



Kilnhurst St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy  
Newsletter - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022



**Reading Awards**

The following children have achieved their **Bronze** reading awards (50 reads). Well done.

**Class 2**

**Darcie W**

**Class 3**

**Taylor F**

**Shay**

**Freddie**

**Pixie**

**Class 5**

**Jacob F**

**Weekly Class Attendance**

FS1 – 95.5%

FS2 – 94%

Year 1 – 88%

Year 2 – 97.3%

**Year 3 - 98%**

Year 4 – 87.3%

Year 5 – 97.5%

Year 6 – 88%

Congratulations **Class 3**, you are this week's attendance winners, well done.

**St Thomas' Church Christmas Market**

St Thomas' Church will be holding their Christmas Market on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022** between **4.00pm to 7.00pm**. Everyone is welcome.



**Winter Coats / Pumps**

Could we please ask that children come to school with a winter /shower proof coat now the weather is starting to turn. We would also ask that children bring a change of shoes – these can be pumps or slippers – these must be a full house slipper with hard soles – no slip on / novelty ones please (see below). Thank you.





## Christmas Events

### Christmas Performances

Our children will be doing their Christmas Performances this year on the following dates/times:

**Key Stage 1 (Classes 1 and 2) – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2.00pm and 5.00pm**  
**Key Stage 2 – (Classes 3 to 6) – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2.00pm and 5.00pm**  
**FS2 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 9.30am**

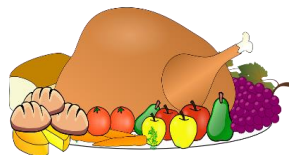
**Tickets will be available week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.** We will notify parents/guardians via DOJO when they can collect them from reception.

Please note we will only be able to allocate 2 tickets per family. If you require more than 2 tickets, please let the school office know and if there are any spares after allocation, we will let you have them. Thank you.

### Christmas Dinner / Save for the Children Christmas Jumper Day

The children will be having their Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022.** All children will be offered the dinner free of charge. There will be vegan and vegetarian options available also. Could you please contact the school office only if:

- Your child will **not** be having a Christmas Lunch (packed lunches will need to be fetched from home) or
- Your child requires a vegan / vegetarian option



### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Also, on the same day, Children may come to school in their Christmas Jumpers / t-shirts for a £1 donation. All money donated will be sent to the Save the Children Charity.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

### Christmas Parties

Our Christmas Parties will be held on the following dates/times:

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – FS1/FS2 Christmas Party and Special Visitor – 10.30am – 11.30am**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party – 1pm**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party – 1 pm**

Sandwiches / pizza / sausage & cheese rolls will be provided free of charge but children are encouraged to fetch in other snacks such as crisps, biscuits, popcorn, buns, cakes etc.

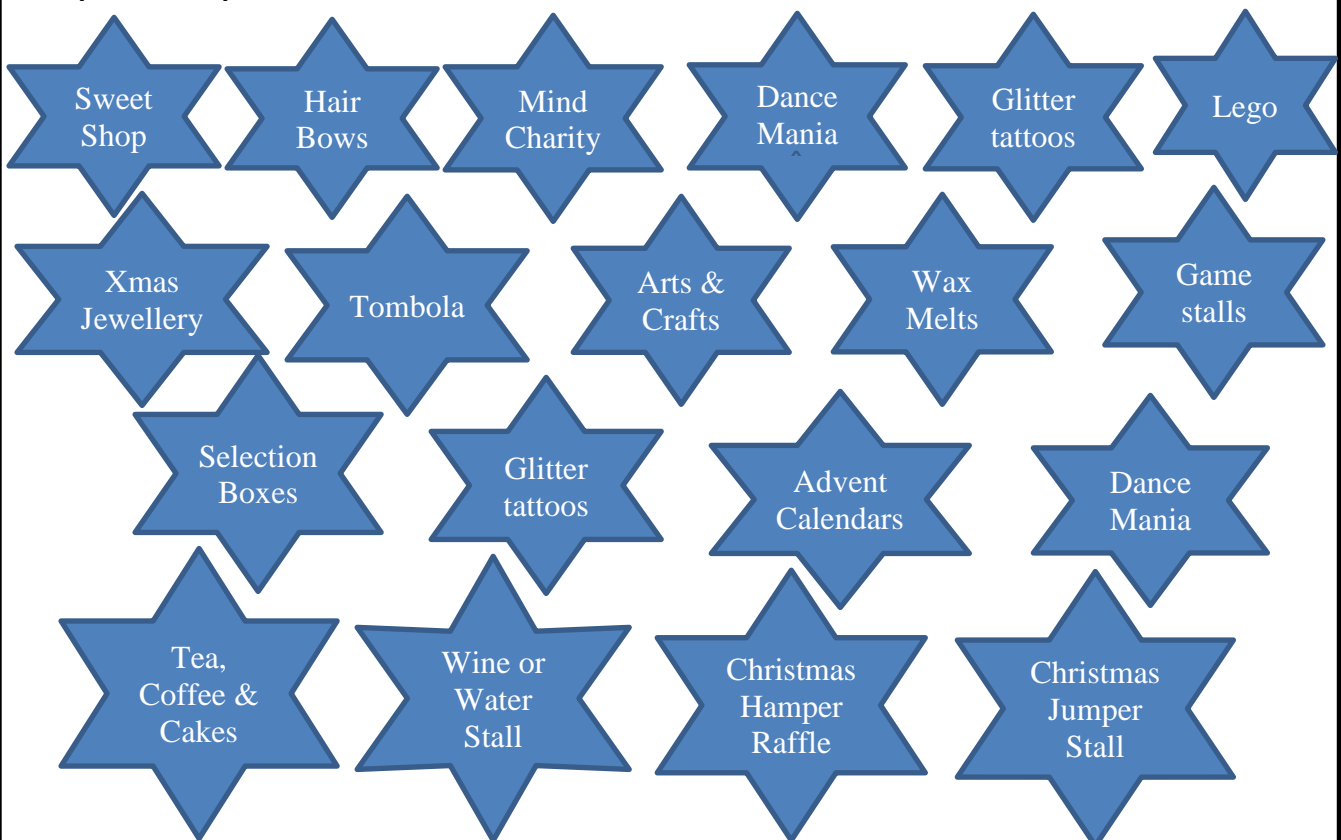
Children may also come to school in their party clothes so they don't need to fetch them to change into. Thank you.



### Christmas Fayre – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



We will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre this year on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022** from **1.00pm to 2.30pm** in the Main Hall.



The gates will be opened at 1.00pm so Parents/Guardians can collect their children from their classrooms. Once the children are collected you can make your way to the Main Hall through reception. Children whose parents/guardians cannot make it may send their child with some money in an envelope and they will be taken around the fayre by their class teacher.

If any parents/guardians would like a stall at the Fayre then please contact the school office. These are priced at £10 each. You may come into school at 12.30pm to set up.

**We are also seeking donations of the following items:**

**Christmas Jumpers / T-Shirts**

**Cakes / Buns / Sweets**

**Selection Boxes**

**Wine**

**Chocolates**

**Tombola Items**

**Donations can be dropped off with your child's class teacher or at reception.**

Thank you for your support.



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### Mindfulness March – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Please see below information regarding a Mindfulness March which has been organised by Trudy Race – The Green Hart Project; and in partnership with MIND who provide support in school each week.

This event is in memory of Bethany Hart.

Bethany's family will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Christmas Hamper at the Christmas Fayre next Friday; they will also be selling tea lights for people to purchase to take on the mindfulness march on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Money raised will be sent to the Mind Charity. Please see below for further details.

Please come along and support this amazing family and the charity.

We're supporting  
**mindfulness March**  
for better mental health

Our community has been left devastated by the recent terrible news. We would like our St Thomas' family to show their solidarity and support for mental health, by attending our Mindfulness March. We aim to light up Wath Lake  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 @Wath Rugby Club 4:00 pm.**  
**We plan to start the march at 4:30pm.**

The walk is to raise awareness for mental health through the difficult and uncertain times ahead. We ask that all attendees light up the lake, to symbolise in our darkest moments, we need to focus on the light and the support network that surrounds us.

"1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem"

Lights to light up the lake can be purchased from school  
**£3 = 1 or £5 = 2**  
All proceeds will go to charity

Mind Rotherham & Barnsley

The GREEN HART PROJECT



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**Sporting Events Coming Up**



Children attending these events will be invited personally by Mr Turner.

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 10am to 2.00pm - Rotherham U11's Girls Hockey Festival – Sheffield Hallam**

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 9.30am to 12 noon – Utilita Road to Wembley Tournament – Sheffield Hallam**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 – 10am to 2.00pm – Rotherham U11's Boys Hockey Festival – Sheffield Hallam**

**Netball After School Club**

We still have places available on our Netball After School Club with Mrs Walker held on Monday's - 3.00pm to 4.00pm. This is open to children in Classes 4, 5 and 6.

To book a place, please log on to your Arbor app. If you are struggling to log on to your account, please inform the school office where we will be happy to help.

Thank you.

**Children in Need – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Children in Need will take place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022** (the same day as our Christmas Fayre).

For a £1 donation, children may come to school in non-uniform. All money collected will be sent to the Charity. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



**Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term**

18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Christmas Fayre 1pm to 2.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Class 2 – Cinderella Pantomime – Barnsley Academy Theatre

6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – 2pm and 5pm

7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Key stage 2 Christmas Performance – 2pm and 5pm

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – EYFS Christmas Performance – 9.30am

12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – EYFS Christmas Party and special visitor – 10.30am – 11.30am

13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party – 1pm

14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day

15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party – 1 pm

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Church Service at St Thomas' Church – times tbc.

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 3.00pm – children break up for Christmas holidays

Back to school Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Class 3 school trip to the National Coal Mining Museum.



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### Remembrance Day

Our FS1 pupils have made this beautiful picture today to honour all the men and women in the armed forces who have died in the line in duty. They have also worn their poppies with pride. Well done FS1, we are very proud of you all.





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**SCHOOL TERMS DATES 2022/23:**

**CHRISTMAS**

Holiday starts - Monday 19 December 2022  
Bank Holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023  
INSET DAY – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Back to school – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**SPRING HALF TERM**

Holidays starts - Monday 13 February 2023  
Back to school - Monday 20 February 2023

**EASTER**

Holiday starts - Monday 3 April 2023  
Back to school - Monday 17 April 2023

**SUMMER HALF TERM**

Holiday starts - Monday 29 May 2023  
Back to school - Monday 5 June 2023

**SUMMER HOLIDAY**

Holiday starts - Monday 24 July 2023

**BANK HOLIDAYS**

- New Year – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023
- Good Friday - Friday 7 April 2023
- Easter Monday - Monday 10 April 2023
- May Day - Monday 1 May 2023
- Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 29 May 2023

**WANT TO BE A DJ?**

**FREE TASTER DJ WORKSHOPS  
OPEN TO ALL**



**Every Wednesday**

**5-6pm**

**Rawmarsh CLC, S62 7AN**

**Contact [music@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:music@rotherham.gov.uk) For more  
information**