



Friday 1st December 2023

## Year 2 Trip to Pontefract Castle

On Wednesday 29th November, Year 2 enjoyed a day at Pontefract Castle. The children helped to prepare the castle for a visit from the King and Queen. They made remedies using herbs grown in the castle gardens, used quills and ink to write menus for the feast and sorted out which items should be placed in the Queen's chambers. We also visited the cellars, climbing down some very steep steps to a damp and dark room where food was stored. There was also time for a tour of the castle and to have some fun on the castle themed playground! The children all had a wonderful time!



## Staff Training

On Friday 24th November, teaching staff joined colleagues from the other schools in our Honley Partnership of Schools for our annual joint training day. This year's training was delivered by consultant, Sharon Gray and our focus was on further developing our relational approach to behaviour. This covered an understanding of brain development and the three domains of learning: emotional, social and cognitive. As well as the theory, we came away with lots of practical tips, including the use of emotion coaching language, to support children in school. This reinforced training we have recently had with our trust primary schools which our teaching assistants will be receiving in the New Year. It was a really useful day which is already having an impact in school.

## PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

Once again, our PTA are running the hugely popular Christmas hamper raffle again this year! We hope that everyone can help us by sending in donations, no matter how small, to support our PTA fundraising. All donations will be divided into equal hampers. Tickets must be purchased by sending in the exact money with your name and contact number to the school office. We will also be taking card payments. Tickets cost £1 each and the lucky winners will be drawn in the last week of term. Please note, as we will not be sending tickets home, each £1 will be assigned an individual number and these numbers will be drawn w/c 18th December.

Donations can be any food, drink or festive treats (nothing requiring refrigeration please) and can be sent in with your child at any time between now and Friday 8th December. Tickets can be purchased up to Monday 18th December.

Thank you for your continued support!

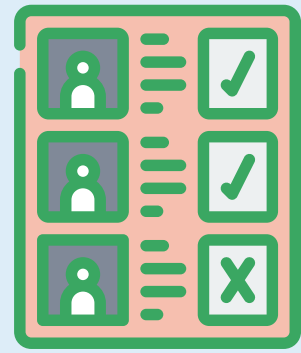




**MELTHAM MOOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# NEWSLETTER

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## Good Attendance Really Matters!

Regular attendance and punctuality are very important at Meltham Moor Primary School. Not only does it help our pupils to build and strengthen firm relationships with their peers and members of staff, it is also a proven factor in better attainment. Good attendance (96%) is essential if children are to make good progress in their learning. Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them. Please ensure that your child attends school unless they are genuinely unwell or have been sick. If you are experiencing difficulties with any attendance or punctuality issues, please don't hesitate to contact school and we will do all we can to help.

## Christmas Party Dates

Monday 20th December  
Early Years  
Wednesday 22nd December  
KS1  
Thursday 21st December  
Years 5 & 6  
Friday 22nd December  
Years 3 & 4



Children can come in party clothes on this day. Food etc is provided, but we kindly ask for a donation of £1 per child which can be brought in anytime between now and the party. Please note that KS2 parties may be subject to change so please keep checking Class Dojo.

## Uniform Reminder

Just a quick reminder of Meltham Moor's uniform expectations:-

- Grey/black skirt or trousers (not leggings)
- Maroon sweatshirts/jumpers (not hoodies)
- Black shoes, trainers or boots (these can be lace up, Velcro or zipped, but must be secure and sensible with a supportive sole).

Thank you for your continued support.



## Christmas Cards

From next week the children are able to bring Christmas cards for their friends! These can be posted in the box in the entrance and the older children will deliver them to the relevant classes.



## Christmas Tree Festival

Some of you may have visited the Christmas Tree Festival that took place in Meltham last weekend. This is Year 3's entry which exhibited wonderful sewing skills to create these fabulous fabric baubles! Well done Year 3!



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8th December we are inviting all children to take part in the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day for a donation towards this worth cause. There's no need to buy a Christmas jumper - just turn old jumpers into sparkly new creations! If anyone has any Christmas jumpers they no longer need, we would be grateful for any donations. Thank you!





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## Christmas DVD/USB Orders

As in previous years, we will be selling DVDs or USB sticks of our Christmas concerts and order forms will be sent home at the beginning of next week. If you would like to place an order, please complete and return the form to the school office, along with a cash payment.

## Christmas Concert Tickets

Tuesday 12th December:

**Roald Dahl's 'Three Little Pigs'**

KS2 - afternoon performance at 1.30 pm  
evening performance at 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th December:

**'Baubles - A Tremendous Nativity!'**

KS1 - evening performance at 6.00pm

Thursday 14th December:

KS1 - morning performance at 9.30am

Monday 18th December:

**'A Miracle in Town'**

Nursery and Reception at 10.00am



Tickets are still on sale from the office. Please note that tickets for the KS1 evening performance and both KS2 performances are initially limited to three per family. **Additional tickets can be bought on a first come first served basis from Wednesday 6th December so please ensure that you buy your initial tickets before then!** Tickets are £1 each and this covers the costs related to the concerts such as costumes etc and also Christmas events and treats for the children. Tickets can be bought from the school office or money can be sent into school in an envelope which must state which performance the tickets are for and how many tickets are required. Could you please ensure that all children involved in the evening performances are brought back to school for 5.30pm. Children should be collected afterwards by a responsible adult.

## A Few Reminders

### Emergency Contact Numbers

Please ensure that we have up to date emergency contact numbers (at least 2) in line with our safeguarding procedures. Just contact the school office if they require updating.

### Asthma & other Medical Conditions

Asthma healthcare plans are renewed at the start of every school year, but please ensure that staff in the school office are made aware of any changes to your child's requirements as soon as possible, along with ensuring that the asthma medication has not expired. If your child develops asthma, or any other medical condition, please inform staff in the school office immediately.

### Allergies

Just a reminder that packed lunches and any other food items brought into school should not include any whole nuts/seeds or nut-based products (including peanut butter & Nutella). Items with 'may contain traces of nuts' are allowed.

## Diary Dates

Wed 6th Dec - Year 4 Royal Opera House Project trip

Thurs 7th Dec - Year 3 trip to NCM Museum

Fri 8th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 13th Dec - Year 4 Meltham Baptist Church Visit

Mon 28th Dec - Choir singing at Morrisons (PM)

Wed 20th Dec - Year 1 & 5 Visit to St Bartholomew's Church

Fri 22nd Dec - last day before Christmas break