



Filey Junior School

Widening horizons and reaching our potential whilst respecting the world and each other,
within a happy, healthy and positive learning community

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It's time to open the first door of the advent calendar and it's been quite an eventful start to December (or end to November at least). We've seen wind, rain, snow, hail and even the sun at times. It continues to be very cold though, so please ensure you get your children wrapped up for the winter months.

As always, we will make every attempt to keep school open during poor weather conditions, but if we do need to close the school, for any reason, we will text, post on Facebook and send a message via Yorkshire Coast Radio to inform you otherwise. I hope you will join me in saying a big thank you and well done to all the staff who struggled in yesterday despite the conditions, and managed to keep the school open and children safe - we all had a good day in the end.

It's also that time of year when we begin to look towards the festive season and there are lots of plans and activities already underway for the Christmas period. Please take a look at the diary below and make a note on your calendars of the dates when we have activities happening.

Diary

Thursday 7th December -	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December -	Whole School Panto Visit (The Spa, Scarborough) (AM) Year 5 - visit Scarborough Woodend Museum (PM) Year 3 - visit Scarborough Rotunda Museum (PM)
Tuesday 19th December -	Year 3 & Year 5 Christmas Service - Filey Methodist Church 1:30pm Christmas Disco
Wednesday 20th December -	Year 4 & Year 6 Christmas Service - Filey Methodist Church 1:30pm Year 3 Nativity Production (1:30pm)
Thursday 21st December -	Year 3 Nativity Production (6pm)
Friday 22nd December -	School Closes for Christmas (3:30pm)
Tuesday 9th January -	School Opens (8:45am)

NOTE: More Festive Dates Coming Soon!

Scooters

As part of our lunchtime activities, we are looking to introduce a small Scooter Park to the playground. We are sure this will be very popular for many of the children but we also need to ensure they have the correct equipment available. If your child would like to use their own scooter at lunchtimes they will need a helmet and it will be parent's responsibility to ensure the scooter is maintained. More details soon, but if your child is looking to ask Santa for a scooter for Christmas, don't forget the helmet!

Online Communications

As you are all aware, we are very proud of the way we have used technology to develop and enhance your children's education and we feel this is an area which we excel in. We are always looking for new ways to aid communication with parents and through Facebook, ClassDojo and the use of text messages, we think this has become a strength of the school. We are about to develop this area even further, however, through the introduction of a new website; a school app (for smartphones); further Facebook coverage for Literacy and Numeracy; and the use of video, via YouTube, to help give you information regarding your child's education. We hope to launch these exciting new initiatives before Christmas or in the very early new year. Please watch this space closely and let us know if you have any suggestions or feedback.

A Big Thank You

To everyone who contributed to the Children in Need Day and the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. In total we raised over £200 for Children in Need and collected almost 100 Christmas Shoeboxes for children less fortunate than our own. Another great example of the excellent work our children do in supporting others.

Festive Filey

It's almost time for the switching on of the Fishtive Christmas Tree which our children have helped to decorate with their festive fish pictures. The big switch-on will be tonight, Friday 1st December, at 6:30pm on Coble Landing. Come and join us from 4:30pm on Coble Landing for free family festive entertainment and activities, provided by various community groups, including **our very own school choir**, the ever-popular Filey Fishermen's Choir and a visit from Santa on his sea-faring sleigh! And watch out for BBC Look North this evening as Class 10 will be featured as part of the BBC's coverage of the event!