

VPA Newsletter

8th December 2023



Message from Mr Green

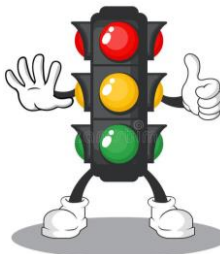
This week has gone by in a bit of a flash, and it's hard to believe there are now only ten days between us and the Christmas break! The next two weeks are full of festivities, as we have pantomimes, play performances, parties, cards and calendar crafting, and visits from Santa with his sack of presents for everyone in school! None of this would be possible without the generosity of the staff team, who are going over and above to make sure our children are having a blast in the run up to Christmas. The extra time invested in our children was no more evident than today, as staff spent their lunch break sat with the children to eat Christmas Dinner - it was great to see so many happy faces in the hall!

I do appreciate, of course, that **#TeamVPA** includes many of you in the community too: we have parents and carers in school volunteering and helping with events such as the Big Christmas Wrap every week. Around **370** presents were wrapped on Thursday morning, and I'd like to say a huge thank you to those of you who gave your time to make such a difference! On Wednesday, the school was full to the brim during the Christmas Fair, and we raised over **£1,000** - every penny will be used to provide resources for our children.

Next week, we are taking the children to see a pantomime on Wednesday, and it is the last week of our afterschool clubs so that we can fit in our Christmas performances and plays!

Have a great weekend!

Attendance



This week: **91.17%**

So far this year: **92.7%**

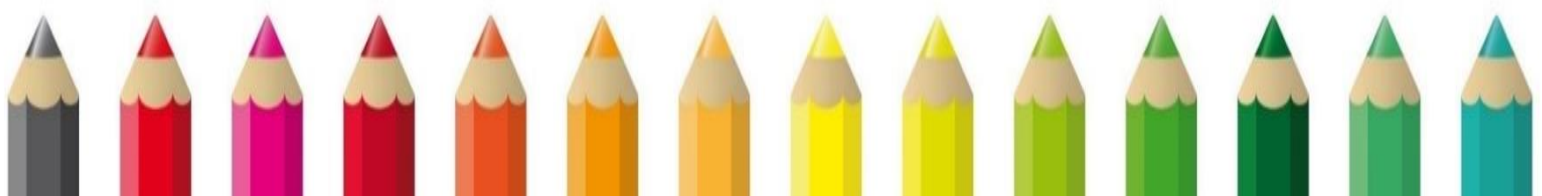
EYFS/KS1 winner: **94.59%**

KS2 winner: **96.67%**

Well done to **Am Nursery** and **4LP** who will be spending next week with **Biscuit Bear!**

Victoria vs Hovingham

Tuesday saw our first girls competitive football game against a strong Hovingham opposition. All the girls gave it their all with a lot of red faces by the final whistle! **#TeamVPA** still managed a post bus singalong!



Xmas Fair

What an amazing time we all had at our Christmas fair this year! Raising money to help support our school with new resources for our children!



Xmas Wrap

A huge thank you to all our parents who came in to help us wrap gifts for every child in school! That's over **370 GIFTS!** We couldn't have done it without your help and support!

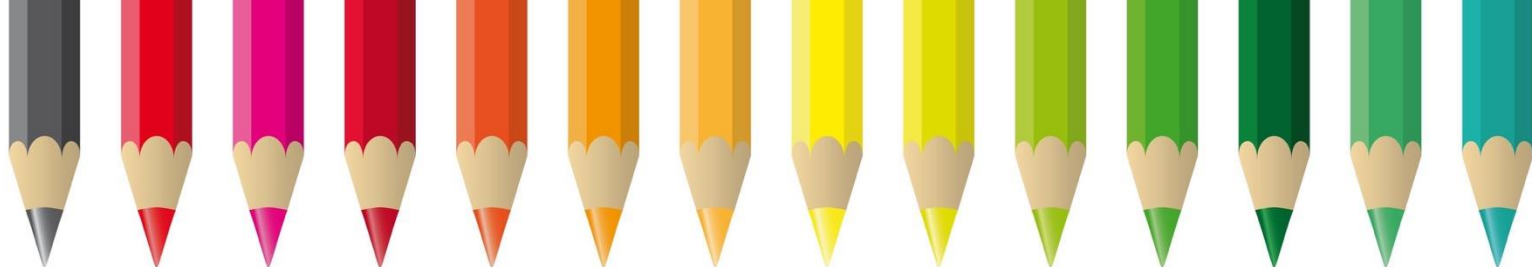
Thank You!



Some of our Key Stage 1 Budding Cyclists

Children from Year 1 and Year 2 have had an action-packed couple of weeks! The children have loved taking part in their 'Bikeability' sessions. Despite the cold temperatures, the children have displayed amazing resilience, persevering to push themselves to balance, pedal and ride in a safe manner around each other.





| Autumn 2 | Events |
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| 6 th November | School Opens ✓ |
| 13 th November | Anti-Bullying week ✓ |
| 14 th November | Parent Consultations (Booking via Arbor App) enter via the school hall ✓ |
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| 15 th November | Extreme Readers Reward ✓ |
| 16 th November | Maths Reward Maths City ✓ |
| 17 th November | Children in Need – Donations welcome! Non-uniform day – wear something spotty if you have it. ✓ |
| 22 nd November | Parents Phonics workshop - FS2 9.00 am-10.00 am ✓ |
| 23 rd November | School Photographer in for Individual photos /siblings ✓ |
| 28 th November | Year 6 Residential Parent meeting 4.00pm ✓ |
| 29 th November | Parents Reading workshop FS2 9.00am – 10.00am ✓ |
| 1 st December | Non – uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize ✓ |
| 6 th December | Christmas Fair 3.15pm - 4.30pm ✓ |
| 7 th December | Parents Christmas Present wrap – Hall from 8.45am. Join us, help us whilst enjoying a coffee and a cake! ✓ |
| 7 th December | Photographer back in school for children who were absent 23.11.23 ✓ |
| 8 th December | Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day ✓ |
| 13 th December | Sleeping Beauty Pantomime St Phillips Church 9.30am - 11.30 am |
| 18 th December | EYFS Christmas Production 2-3pm (School Hall) Parents welcome. |
| 19 th December | KS1 Christmas Production 2-3pm St Phillips Church – Parents welcome |
| 20 th December | LKS2 Christmas Production 2-3 pm St Phillips Church – Parents welcome |
| 21 st December | Christmas Service Y5 /Y6 children will be singing a range of Christmas songs. St Phillips Church 1.30pm-2.30pm – Parents welcome |
| 22 nd December | Christmas Party Day - School to provide Christmas party food for everyone |
| 22 nd December | School Closes for Christmas 1.30pm |
| Happy Christmas! See you all in 2024 | |
| 8 th January | School Opens Monday 8 th January - Spring 1 |

