

# DECEMBER NEWS

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## Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils

**All the children and staff are getting ready for Christmas at Woodmansey. Christmas at primary age is a magical time and we look forward to sharing the wonder with you and your children.**

The Early Years children are joining forces with Year 1&2 to present their own Christmas Family Assembly, "The Nativity" which will be performed on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December at 9.15am.

I understand that for some there is disappointment that we do not admit pre-school children to the performances. Unfortunately we have seen so many events distracted by little children crying, or running about that the decision was made not to invite our pre-school children to the main performances. I apologise for the disappointment but we believe the priority must be for the children who are performing.

Nevertheless I can offer a compromise.

The nativity will also be performed to the school as a Dress Rehearsal on Monday 9th December 2019. If Parents/Carers wish to bring along a pre-school child/children, they can at the Dress Rehearsal. If you would like to attend the Dress Rehearsal with younger children please return the booking form (sent home today) by Tuesday, as the limited places must also be booked.

In order to secure tickets for our public performances please complete the booking form which is being sent home as a hard copy and return it to school by Tuesday 3rd December 2019. There are a maximum of 2 seats available per family (at the moment). If after the initial booking period there are spare tickets, these will be released later in the week on the same basis as above up to a maximum of 1 more ticket per family.

I know there is lots of information in this newsletter about all things Christmassey, but if in any doubt please ask a member of staff.

This is my last newsletter to you. Time has flown and my time at Woodmansey has nearly come to end. Mrs Nicholls returns on Monday 2nd December and we'll both be in school till the last day of this term. After that I will be returning to Molescroft once more. I wanted to take this opportunity to say that it has been an absolute privilege being part of the Woodmansey family and I've loved every minute of it. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome in the last nine months and

Lastly I'd like to wish everyone a very merry and peaceful Christmas and a Happy Hogmanay when it comes. I hope 2020 is a fantastic year for you all.

**Sarah Grainger  
Acting Head of School**

## A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

### Looking forward to our first ever POP UP MUSEUM

We are going to create our own "pop up museum" for one night only on Monday 2nd December 2019.

I am extremely grateful, once again for the way in which families engaged in the October Half Term holiday project to find or create a historical artefact.

These objects have been displayed in classrooms and will be a focus for classroom discussion. On Monday 2nd December from 3:15pm to 5.30pm, the school will be transformed into a museum. Access will be via the main school entrance.

All the artefacts will have been distributed by the children according to time frame. Therefore the tour of the museum will begin in early history before reaching modern day history.

Starting at 3:15pm means most people should have the opportunity to visit. Please collect your children like you would normally do and then enter the school via the main door. This is the only access in and out of the school you have collected your child.

The After School Club will remain operating as normal but in the Year 1/2 classroom. Those children who are staying till 3.30pm will stay with the After School Club until they are picked up.

Please remember when visiting the museum, your children are



under your care at this point, just like any other museum in the world. This is not a staffed event although they will be on site.

So please put the date in your diary and get a torch ready for a night in the museum - the History of the World at the Woodmansey Pop Up Museum on Monday.



**The famous Christmas Tree Assembly, it's a gift to the children.**

### The start of our Christmas Magic.

Continuing the tradition, there will be a special assembly to welcome the decoration of the Christmas tree and the start of the school's festive preparations.

This will be held on Monday 2nd December. The event is a gift to the children from Mr Loncaster, and involves a

considerable amount of secret preparation!

Unfortunately not everyone can attend, however Governors, Staff, PTFA and Volunteer Helpers are most welcome. The assembly will conclude with the lighting of our Christmas tree.

It's a morning to remember.



## Christmas at the Minster Yr3-6 Make sure you don't miss out.

Meanwhile the Y3 to Y6 Christmas Celebration will be held in Beverley Minster on Monday 16th December 2019 at 7pm. We are calling the event a **Festival of Christmas** and I am sure it will be a wonderful occasion. **All children** from Y3 to Y6 will be performing. I am delighted to announce that this year we are again joining the KS2 children from Molescroft Primary School. This is recognising the collaboration partnership we have with the school.

The event is to be spread throughout the central nave so all can get a good view. Like last year we shall use the full length of the nave to the back of the Minster with special lighting installed throughout the length, avoiding the rather blinding



### MINSTER TREES 2019

Once again the PTFA are kindly sponsoring a Christmas Tree for the school for the Minster Tree Festival. Children have helped design and are still busily applying the finishing touches for the tree along with the guidance and creative talents of Mrs Fisher and Mrs Owst. The Woodmansey tree, along with around 90 others are available to view in Beverley Minster from Thursday 5th December.

Please support the school by visiting if you can, and if you spot our tree, take a photo of you with it and tweet us **@WoodmanseyPS**

spot light. There will be something for everyone, wherever you are sat.

All are welcome and there are no tickets to book for this event. As indicated, the choir will be performing as well. Every Y3 to Y6 child will also be playing their ukulele.

The main feature of the evening is to be a Christmas Musical **"Hosannah Rock"** performed by all the children in Y3 to Y6. I am grateful again to the Minster staff for facilitating the event, which will be in itself an act of some faith as we shall not be rehearsing in the Minster before the event.

The doors will open at 6:30 pm. This date was advertised in the November Newsletter and clearly we hope that every Y3 to Y6 child plus choir will participate. If for any reason this is not possible, please write a short note or e-mail as soon as possible. This is to ensure anyone not performing is



## STARTING SCHOOL IN 2020?

### The Application Window is now open.

Do you have a child aged 3 to 4 years old? Was your child born between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016? If so, then he/she should start school in September 2020. You can apply for a school place online NOW using the electronic form on the council's website:

[www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk) or you can get an application form from the Admissions Team. Application forms are available now. The deadline for receiving applications is January 15th, 2020. You should make sure that you complete and return an application form online or a paper form to the Admissions Team at County Hall, Beverley by that date. If you have any questions please contact your local school or East Riding of Yorkshire Council: Admissions Team - telephone (01482)



**We will be doing outdoor PE throughout the winter.**

### PE IN THE WINTER Keeping warm in outdoor PE for Y1 to Y6

Parents may not be aware, but there will be frequent times that your child will be doing PE outdoors throughout the winter season. Obviously if the weather is either very cold or very wet this would not occur but general winter weather will not be a reason to not play Tag rugby for example.

This means that children will need in addition to their black and white PE kit, outdoor clothes to keep them warm.

Some children have already been a bit chilly in outdoor PE this term as they didn't have anything warm to wear.

Warm jogging bottoms and tops are probably the most useful. Also it is vital that children have a pair of trainers to wear which must not be the pair that they may be wearing in school.

The children cannot wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan for outdoor PE. It could get filthy if they're on the field and we need them to have suitable school uniform for when they're indoors.

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in stickers. We collected enough to fill two posters, and we're now waiting for the arrival of the sports kit and hopefully a winning cheque!



## SNOW POLICY: IMPORTANT

**The following is taken from the school's Safeguarding Policy and should prepare parents/carers for what to expect when it snows.**

The school will only close without prior notice as a last resort. The Head Teacher or her representative will remain on site until the last child is collected.

### ***Policy in Practice***

#### **What the school does to assist in the event of icy weather conditions.**

It is not practical to grit the entire site, but as part of the gritting policy, safe routes round the site have been identified and will be gritted before giving access to the site, thereby minimising the risks to children parents and visitors. Part of the car park will also be gritted.

Children are not allowed to make slides on the playgrounds. Playgrounds are gritted if practical before 8:30am and when not, by morning break. At playtimes a decision as to whether children are to be allowed outside will be made by the senior teacher on duty in conjunction with a member of the Senior Management Team.

Children may not throw snowballs on the playgrounds. However if the field is covered by thick snow pupils may be allowed to play on the field in the snow, make snowman and throw snowballs. Those not wishing to throw snow (or indeed be hit by snowballs) should stay on the playground. The school believes that playing in and throwing snow is part of a child's life experiences.

In extreme cases the Head of School may decide that there is no option but to close the school if there is presented a severe health and safety risk. This done, the Chair of Governors will be informed and parents via text

message. A severe Health and Safety Risk would be presented if insufficient staff could reach the school or indeed the health and safety of staff meant that they should leave early. Due to the location of the school it is expected that the school will be able to remain open. Closing a school at short notice including closing mid way through a day poses considerable difficulties for parents and will only be taken as a very last resort.

A complete heating failure in the winter and/or a loss of the water supply would however result in the school having to close.

Good communication is essential. Parents receive a copy of specific instructions during the autumn and winter months via the monthly newsletters and the website. Children have the processes explained to them in the classroom. It is expected that parents adhere to these instructions and pass all relevant information to friends and relatives who may also come to school to bring and fetch children. Parents/Carers are asked to be responsible and plan more time for their journey, suitable footwear for having to walk further, wrapping up to keep warm etc. Parents and visitors are expected to use the gritted paths rather than walk across the snow and ice.

#### **Snow Policy and Procedures - information for teaching and support staff**

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

It is expected that all staff will make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of school time.



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In the event of severe weather, a decision to close the school for pupils will be made by 7am.

The Head of School will make arrangements for PARENTS TO BE INFORMED BY TEXT IF THE SCHOOL IS TO CLOSE.

Updates will be posted on the Twitter section of the school's website:

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In the event of the normal timetable being suspended, a programme of activities will be organised for pupils who arrive at school. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be delegated to supervise these activities.

Rather than a full closure it is more likely that the school will remain open on a reduced capacity. In such an event, parents/carers will be asked if it is possible to make alternative arrangements for pupils. Where this is not possible the school will remain open for those who need to come to school or for those who cannot go home in the case of an unexpected early closure. As the number pupils remaining decreases, they will be moved to other classes or the hall.

# DIARY



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Please be aware that the further ahead into the future dates are, there is a chance that events may have to move due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Please find a brief outline of the next two months - the next newsletter will contain a summary of the important dates for the whole school year.**

### **December**

Mon 2nd	Mr Lancaster's Christmas Tree assembly to whole school
Mon 2nd	Night at the Museum 3.15-5.00pm
Thurs 5th-8th	Christmas Tree festival at Beverley Minster
Mon 9th	FSU/KS1 Nativity DRESS REHEARSAL 9.15am
Tues 10th	FSU/KS1 Nativity to parents/ carers 9.15-10.15am
Wed 11th	FSU/KS1 Nativity to parents/ carers 9.15-10.15am
Sat 14th	PTFA Disco at Woodmansey Village Hall
Mon 16th	Festival of Christmas at the Minster (KS2, Ukuleles, Choir) 6.30pm
Tues 17th	Christmas Parties afternoon
Tues 17th	PTFA Floral arranging 6-8.30pm
Wed 18th	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 19th	Christingle making with Mrs Scott (am)
Thurs 19th	Christingle Service at St Peters Church 2pm, all welcome
Fri 20th	Last day of term, school closes for the holidays

### **January**

Tues 7th	School reopens for the Spring Term
Mo 13th	Mid Year Reports published for English & Maths
Mo 27th	Chinese New Year: Year of the Rat
Mo 27th	Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly at 2:45pm

**Yours sincerely,**  
**Sarah Grainger**  
**Acting Head of School**