# Infant Info

## December 2024

**Our School Values**
Safety
Respect
Happiness
Teamwork
Effort



We have a very busy couple of weeks ahead with lots of special events.
You can read about them in this newsletter.
A very Merry Christmas to everyone and best wishes for the New Year.
Many thanks to MWISFC for their fabulous fundraising and to all parents for your continued support.

## Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 9th December and Friday 13th December<br>*ALL* | **Interactive Story Sessions funded by MWISFC**<br>As a Christmas treat, Carol Burton from Puppets, Play and Story Days will be in school to provide an interactive story experience for each class using puppets. We hope the children enjoy their story session. |
| Monday 9th December 2.30pm-3.30pm<br>*ALL* | **Drop-in session for advice and support**<br>Call into school to see a Children Centre's Family Co-ordinator for advice and guidance on parenting. No appointment needed. |
| Thurs 12th Dec 10am<br>Mon 16th Dec 2pm<br>Tues 17th Dec 10am | **Christmas Nativity (Classes 1 (Mrs Oliver) & 2 (Mrs Randle)**<br>Parents/grandparents of children in Classes 1 & 2 are warmly invited to attend a performance. Please ***come to one performance*** **only** as this keeps audience numbers manageable. Classes 1 & 2 will participate in all 3 performances so choose the date that suits you best. |
| Thurs 12th Dec 2pm<br>Fri 13th Dec 10am<br>Tues 17th Dec 2pm | **Christmas Nativity (Classes 3 (Miss Vickers) & 4 (Miss Leetham)**<br>Parents/grandparents of children in Classes 3 & 4 are warmly invited to attend a performance. Please ***come to one performance*** **only** as this keeps audience numbers manageable. Classes 3 & 4 will participate in all 3 performances so choose the date that suits you best. |
| Friday 13th December<br>*ALL* | **Christmas Cards**<br>Please send any Christmas cards your child has written by Friday 13th December. Please only send cards for children who are in the same year group as your child. |
| Wed 18th December<br>*ALL* | **Christmas Party Day**<br>Children come to school in their party clothes for a day of fun activities, supported by funding from the MWIS Fundraising Committee. There is a change to the menu: Christmas Dinner- turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, peas & carrots, Christmas biscuit, ice-cream or Christmas pudding (no wrap or sandwich option). |
| Wed 18th December (pm)<br>*ALL* | **Open Classrooms Event**<br>You are welcome to come back into the classroom with your child at 3.30pm to chat with the teacher and view your child's classroom. You are welcome to look around school and visit other classrooms. There will be a bake sale in the school hall run by the Piggy Bank Club. We would be grateful for donations of buns and biscuits. Please help if you can and bring before the end of the school day. |
| Thursday 19th Dec (pm)<br>*ALL* | **MWISFC: Reindeer Food Making**<br>MWIS Fundraising Committee have arranged for all children to make a reindeer food mixture to bring home thanks to generous donations from local businesses. |
| Friday 20th December<br>*ALL* | **End of Term**<br>School closes at 3.30pm and re-opens on **TUESDAY 7th January 2025** at 8.45am - 8.55am. The school office will re-open on Monday 6th January for any enquiries. |
| Deadline date:<br>15th January 2025<br>*New starters*<br>*Y2* | **Starting Market Weighton Infant School September 2025**<br>If your child is due to start school in September 2025, you will need to apply for a school place through the local authority (even if you have already secured a place at our school nursery). The closing date is 15th January 2025.<br><br>**Starting Mount Pleasant Junior School**<br>If your child is in Year 2, you will need to make a formal application for his/her place at the junior school through the local authority. The closing date is 15th January 2025. |
| Monday 3rd February 2pm in the school hall<br>*ALL* | **Workshop: Helping your child to understand and manage emotions**<br>Parents and carers play a very important role in helping their child to deal with their emotions. The Children's Centre will provide a workshop to help deepen understanding of your child's behaviour and learn skills to best support them. The East Yorkshire Parent Carer Forum will also be speaking about our involvement in the PINS project (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). Please book your place by clicking on this link or let the office know. All welcome. |

**Reminders.....**

Don't forget to provide your child with a **named** WARM coat, hat and scarf for their daily outdoor play.

Please be aware that our school and its grounds are a NO SMOKING and NO SWEARING site. Please do not smoke, vape or swear whilst dropping off or collecting your child.




**Attendance Matters**

If you need advice about colds, coughs and rashes, this simple NHS webpage has some great tips and information to help parents and carers make the right choice throughout the winter months.

Did you know that we can give paracetamol without a prescription? Individual sachets of Paracetamol Oral Suspension (not bottles) must be handed into the office on the day required in a named envelope. You will be asked to fill in a parent consent form available on our school website should you wish to pre-fill it. Please call into the office at the end of the day to collect unused sachets and dosage time.

**Wrap-Around Care**

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our survey about wrap-around care. We received enough expressions of interest to be able to begin to phase in this service across the course of the forthcoming term. Our aim will be to provide children with a chilled-out space to relax in before school and after school. It will be run by our own staff who know the children well. Please see letter being sent out today for further information.

**Severe Weather Conditions**

In case of severe weather, we will inform you of a school closure via our Arbor app. **Please ensure you have down-loaded the app and turned notifications on.**
We advise you to read our Snow Clearance & Gritting Policy (available on our website under Statutory Information/ Policies).

**Please make sure you send your child to school in named wellington boots on any snowy days so that they can still play outside.**

**Foundation Stage Christmas Performances: FAQs**

Can I take photos?
Arrangements for taking photographs during our Christmas Concerts will be given on the day. Please do not put any images on social networking sites such as Facebook without permission of the other children's parents. **If you do not wish for your child to have their photograph taken by other parents, please let us know so that we can make appropriate arrangements.**

Can I bring a toddler?
If possible, please arrange childcare for young children as their noise can be distracting for our young performers! However, if this is not possible, please sit near an exit so that you can take them out if they get too noisy. Thank you for your understanding.

Do I need tickets?
No tickets are necessary—we are working on the assumption that most families will have two spectators, some less, some slightly more. With this in mind, we should have enough places for everyone, providing that spectators come to one performance only. If anyone is disabled or requires a high seat, please let us know in advance.

Can I take my child home afterwards?
Getting the children changed after the performances will take some time, but if possible, we will release them early from their usual door following an afternoon performance.

**Staff News**

Mrs Green (nursery nurse) will be leaving our school nursery at the end of term. She has done a fantastic job for us in helping to provide the best care possible for our children in Class 1 and we thank her for all her enthusiasm, diligence and commitment. We wish her all the best for the future. We look forward to working with Mrs Thompson who will start in January.

We welcome Miss Caulfield as a new midday supervisor for our nursery children and Mrs Nicholson as our new teaching assistant for children with additional needs.

**Charity fundraising**




A big thank you to members of our Piggy Bank Club (young entrepreneurs) who collected £239.50 for the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day.

Thank you for raising £256.50 on Children in Need day. Everybody looked **SPOTACULAR** in their spotty clothes!



An amazing £927.98 was raised on the first MWISFC "Step Into Christmas" day. Many thanks for all your support.

Many thanks to Mrs Ostler from Let It Snow Window Art for coming into school to create the beautiful Christmas snow windows in Foundation. What talent! If you would like to see them, they are adjacent to the school field.