

Small School Big Ideas  
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Dear Parents,

What's on this week:	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Golden Mile FEET group meeting at lunch KS1 gym club
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	'Prickly Hay' dress rehearsal 2pm
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	'Prickly Hay' performance 2pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	'Prickly Hay' performance 6.30pm
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Archery Club Choir performing at Selby Abbey 6.30pm – 8pm
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 	Children singing Christmas carols and songs at the Marina Christmas Fair at 2pm. All welcome
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3/4 visit to Tropical World and a Gurdwara KS1 gym club (last one)
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yo-Yo Christmas workshops for Y1/2 and Y3/4 and leading Collective Worship
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch and parties
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day KS2 Archery Club (last one)

### **Celebration Certificates**

Last week, the certificates were awarded to:

- Freddie in Reception for excellent skills when practising the nativity
- William in Y1 for doing well learning his number bonds to 20
- Will Bowker in Y2 for working hard on projecting his voice as the innkeeper in 'Prickly Hay'
- Laurence in Y3 for doing well with his times tables
- Erin in Y4 for writing an amazing rainforest poem
- Rhys in Y5 for persevering in division last week



Also, Charlie Webb shared his swimming certificate with us (Stage 4). Well done, Charlie.

The lunchtime awards went to the team of 'Toy Monitors' as they have now passed this responsibility on to a new team. They were Sam Coultish, Eli and Florence and all did an excellent job of organising our playground equipment and helping to make playtimes a fun and creative experience.

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## **New Year's Eve**

The owners of the Blacksmith's Arms have very generously offered to give school the proceeds from ticket sales at their New Year's Eve party. Tickets are £5 and there will be a band and a cold buffet. Tickets are available at the pub. Thankyou!

## **Marina Christmas Market**

We have been invited to sing carols at the Marina on Saturday at 2pm, but so far no-one has come forward to say that they can come along. I cannot do this on my own!! Please let me know if your child is able to take part and also let me know if you could accompany us on any instrument or help us to sing. Please remember that children must be accompanied at all times and that they need to wear their Naburn school jumper. Christmas hats and reindeer antlers etc are all welcome accessories. This is a fantastic opportunity to advertise our school to local residents and those further afield so please do get involved if possible. It was great fun last year! We are only singing in one slot, which then leaves you free to enjoy the market and the rest of your day.

## **Extreme Read**

I am pleased to announce the winners at last! We awarded a 'family' award to the Hitchcocks because both boys thought very carefully about linking their book titles to the locations and they produced a whole book of photos with writing too! Also, Charlie Atkinson was awarded a prize for his amazing photo on a climbing wall. Ben was given a special mention too because of his photo taken in hospital when he broke his arm. It really was a very tricky decision to make and I had to enlist the help of our Chair of Governors and another Headteacher! All children who entered were awarded a Mr Men bookmark in Celebration Worship on Friday and the photos will stay on display until the end of term.



## **Reverse Advent Calendar**

As mentioned before, many people this year are using Advent as a time to think of giving to those less fortunate than us. One family at our school has offered to make an 'advent box' to collect food in for the food bank in York, see the link below:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42069381>

If you feel able to contribute, please send donations in to school and we will try to fill all 24 doors in the run up to Christmas.

## **Date for your Diary**

As you will know, we have purchased Reading Eggs and Mathletics to support and challenge our children both at school and at home. On Weds 10<sup>th</sup> January, in the afternoon, there will be a special assembly for parents and children to learn more, with a question and answer session for parents, led by the Mathletics/Reading Eggs Education Team. Timings will be confirmed later, but please keep this afternoon free as it will be a super opportunity to learn more about this fantastic resource.

## **Posada**

Watch out for a visit from Mary, Joseph and the donkey at your house this week. The nativity figures have started their journey and have already visited four houses. I look forward to hearing all about their adventures in the coming weeks.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Christison

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