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# School Newsletter

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023



As another calendar year comes to an end, we wanted to take the opportunity to share a few things we have been up to (and will be getting up to soon).

### Christmas Dinners

I wanted to express my thanks (and admiration) to Louise for cooking us an absolutely delicious Christmas dinner. Louise always goes above and beyond for our pupils and staff and it is very much appreciated! Tomorrow she will be busy preparing the party food too so we can end the year on another high!

### Christmas Play and Nativity



It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming along to see our performances of Robin Hood and The Nativity. I thought the children did an amazing job – with some of the youngest children performing on stage for the very first time. To see how the children have progressed from their early nativity shows to the upper school performance of Robin Hood was incredible. Once again, I was blown away by the talent on show and feel delighted that some of the children have gone on to join local drama groups because they enjoyed taking part in our school plays.

A huge well done to the pupils and thank you again to the staff for their hard work in producing such well-polished shows!

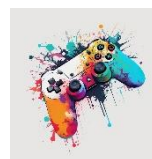
### New Website – Coming soon!

Recently, our contract with our school website host came to an end and we took this as an opportunity to update and revamp it. Over recent weeks, we have been working hard to get all the information on to the new site and now the work from our end is complete. We are waiting for a few technical people to do their thing before it can go live. The new website ([www.scarcliffeprimary.org.uk](http://www.scarcliffeprimary.org.uk)) should be live in January and we hope you find it an improvement on the current site.

### INSET Day

I want to remind you that school will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as staff update their first-aid knowledge in a training session. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### Gamer Rage



During last year's Safer Internet Day, we were surprised by the number of our pupils who said they struggle with anger when they play on video games. As a result, we liaised with the Changing Lives Team to arrange for them to deliver an

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assembly about Gamer Rage to our pupils. The assembly included lots of top tips and an accompanying letter was sent home and shared on Class Dojo.

The children were very open about how they react when losing games and it would be well worth having a chat with them about what they learnt during the assembly.

### **iVengers Video**

I recently shared a great video that has been put together by the lead iVenger. The iVengers continue to work hard to ensure everyone understands how to stay safe online. The aim of this video is to share some top tips with parents/carers about the use of technology out of school. The release of the video has been timed to coincide with the arrival of new tech devices over the Christmas period. It is well worth a watch!

<https://vimeo.com/888217513>

### **Christmas Raffles**

We are always amazed and grateful for the support we get from our families and the school community. Thank you to the PTA for helping to organise and collect the prizes and for running the raffle at the school play, thank you to the parents, grandparents and local businesses for donating such wonderful prizes and thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. I also wish to say a big thank you to Lynne Yapp (Stanley's grandma) who – once again – made and donated a wonderful Christmas cake despite no longer having direct ties with our school! The raffles raised a staggering £1136.58!

### **Classes for 2024/25**

We recently shared some information about classes for next year and pointed out they would be structured in the following way from September:

Class 1 – Reception and Year 1

Class 2 – Year 2

Class 3 – Year 3 and 4

Class 4 – Year 5 and 6.

I outlined a number of advantages to this arrangement in a letter. In order to support the children currently in Class 2 with their transition to upper school, we plan for Mrs Ward to move up to Class 3 with them. We feel her knowledge of the children and her vast experience will really support with the transition. Mrs Ford, who returned from maternity leave this week (welcome back), will support Class 2 from September.

Staff are very excited about the planned changes. The new arrangement (which does not have a split of Key Stage 1 and 2, or a split across upper and lower Key Stage 2) will certainly help us to plan and deliver our curriculum.

### **PSHE Next Term**



Our PSHE topic next term is all about 'Being Safe'. During the topic, children in lower school will learn about rules and restrictions that keep them safe, how to be safe at home, staying safe in familiar and unfamiliar surroundings, about people who have jobs relating to keeping people safe and how to respond if someone is hurt. In upper school, there is a focus on staying safe online, learning how to respond in an emergency situation, demonstrating basic techniques for dealing with common injuries and understanding hazards.

Finally, on behalf of the team at Scarcliffe Primary, I would like to thank you for the support you have given us throughout 2023. We are exceptionally fortunate to have such great pupils and families at our school! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you back in 2024!