



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the 11th of November, me, Sophie and Max walked down to St. Peter's church for the Harrogate Remembrance Service. Once we got in, we started to parade out of the church to the cenotaph. After all the poppy wreaths had been laid, I read a prayer in front of over 1,000 people! Then me, Sophie and Max laid the Western wreath again! That was my remembrance day experience.' By Lucy Rees.

'On remembrance day, we had the experience of laying a wreath on the cenotaph, at the Remembrance Service. After the service, we laid our wreath. We felt very honoured to be part of this memorable service.' By Sophie Atkinson and Max Templeman-McGarty.

Year 3/4 Tudor Event

On Tuesday 11th November, we performed a fun and exciting Tudor show for family, friends and relatives. This involved: dressing-up as Tudors, acting, dancing, poetry and sharing fun and exciting facts! It was fun ... By Rhiannon Lodato and Sophie Ward.

“The outfits were really great and it was really exciting,” by Rosa Lily Gording.

“The costumes were really creative,” by Jack Gardner.

“It was really fun,” by George Priestley.

“It was suprising because a boy was Katherine Parr!” by Tom Norman.

“It was really fun when Mackenzie put on a horse mask,” by Ollie Moore.

Sponsored Read

Thank you for encouraging your child to get involved with our sponsored reading event to raise money for guided reading resources. We have been keeping a log of time spent reading in school last week and will send the totals out by email on Tuesday 18th November. It would be really helpful if as much sponsor money as possible could be sent into school by Friday 21st. Please put money in a sealed envelope with your child’s name on and the words ‘sponsor money’.



Information for Parents

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for all Key Stage 2 school children is £2.10 per day, payable every half term. **Please note that all school dinners must be paid for in advance.** The cost of school dinners for this half term (until 19th December 2014) is **£73.50**. Could you please pay online at www.parentpay.com.

Western Community Christmas Celebration

Western Community Christmas Celebration, ‘Light up Christmas!’ will take place on Monday 15th December 6.00-6.45pm. at St Peter’s Church, Harrogate. The celebration is suitable for all ages, with refreshments to follow.

Morrison's 'Lets Grow' Vouchers

The Morrison's supermarket voucher scheme has now ended. If you still have any vouchers at home, please could they be brought into school by next Friday and placed in the box by the Year 1 classrooms.

Ms Smith will use the vouchers to order seeds and gardening equipment which will be used by the children in classes and in gardening club.

Year 3/4 Parents

We are preparing for the Christmas Fair. If you have any sweets surplus to requirements from Halloween, please could you send them into school. Also, please send in as many cardboard tubes as possible to enable us to prepare for our cracker making, thanks.

Board Games Club



If anyone has any unwanted board games, please donate them to our Board Games Club which runs on Tuesdays after school. Thank you.



Dance Fitness – Jane Gray

Feel like dancing? Come and join us, learn some moves and get fit. We would like to invite parents/carers to join our adult dance fitness sessions on Tuesdays at 4.15 in the school hall. The sessions are fun and suitable for all. Unfortunately there are no child care facilities available for the session. Please see Mrs Jane Gray if you have any questions.



Improving Family Life - a 3 week programme designed to offer practical solutions to everyday parenting problems.

After half term, led by staff from Harrogate Children's Centre, we will be offering a 3 week programme entitled Improving Family Life.

Lasting an hour and a half, each week's session will cover core areas of parenting and family life and will offer practical support and strategies to tackle them. Topics covered will include setting boundaries, routines, behaviour management and being a positive role model. Each session is designed to offer support for families with children of all ages.

The first session will start in Room 13, above the canteen at 9.15am on Tuesday the 18th November, followed by a session on the 25th November and the final session on the 2nd of December. We aim to finish each week by 10.45am and refreshments will be available. The programme is free and open to anyone who wishes to attend. You will be made to feel most welcome.

Please register your interest by emailing Clare Woolaston on woolastonc@western.n-yorks.sch.uk. If you are unable to attend but would like to receive further information or any of the session material, please let us know. All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence.



New Starters for Nursery – January 2015

If you, or anyone you know, have a Nursery-aged child who you would like to start in our Nursery in January, can you please contact the school office for a registration form as soon as possible to reserve your space.

As well as the core free 15 hours per week, we also offer additional sessions during the day, at lunchtime and before and after school. Our nursery is open from 8.00am. until 5.30pm.

Many thanks.





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Swimming

Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 20th November – Mrs Taylor’s class
Thursday 27th November – Miss Jones’ class
Thursday 4th December – Mrs Taylor’s class
Thursday 11th December – Miss Jones’ class
Thursday 18th December – Mrs Taylor’s class

Year 3/4 Swimming:

Tuesday 16th September – Tuesday 9th December – Mrs Coatesworth’s class
Tuesday 16th December – Tuesday 14th April – Mr Fraser Smith’s class
Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 14th July – Mrs Collett’s and Ms Smith’s classes

Awards

**House Point
Winners:**

Askew House

Key Stage 1 Awards

Key Stage 2 Awards

Awards will be notified next week

Lunchtime Awards

1st Place Croft

2nd Place Lupton

3rd Place Askew

4th Place Wallbank

Well done everyone!



Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 19th November – Y3/4 Mrs Collett's/Mrs Coatesworth's classes visit to Bolling Hall

Friday 21st November – Y3/4 Ms Smith's/Mr Fraser Smith's classes visit to Bolling Hall

Tuesday 9th December – Y2 to Pantomime 1-5pm

Wednesday 10th December – FS Nativity 2.00pm

Thursday 11th December – FS Nativity 9.30am

Thursday 11th December – Y5/6 Victorian Christmas market Event 2-3pm

Friday 12th December – KS1 Carols around the tree 2.30pm

Thursday 16th December – Y5/6 cinema visit

Wednesday 17th December – KS2 Carols around the tree 2.30pm



School Holidays

Christmas Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 19th December at **2.30pm**

Return to School: Tuesday 6th January at 8.55am

Spring Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 13th February at 3.15pm

Return to School: Monday 23rd February at 8.55am

Easter Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 27th March at **2.30pm**

Return to School: Tuesday 14th April at 8.55am

Summer Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm

Return to School: Tuesday 2nd June at 8.55am

Summer Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 17th July at **2.30pm**





Harrogate Ladies College Scholarship

We have received details of the 110% 'College Scholar' award and the process for applying for a scholarship at Harrogate Ladies College. Please ask at the office for details.

PTA News!



Upcoming Events

27 th November (Thur)	Family & Friends (PTA) meeting
28 th November (Fri)	Quiz night
6 th December (Sat)	Christmas tree sale
10 th December (Wed)	Christmas Fair

Family & Friends meeting – Thursday 27th November

Do you have any ideas for fun events for the children and parents in the school? Would you like to get involved in fundraising to contribute to enhancing your child's school life? Come along to our next PTA meeting on Thursday 27th November at 9am in the canteen, to hear how our fundraising has been going, get updated on the upcoming Christmas Fair and to put forward your ideas for events next term. We look forward to seeing you there.

Quiz Night – Friday 28th November

Could all of those who have reserved a space for the school Quiz Night, please ensure that they have paid in full by Thursday 20th as we will be selling any remaining spaces to the reserve list from Friday 21st. Tickets are £7.50 each and include a fish & chip supper. Please contact Sally for more information (sallyhaslewood@gmail.com).



Get Your Christmas Tree!

Our annual sale of Christmas trees, sourced from Stockeld Park, will be on Saturday 6th December in the school playground, 10-11:30am. The trees will be mainly Nordman Firs (with a few Norway Spruce also available) and will range from 5-8ft in height.

Prices:

5-6ft £25

6-7ft £35

7-8ft £40

Cake Bake Dates:

When it is your child's class cake bake, please leave cakes under the pergola on Friday morning, ready for the cake bake after school.
Thank You!



Friday 21st November Y5/6 – Mr Broad/Mrs Wood
Friday 28th November Y2 – Miss Jones