



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I do hope you are managing to keep well and safe. It has been a good week in terms of attendance, and I want to thank you again for your support in getting your children to school every day during these difficult times.

It has been truly amazing to see how well the children have responded to the challenge of cross county. The classrooms and playgrounds were filled with a 'buzz' of excitement and sense of achievement as each pupil was praised by their peers on completion of the run. I saw pupils beaming with smiles at the fact they had completed the challenging course and others who had managed to improve their personal records. This week has also seen us celebrate and enjoy Christmas jumper day. I have enjoyed seeing pupils dressed in vibrant seasonal attire as we enter the festive period. I am pleased to say that donations raised from today will go towards supporting our chosen charities of MND and the Prince of Wales hospice.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to greeting the children on Monday morning.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan  
Headteacher



## Attendance

Class	Attendance
Nursery	98.5%
Reception	98.9%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 1/2	100 %
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 3/4	97.1%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	N/A
Year 6	98.5%

## Days off school add up to lost learning

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Flu Immunisation mop up session

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – School finishes

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Inset Day

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – School returns after Christmas break

### Star of the Week Certificates



Class	Star of the Week
Reception	Elliot Young
Year 1	Jack Walters
Year 1/2	Sam Fletcher
Year 2	Corey-Lee Hyde
Year 3	Lilly Milton
Year 3/4	Harry Everitt
Year 4	Mariam Ali
Year 5	Whole class for their dedication to home learning
Year 6	George Chadwick
HI & Deaf Resource	Cody Bell

### Pinderfields Childrens A&E – Great Artwork



We have received some photos of the children's artwork that has been used to decorate the Children's A&E ward at Pinderfields. We're sure you'll agree they really help to make the ward feel more festive and cheerful.

## Year 2 Art competition contributions

The year 2 children have enjoyed the art competition for MNDA, they used oil pastels and water colours to draw 'Pontefract Castle' as the theme was 'our local area', they were inspired by the artist Paul Klee.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Here are just a few pictures of the children enjoying Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for all your donations. We will let you know how much was raised in the next Newsletter.



And Makenna joined in with Christmas Jumper Day whilst shielding at home. Brilliant work Makenna.





As an alternative to sending Christmas cards this year, we will be accepting donations that will be shared between our two chosen charities: MNDA and the Prince of Wales hospice. Should pupils still wish to send a Christmas card to their friends, all we would ask is that they send one card to the entire class. Then after a period of 72 hours quarantine, these can be displayed in class for all to see. Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time.

### Inclement Weather

In the event of school closure due to snow we will send notification to parents via Class DoJo and ParentMail in the first instance. You can also get updates from Pulse Radio.

**WHEN THE WEATHER TURNS,  
TURN TO...**

School Closures  
Local News  
Local Weather  
Traffic & Travel

**pulse1**

GREATEST HITS RADIO  
WEST YORKSHIRE

GREATESTHITSRADIO.CO.UK or PULSE1.CO.UK  
Click: SCHOOL CLOSURES

RADIO MOBILE PLAY 'GREATEST HITS RADIO' PLAY 'PULSE 1'

Thinking of buying a real tree this Christmas, but don't like the hassle of getting rid of it after? Leave it to The Prince Of Wales Hospice!

**CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION**  
in aid of

**THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE**  
Charity No: 514999  
and other local charities

**LEAVE THE EFFORT OF GETTING RID OF YOUR TREE TO US!**

Our aim is to collect 600 trees which could run the Hospice for a whole day!  
Our volunteers are collecting trees from postcodes: **WF6, WF7, WF8, WF9, WF10, WF11 & LS25 5** on 13th, 14th & 15th January.

**To arrange a collection, in exchange for a donation please visit:**  
**[www.pwh.org.uk/christmas](http://www.pwh.org.uk/christmas)**

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the Hospice and the remaining 10% donated to other local charities.

Logos for partner organizations: BARKERS, sd landscapers, brakes, CHEP, CMC SERVICES, and The Prince of Wales Hospice.





### Supporting you to support them

This year has been extra stressful, especially if you're a parent. With so much uncertainty, it's entirely normal for your child to be finding things difficult, and for you to be unsure how best to look after their mental health and wellbeing, as well as your own. It's not easy, but you're doing the best you can and you deserve credit.

But whatever you and your child are dealing with, you are not alone. We're here for you and we have lots of advice and practical tips that can really help.

Use our new Supporting Parents Help finder to find the support that is right for you and your child,

whatever they've been going through during the pandemic. Use the link below:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>



**EVERYONE NEEDS A HELPING HAND SOMETIMES**

Whether you're a parent, young person, or work with children, discover local services for advice, support, and family activities on the Wakefield Early Help website.

Find out more at [earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk](http://earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk)



**Wakefield Safe Space** For... By... With... Wakefield

Are you struggling with your mental health?  
Are you feeling isolated and alone?  
Do you need someone to talk to in confidence?  
**WE OFFER 'HOPE IN A CRISIS'**

**WAKEFIELD SAFE SPACE IS NOW OPEN**  
Our referral lines are open from 6pm until Midnight.  
Please get in touch  
**WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU**

**ZOOM & TELEPHONE SUPPORT AVAILABLE**  
FRI - SAT (soon to include SUN)  
Tel: 07776 962 815



## Useful Contacts

Useful well-being and mental health information:

### **For children and young people:**

WF- I-CAN

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

CAMHS Single point of access

01977 735865

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/services/camhs-wakefield>

### **For Adults:**

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>

Mind

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

### **Turning Point Talking Therapies**

01924 234860

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>

### **School Uniform Stockists**

Our School Uniform stockists are both still operating and orders can be made for school wear, book bags and PE kits.

Signature Retail, Ropergate, Pontefract

Signature Retail are operating a click and collect system as well as accepting orders online through their website [www.signatureretail.co.uk](http://www.signatureretail.co.uk)

If you would like to make a purchase via phone, please telephone 01977 600324. Payments can be made over the phone and items can be collected at certain times.

Better and Bright Schoolwear

Better and Bright Schoolwear are currently taking orders through their website:

[www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk)

Alternatively, you may purchase items by calling 07486 140776 or 07837 078981

**Thank you for your continued cooperation and support**