

9TH  
DECEMBER  
2024



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

What a fantastic week we've had last week at Dringhouses Primary School! As we move into the final weeks of term, it's been a joy to celebrate the festive spirit and showcase the wonderful talents and hard work of our school community.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our Christmas Fair, organised by the fabulous Friends of Dringhouses School (FODS). Thanks to their dedication and all the families who came to support. The fair was a huge success, raising vital funds for the school. It was a wonderful occasion, filled with festive fun and a true sense of community.

Our Reception Nativities were another big highlight! The children did an brilliant job bringing the Christmas story to life with their performances, and their smiles and enthusiasm were contagious. Well done to all the Reception children and staff for making it such a memorable event for our families.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch, prepared and served by our talented kitchen team. The hall was full of festive cheer as staff and pupils tucked into turkey, all the trimmings, and even a Christmas hat!

Finally, our talented Choir visited St. Edward's Church to sing at the Alzheimer's Society Carol Concert. They were a true credit to the school, filling the church with beautiful music and raising spirits for such a worthy cause.

It's been a busy week full of festive celebrations, and we're so proud of everything our pupils, staff, and families have contributed. We look forward to more joyful moments in the weeks ahead as we count down to Christmas!

Miss Swiers

## DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

9th Dec- E Safety Meeting for Families 3.30

11 Dec KSI Nativity Performance (Class 3) 2:15-3:15

12 Dec KSI Nativity Performance (Class 4) 9:30-10:30

12 Dec KSI Nativity Performance (Class 5) 2:15-3:15

13 Dec Christmas Jumper Day

13 Dec Neurodiversity and Wellbeing Drop-In 8:35

13 Dec Rocksteady Concert 10:00-11:00

16 Dec FODS Secret Shopping

17 Dec Christmas Service @ St Edwards

18th December- 6pm- KS2 Christingle in the hall

20 Dec Last Day of Autumn Term

## ATTENDANCE AT DRINGHOUSES

Please see below our attendance for each year group last week. Please remember that each missed session has an impact on your child's educational journey. Please see the attendance for this week below.  
Reception: 92% Year 1: 96% Year 2: 96% Year 3: 96% Year 4: 96% Year 5: 95% Year 6: 90%

The class with the highest attendance last week was Class 1. Well done to them. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending this week with them!



# TREE OF HOPE

This advent Dringhouses Primary School are proud to be supporting Martins House Children's Hospice Christmas appeal. Martins House provide family-led hospice care free of charge for children and young people with life-limiting illnesses.

As a school, we will be creating a Reflection Tree, and invite you all to join the children in dressing our tree by adding your messages as decoration. We hope people of all ages will get involved and share their message, of hope, gratitude, remembrance, friendship and love. We are here to celebrate them all.

We hope to raise as much money as we can to support Martin's House, help children and their families make memories they'll cherish forever, and experience a special Christmas. Donations in support can be made via the just giving page [https://www.justgiving.com/page/dringhouses-primary-1731966330159?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fdringhouses-primary-1731966330159&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfj-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/dringhouses-primary-1731966330159?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fdringhouses-primary-1731966330159&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfj-share) Please feel free to share this Just Giving page with family, friends, grandparents and work colleagues who may wish to get involved. We'll ensure their message is displayed on the School's Christmas tree. Tags are available from the school office.



# FACE PAINTING CLUB

A huge well done to our talented Year 6 students in the Face Painting Club, led by the wonderful Mrs. Auckland! Over the past few weeks, the group has been busy preparing for the Christmas Fair, and they did a brilliant job transforming faces with festive designs. Their hard work and creativity were on full display, and the results were fantastic. It was great to see these young leaders take charge with such enthusiasm and professionalism—proof that they are well on their way to becoming superb role models. We can't wait to see what they'll achieve next at the Summer Fair!



# CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Wednesday, our school was filled with festive cheer as we enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, expertly prepared by Carolina and her fantastic team. The meal was delicious with all the traditional favourites including turkey, stuffing, and all the trimmings. To add to the festive fun, the children wore festive hats, kindly purchased by FODS, making the occasion even more special. The hall was full of smiles, laughter, and the wonderful aroma of Christmas – it was the perfect way to celebrate together! A huge thank you to Carolina, her team, and FODS for making this a truly memorable event.





The Christmas Fair- it happened! We hope you all enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit at Dringhouses. A huge thank you to all who volunteered to help this year and to everyone for all the amazing donations. The Christmas fair is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year and every penny raised goes back to school to support the children and their education. We really appreciate how much effort has been put into the fair this year - behind the scenes and on the day - and for all the support from the school community to help make it a success.

#### **Secret Shopping - 16th December**

Do you have unwanted Christmas wrapping paper, or can you donate a roll? FODS are preparing for the secret shopping event and need lots of paper to wrap the children's presents up - ready for going under the tree! If you have Christmas wrapping paper rolls you can donate please drop them off at the office next week.

#### **Nativity costume donations**

FODS are hoping to build up a collection of nativity costumes for children at Dringhouses to use next year. If you do have a costume to donate, please send it our way! We are hoping to create a more sustainable (and hopefully less stressful) solution to the annual create-a-costume scramble! Thank you so much!

## **THE LOSS FOUNDATION- GRIEF SUPPORT**

Please find details attached of support on Christmas day for those who are bereaved by Cancer.

[Online Christmas Day Get-Together for people bereaved by cancer - The Loss Foundation](#)

With thanks and kind regards





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# Christmas Holiday



# FOOTBALL

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