



KETTLESING FELLISCLIFFE

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – CHRISTMAS 2023

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE - YTD

	WHOLE SCHOOL	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
RIPLEY	96%	96%	97%	97%	NA
BECKWITHSHAW	96%	96%	96%	97%	99%
KETTLESING	97%	97%	97%	97%	NA

A reminder that all absences must be reported to the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours, but when unavoidable a letter, text or email confirming the appointment must be given to the school for your child's attendance records. If we do not receive this documentation, children's attendance will be marked as unauthorised leave.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your bumper edition of the Christmas newsletter!

As we move towards the festive period and a new calendar year, this is a time of reflection and growth: reflecting on all that has been achieved this academic year already and how we now continue to grow throughout the year and beyond. Your children have been incredibly busy this term and school has come so far in such a short space of time. We congratulate Ripley School in their successful SIAMS inspection and all three schools on achievements and events such as Enterprise Day, Pupil Leadership Roles, Pantomime, Children in Need, Anti-Bullying Week, Road Safety Week to name a few. Please do look out for a media articles on our Pupil Leaders across the Federation which will be published soon!

We thank you hugely for your feedback in the most recent Parent Carer Questionnaire and pride ourselves on listening to your views in order to improve our schools further. Your positive comments really are appreciated, and we will have already actioned some of your super ideas: Amazon Wishlists, additional after-school clubs, trips and visits, and increased communication via ScholarPack (text/email), ParentMail (payments/bookings) social media (Facebook/Twitter) and website. In the New Year we will be launching our new and improved website which we very much look forward to. Working together positively really does have an impact on the educational experience for your children.

I am excited about the progress we can continue to make next term and wish you all, a restful and joyful festive break.

Warmest Regards

Miss Kirkman

Executive Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY



DATE	EVENT
8th December	Friends of Kettlesing Christmas Disco
14th December	Carols by Candlelight
15th December	Harrogate Christmas Market - Federation choir performance
18th - 22nd December	Christmas Enrichment Week
18th December	Christmas Party - children may come dressed in party wear for the day.
19th December	Christmas craft afternoon
20th December	Christmas lunch and a special guest - children may wear Christmas jumpers on this day, with uniform bottoms.
21st December	Nativity - Parents are invited to attend the village hall when the production will start at 2pm.
22nd December	Christmas movie afternoon.
22nd December	Last day of Autumn term - school finishes at the normal time of 3.30pm

We are delighted to be working towards becoming a Federation of Sanctuary over the course of this academic year. committed to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion for refugees and people seeking asylum.

Driven by teachers, school staff, parents, governors and community groups, City of Sanctuary supports the thousands of young people seeking sanctuary in the UK, raises awareness of the issues facing people in the asylum system, challenges misconceptions and builds social cohesion. Harrogate and District City of Sanctuary helps refugees and asylum seekers who come to live in the Harrogate district by offering friendship and practical support, in partnership with other charitable, faith, voluntary and community services. We offer social activities that bring the families together to gain mutual support and confidence.

As you are aware, at the Federation of Beckwithshaw, Kettlesing Felliscliffe and Ripley CE Primary schools we aim to provide a community of compassion. A place where all children are courageous, and who grow together, guided by love.

We will be updating you regularly with things you can do to support our federation culture of community, compassion and courage as we work to become a federation of sanctuary. As well as fundraising for school, this will be our chosen federation charity for this academic year. For more information visit: - <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>



Reminders, Updates, and Information

PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS

Please ensure all outstanding balances on your child's ParentMail accounts are settled in full by the end of the Autumn term.

A polite reminder that all school dinners, and wraparound care bookings should be paid for in advance of the meal/session being taken. Where dinners or wraparound care fall into arrears, letters will be sent home in line North Yorkshires policies, and the T&C's of Merlins Club.

As always, if you wish to discuss financial matters in confidence, please do not hesitate to give Mrs Randall a call on 01423 770160

MERLINS CLUBS

Booking forms for Spring Merlins Club will be sent out in the next week. Please ensure these are completed, signed and returned by Friday 22nd December at the latest.

CLUBS FOR SPRING

We are delighted that Harrogate AFC, will be providing football coaching after school, and Sporting Influence a gymnastics club for the Spring term. Miss Bosworth will also be running an Art Club throughout Spring 1. Clubs for Spring term are as follows:

Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm - Art Club

Tuesday 3.30- 4.30pm - Gymnastics with Sporting Influence

Wednesday 3.30- 4.30pm - Football Club with Harrogate AFC

Gymnastics will replace Multi Sports, offering children more of a choice in the sporting activities they participate in across the academic year.

All clubs have limited spaces so be sure to book these early to avoid disappointment.

Clubs will be charged at £4.50 per session and run for 5 weeks from WC 09.01.23 - WC 05.02.24. The full payment will be required at booking to secure your child's place.

Booking and Payment for all clubs will be available on Parentmail before the end of the Autumn term, and will be on a first come first serve basis.

You will be informed via text when the booking goes live.

SATS CLUB - Year 6

We will be running a Year 6 SATS Club every Thursday after school from 3.30 - 4.30pm from Thursday 18th January 2024

HARROGATE COMPETITIVE FESTIVAL FOR MUSIC, SPEECH AND DRAMA

We have received the brochure for the Harrogate Competitive Festival for Music, Speech and Drama. There are opportunities within the festival for children to perform on instruments, read extracts from books and sing. Here is the website address where you can access the full brochure and make an online entry should your child be interested - <http://www.hcfmsd.co.uk/>

HARROGATE COMPETITIVE FESTIVAL FOR MUSIC, SPEECH AND DRAMA

SYLLABUS

2024

March 1st-3rd,
8th-10th, 15th-17th

Harrogate High School
Ainsley Road
Harrogate
HG1 4AP

All Entries must be made online.
The Closing date is the 8th January 2024

www.hcfmsd.co.uk

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@harrogatecompetitivefestival
#hcfmsd
Registered Charity 510706

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Children in Need

What a SPOTacular day we all had! Thank you for all the kind donations. We managed to raise £53.46.



As part of the day, some of the classes researched where our money may go in our local area. We were delighted to see that there are 2 places in Harrogate where our money may go. We learnt that the money supports a range of different places as well as different families and children in the UK.

Children also spent some time learning about all of the different charities funded and supported by Children in Need.

Anti Bullying Week

At Kettleing the children have been thinking about #antibullyingawarenessweek and being kind. We also wore odd socks to represent how we all unique and different.



Remembrance



The children learnt about why we wear a poppy in November, and then created their own paper plate poppy to display around school.

The children paid their respect with a minutes silence. We had 2 poems read and we laid wreaths by the war memorial. Thank you to the Vicar and Mr and Mrs Carr for your time.

Reading Ambassadors

The Kettleing Reading Ambassadors have had a busy month and were really proud to plan, organise and deliver their first 'Book Swap' Event.

We are so proud you for the creative, fun ways you are promoting reading throughout the school!



SMSC Committee and MHWB Ambassadors



Thank you so much to our MHWB Ambassadors in C3 who helped display our new posters and cushion covers for our intervention room. A space of positivity, calm and reflection for the whole school to benefit from.

This week, our SMSC children shared the important message around Christmas Jumper Day and the vital job their donations will do for Save the Children. They presented beautifully and we were so proud of the message they shared.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

School Council

We couldn't be prouder of school council and the amazing amount of money they have raised so far. They raised £70 at their recent bake sale, and have lots of great ideas to raise further funds in the new year. Well done School Council!



Sports Leaders



Our fantastic Sports Leaders have been in full action, supporting positive play at social times, being there as a friend, tidying away the equipment and thinking about how they would want playtimes to look.

Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Hemming will also be taking the lead on social time activities with our Sports Leaders.

SMSC & Change

So proud of our Sustainability and Change Leads, who have been conducting litter-picks around the village, noted key 'litter' points and discussed how the litter we found could impact the wildlife in our beautiful village.

Our next job is to write to our MP regarding the rural issues of fly-tipping and littering.

We want to keep our local area clean!!



Panto



Always a highlight of the academic year....a trip to the pantomime at Harrogate Theatre. The children thought this years production of Dick Whittington was the best yet!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Kettlesing School for paying for the tickets, coach and an ice cream for every child. It was hugely appreciated!

Christmas Enterprise Day



What a truly wonderful, morning the children had this week, making various different Christmas crafts.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Class 1

Class One have been exploring different celebrations across the world. They have been looking at Bonfire Night – creating their very own chalk firework pictures, as well as learning about Diwali. The children loved learning about the story of Rama and Sita, and have been re-telling this in their small-world area. They have created their own Rangoli patterns and Mehndi patterns using a variety of materials. The children have been having their own celebrations in the role-play area, writing their own party shopping lists, and baking lots of yummy imaginary cakes. In Geography the Year children have also been learning about human and physical features in our local area, ready to compare with the city of Shanghai.



Class 2

In Class 2, we have started work on shape in Year 2 and multiplication and division in Year 3. We have just written a diary entry in our English and are now beginning to plan a letter. We have been learning about forces such as friction, by carrying out investigations in our Science lessons and

continuing our work on volcanoes in Geography! We are celebrating difference in PSHE and learning greetings in our French lessons, which the children are thoroughly enjoying! During this month, we have also shown our respects for remembrance day and raised money for children in need with our spotty clothes!



Class 3

Class 3 have been working on a new book called 'Mysterious Traveller'. We have been focusing on writing expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and relative clauses to help write a prediction about our story. To help us with our prediction, we drew a scene to show how our prediction would look and joined them together to make a long mountainous view.



In Art, Class 3 have been finding out about the great Russian artist, Wassily Kandinsky. Kandinsky focussed on colour and is considered to be the first abstract artist, linking colour with emotion. As a class, we studied his painting, 'Squares with Concentric Circles.' Everyone painted their own concentric circle on a square using their knowledge of the colour wheel. We learned about primary, secondary and tertiary colours.



House Point Tally



Safeguarding

Road Safety

With darker mornings and evenings upon us, our focus this month is ensuring we continue the great work we have been doing with the children in school on Road Safety.

Children need help to learn how to cross the road safely. And there's a lot you can do as a parent or carer to support them. It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe around roads, so we have compiled a list of useful tips as well as links to some amazing websites and resources.



Be Bright and Be Seen

Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and dusk when you're heading to and from school, but remember it doesn't work well after dark!

Reflective gear is essential when you're out and about when it's dark to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work really well.

Accessories like clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on clothing or bags are a great way to improve your visibility.

Careful choices of routes and crossing points that are well lit are also essential to staying safe when you're out at night.

Are you ready for cycling in the dark? <https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/families/children/cycling>

Bicycle Lights - It's important to have a good set of lights that work and to check them regularly. It's also illegal not to have lights on your bike when cycling in the dark. White lights for the front of the bike and red for the rear. We recommend at least 800 lumens. Ask your child to keep spare batteries in their back pack too, just in case.

Reflectors - Most bikes come with reflectors fitted to the front and back of the bike, and on both wheels, however these aren't sufficient on their own. Check that they are big enough, aren't obscured by clothing when riding, and are not cracked or covered with mud so they can reflect headlights effectively. As with lights, reflectors should be red at the rear and white at the front so people know which direction you are travelling in. Wheel reflectors should be white.

Bright Clothing - Hi vis jackets or vests are ideal, but your child might be against wearing them as they're not the most fashionable. Therefore a hi vis reflective back pack for their school bag might be an option. If you buy a cycling jacket it is likely to already have reflective areas on it. Hi vis gloves are also another way to add some extra safety.

Helmet - It's important for your child to always wear a helmet when cycling. Reflective strips can be added to the helmet if it doesn't have them already. Help your child get excited about their own safety by suggesting that they decorate their helmet and bike with reflective stickers.



Useful road safety websites and resources:

[Education resources – THINK!](https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/) - <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

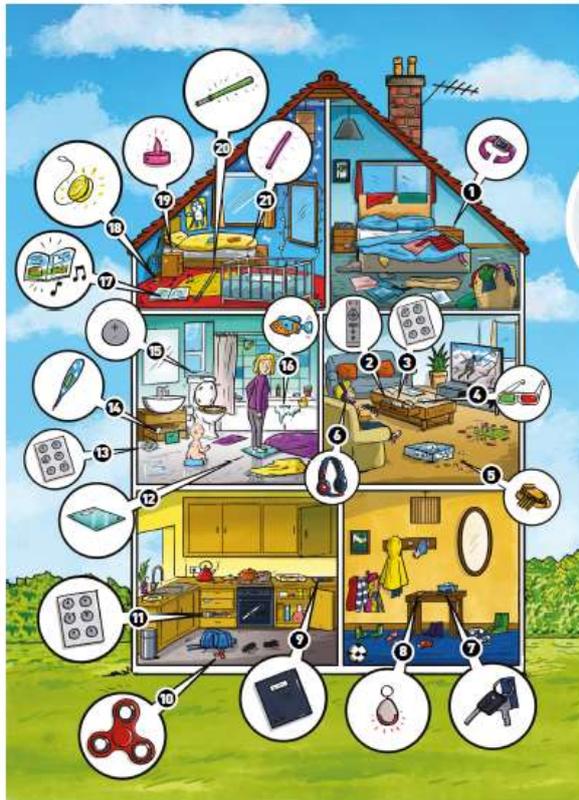
[Road Safety For Children | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/) - <https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/>

[Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents \(rospa.com\)](https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf) - <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

[Teaching road safety skills to children with additional needs \(rospa.com\)](https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/Teaching-road-safety-skills-to-children-with-additional-needs.pdf) - <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/Teaching-road-safety-skills-to-children-with-additional-needs.pdf>

Safeguarding

Button Batteries



Button batteries – where are yours?



BIPBA
British and Irish Portable Battery Association



Button batteries, particularly big, powerful lithium coin cell batteries, can badly hurt or kill a small child within two hours, if they get stuck in the food pipe. Know where yours are, so you can keep your children safe.

Five top tips

- Hunt around your home for button batteries – in products as well as spare and 'flat' batteries.
- Keep products well out of children's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured.
- Store spare button batteries in sealed containers in a high cupboard.
- Remember that 'flat' or 'dead' batteries still hold enough power to badly hurt a child. So put them out of children's reach straight away and recycle them safely and as quickly as possible.
- If you think your child has swallowed one, don't delay. Trust your instincts and take them to A&E straight away or call 999 for an ambulance. Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick.

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| 1. Fitness tracker | 12. Bathroom scales |
| 2. Remote control | 13. Spare batteries |
| 3. Spare batteries | 14. Thermometer |
| 4. 3D glasses | 15. Flat battery |
| 5. Robot bug toy | 16. Robo fish |
| 6. Gaming headset | 17. Musical greeting card |
| 7. Car key | 18. Light-up yo-yo |
| 8. Key finder | 19. Tea light |
| 9. Kitchen scales | 20. Light saber |
| 10. Light up fidget spinner | 21. Flashing wand |
| 11. Spare batteries | |

For more help



capr.org.uk/button-batteries
[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse is any type of controlling, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people who are or have been in a relationship. It can also happen between adults related to one another. It can seriously harm children and young people, and experiencing domestic abuse is child abuse. It's important to remember that domestic abuse:

- can happen inside and outside the home
- can happen over the phone, on the internet and on social networking sites
- can happen in any relationship and can continue even after the relationship has ended
- both men and women can be abused or abusers

For more information on how to protect children from domestic abuse, visit - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/domestic-abuse/>



NSPCC

SAMARITANS

With the extra pressure that the festive season can bring, our worries and fears may seem worse this time of year. It's important you check in on yourself and look after your wellbeing. If you are finding things hard this festive season visit :

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/if-youre-having-difficult-time/if-youre-finding-things-hard-this-Christmas-festive-season/>

Or call the Samaritans **116 123**

Whatever you're going through, you can call them any time, from any phone for FREE.

Safeguarding

Don't go hungry this Christmas or New Year



Our local food providers are here to help you and your family if you find yourself in need of food. They can provide you with food parcels including basic provisions and some provide cooked meals or a combination of both.

Please contact your nearest provider to find out how they can help you.
All enquiries are dealt with in strict confidence.

Harrogate and Knaresborough Foodbank

Food collections (referrals only, see www.harrogatedistrict.foodbank.org.uk or Tel: 07885529864): Holy Trinity, Knaresborough Wednesdays 10.30am -12.30pm.
Mowbray Community Church, Harrogate, Tuesday & Fridays 10.30am -12.30pm.
Life Destiny Church, Starbeck, Thursdays 10.30am -12.30pm.
Email: info@harrogatedistrict.foodbank.org.uk **Closed 22 Dec - 2 Jan 2024.**



Ripon, Boroughbridge and Masham Foodbank

Waste Not Wednesday at Ripon Community House. Surplus food cooked up into meals and treats plus short-dated items to take away for a donation. Open to all in the community. Tel: 07486 458963 Email: foodsupport@riponcommunityhouse.co.uk
Closed from Friday 22 Dec - reopening Wednesday 3 Jan 2024.



Resurrected Bites

"Give as you can" Cafes at: St Pauls URC, Harrogate, Wednesdays 10am-1.30pm; Killinghall MC, Thursdays 10am -1.30pm; Gracious St MC, Knaresborough, Friday 10am - 1.30pm.
Cafes will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Community Groceries for people in food poverty: New Park Academy, West Street, Harrogate, Tuesday 11am - 2.45pm, Thursdays 9.30am - 2.45pm - **between Christmas and New Year open 28th December 10am-1pm.** Gracious Street MC, Chapel Street, Knaresborough, Friday 8am - 2.30pm - **between Christmas and New Year open 29th December 10am - 1pm only.** See website for more information: www.resurrectedbites.co.uk



Harrogate St Peters Church

Hot breakfast 8.20 - 8.45am Monday to Saturday (eat in only). Hot meal 4.30 - 4.50pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday (eat in or take away). Mini Supermarket every Thursday 4.30 - 4.50pm. Sunday Lunch 1 - 1.30pm. Tel: 07503 186455 (no deliveries) www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk. **Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th December, Lunch 1 - 1.30pm (eat in or take away) Christmas Day: Breakfast not available. Christmas Day lunch 1 - 1.30pm, eat in only, no booking required.**



Boroughbridge Community Charity

Boroughbridge Community Larder open every Wednesday between 12 noon and 1.30pm at Boroughbridge Methodist Church, Horsefair. For more information contact: Boroughbridge Community Charity, Tel: 01423 324504 or email: admin@bcccharity.co.uk



Nidderdale

For information about how to access food including emergency provisions contact: Nidd Plus Tel: 01423 714953. Email: admin@nidderdaleplus.org.uk

If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Elouise Foster - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettleasing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642