



# Kirkby Malzeard CE School Newsletter

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## A busy November...

Another busy month in school. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support with all of our new routines and initiatives. We are all looking forward to the festive season and are excited to be starting our preparations for our Christmas celebrations.

## Our Vision



We continue to focus on all four of the Christian values of kindness, love, patience and peace this term. Our new behaviour policy is being developed in school with the children; they are working hard as a team to try and get all of their class members onto the board for demonstrating these values in school.

Once on the board, any additional recognition of these behaviours is added to our class dojo as team points.

Parents can keep track of which team is in the lead by following the class pages each week.

As well as earning dojos for our Christian values we are always on the lookout for children who go 'above and beyond' these. Well done to our first recipients of this award who will receive a special post card home next week and will be joining me for cake and hot chocolate at the end of term.

Look out next month for more information on how we plan on recognising amazing effort in work with our 'shine like star awards'.

The new behavior policy and blueprint is now available to parents on the website.



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## Children in Need

Thank you all for your kind donations for Children in Need. We raised a fantastic total of £147.60! Thank you also to the school council for their help in organising such a fun day!

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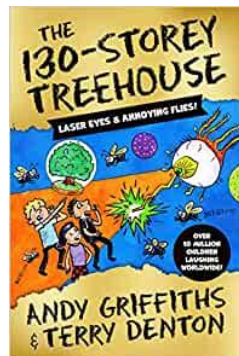
## Remembrance Day

The children shared in a very special collective worship to reflect on what this day means to different people. They talked about 'lest we forget' and shared their thoughts on what this meant and the significance of the day. We are always very impressed with our children's reflectiveness and how they talk about important issues so openly and considerately in this important part of our school day. We held a minutes silence followed by a prayer from one of our children.



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## Library



We are happy to report the school library will be reopening in January. The library will then be open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12:30-12:50. Each class will get an allocated day to visit and our librarians will be running a story time session for the Reception children.

This is a wonderful resource for the children. Our librarians are doing a great job in getting the library organised with different book recommendations for all of our children.

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## Christmas



A letter has gone out to all parents regarding arrangements for Christmas week in school; this can be found on the letters out section of the website. These dates are also on the website diary page.

If children would like to send Christmas cards to school, these can be sent in on the following dates:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

This will allow us to quarantine the cards before they are sent home at least 72 hours later.

We would also like to make parents aware that Kirkby Malzeard Village has a charitable fund which can help out families who may be struggling financially over the Christmas period. Should you wish to access this please contact the school office confidentially and we will pass on your details.

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## Active Advent

The daily mile continues in school. The children love running this with their friends at the end of lunch each day. When they are not running we are still skipping after our Skip 2 B Fit training too. What an energetic school we are!

We have also launched the active advent calendar. If you haven't already looked at this please do. It has been sent from Harrogate School Sports partnership and has some fantastic ideas to help us all keep fit!

<https://www.harrogatessp.com/physical-activity-advent-calendars/>

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## Mr Donaldson

Mr Donaldson's last day will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. I'm sure you will all join with us in wishing him well in his new role as head teacher of Hunton and Arrathorne Primary School. We are delighted that Mrs Griffiths will continue to teach Palm class for the remainder of the year.

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## Snow Procedures

Now that the winter is upon us we have added our snow procedure to the school website. You will find this under letters home.

## Running for charity...



I am so proud of Ted and Tom in Year 6; they are certainly demonstrating our Christian values of kindness and love. Running the daily mile has inspired them to complete a December challenge. They aim to run 35 miles at school in the month of December to raise money for two charities; a children's cancer charity and a friend's wheelchair fund. If you would like to support their efforts, you can donate via parent pay.

With thanks  
Mrs Taylor