we will send them home
The Christmas Raffle is now underway – Horray!



win
BIG PRIZES

Live Facebook Draw
11th Dec 2020

£2 ticket



MAGNIFICENT Christmas



- 1st Prize: Krug Grande Cuvee 188th 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

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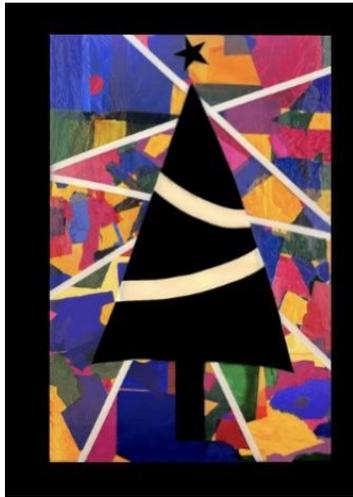
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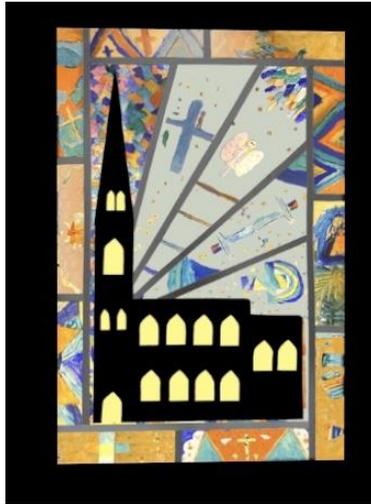
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Christmas cards

These are brilliant and are now available! There are 2 designs:



Infants



Juniors

The cards will be available to buy from Lucy at the front of school, and we do have some in school for collection if you miss 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!

We are going to hold an **outdoor, socially distanced** carols around the Christmas tree on the 17th of December at 3.45pm all will be welcome for hot chocolate and mince pies (This is weather dependent as we cannot hold this indoors)

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

Kind regards and keep safe everyone

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