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Black Friday – No Chance

It has been far from a 'Black Friday' at school with pupils engaged in numerous learning activities linked to..... CHRISTMAS. It has been lovely to hear children's voices back in the building and watch as they socialise with each other. I would like to thank parents again for their patience and support during isolation. We are constantly reviewing our practice and will use the experience to further build on what we achieved during the past two weeks.

I had a very productive meeting with Mrs Robinson yesterday. She was impressed with her visit to Melsonby and is looking forward to making it her new school home. Mrs Robinson will be returning next week and we are hoping to organise some sessions where she can meet parents before we break up for Christmas if the updated guidance allows. I will keep you posted.

The announcement of the new tier system and connected rules and regulations has made us rethink some of the events we were going to hold. In school we will try our best to ensure pupils can continue with their learning but also experience the Christmas Activities that make the school a wonderful place to be at this time of year.

Hand of God

Sad news this week with the passing of Diego Armando Maradona in an era of elite sportsmen he was virtually unplayable at his peak. He has often been called a 'flawed genius' and 'that' goal against England in the 1986 World Cup and his subsequent problems didn't do him any favours. Not always a great role model as a sportsman but someone who possessed immense talent and brought joy to the Argentinian public. I would like to know who pupils sporting heroes or inspirations are – please send me in any pictures/research or reasons why.

All You're Dreaming of

Paint the night sky
While the morning waits
With a field of stars
To keep the dark at bay
Take your spotlight
Underneath the moon
Sometimes a miracle
Is all that can carry you...

Thanks to Mrs Davison for her top musical tip this week. This is the first verse from the new song by Liam Gallagher, better known for more raucous rock songs, his new song is much slower and well worth listening to as it reflects some of the challenges of the year. Music is a great source of comfort and release particularly at this time of year we hope to get back to performing to an audience soon.

Many Thanks for your continued support - I won't mention that Sunderland are playing tonight as they always get beat when I do!

Mr Linsley

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 10th December



We shall be holding our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 10th December. Sarah will be serving turkey, sausage, stuffing, roast potato, carrots, peas and sprouts followed by snowman ice cream for dessert.

If your child normally brings a packed meal and would like to have a Christmas Lunch please let Miss Rush know by Monday 30th November. The cost is £2.75 (for pupils in KS2) and is payable via Parent Pay.

Deadlines and Reminders

Applying for a Primary School place for September 2021

If you have child (born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017) you will need to apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception in September 2021.

The information you need to apply for a primary school place is available at

www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2021

Parent Pay

Please could we remind everyone that your Parent Pay account must be kept in credit. There is an option to click on a box within the system which will alert you when your accounts are running low. Please could we ask everyone to opt into this so that the need for reminders from school is reduced. Many thanks for your co-operation.

PE

On Wednesday's children need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit.

Shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms, PE T-shirt and school sweatshirt and trainers.

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day to keep hydrated during lessons. Your child's water bottle should contain **plain water only**. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for Diaries

| Dates | Events | |
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| Thursday 10 th December | Christmas Lunch | |
| Saturday 12 th December | Friends of Melsonby School Christmas Raffle | |
| Thursday 17 th December | Christmas Party | Further information to follow |
| Friday 18 th December | End of Term | *No after school club today* |
| 2021 | | |
| Monday 4 th January | Staff Training Day | |
| Tuesday 5 th January | School re-opens to pupils | |