



Beswick & Watton C.E. (V.C.) School

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Our Christian value for this half term is 'Forgiveness'

December 2024

Dinner Money

Dinner money (KS2 only) next half term will be £76.85 (29 days x £2.65).

Outstanding Payments

Please can any outstanding payments for dinner money, breakfast club, music tuition and school visits be paid by **Thursday 19th December** at the latest. Thank you.

After school clubs

Thursday after school clubs have now finished for this term. We will send details in the New Year about next term's after school clubs.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to Kate Leatherland who has joined the Wolds Federation in the role of SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Co-ordinator). She has already been very busy visiting each of the schools in the Federation and getting to know the children and their parents.

Many Thanks

Thank you for your support for both Remembrance Day and Children in Need Day your contributions are much appreciated. As a school, we like to support different charities to increase the children's awareness of others and how they can help. This links with our school ethos of being 'Agents of Change'. We frequently explain to the children that by giving just a little, we can make a big difference to others. We raised a total of £45.62 for the Royal British Legion and £67.97 for Children in Need.

A huge thankyou also to Pippa's grandma and grandad who together created and displayed the wonderful garland of poppies around the tree, for our Remembrance Day memorial. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and admired by all.

Get Well Soon!

As all the children and many of the parents are already aware, Ellie in Miss Carr's class has been recovering in Leeds General Infirmary this half-term, following a planned surgery. We send Ellie and her family our very best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery. All the children miss Ellie very much and cannot wait for her return (they are already planning a welcome back party). We are in regular contact with her family and have been sending lots of videos from the children to Ellie. All Christmas cards for Ellie can be brought into school and will be passed on to her family.

Get well soon Ellie! We miss you so much!

Dove House Hospice

We now have Christmas badges for sale in each classroom for £1.50. The money goes towards raising funds for Dove House Hospice. If your child would like one, please send the money in to school with them.

Travelling Crib

Our 'travelling crib' has already been going home with different children in Miss Carr's class each night and will continue to do so throughout December. This is a box, containing the Christmas story and a nativity scene. Children are invited to set up the nativity scene at home, and to share the story with their family.

Panto at Middleton

Monday 9th December. A huge thank you to the Friends of Beswick School (FoBs), for funding the pantomime trip as well as MOWSA at Middleton for inviting us to join the children at Middleton School. We can't wait to see Jack and The Beanstalk. Oh no we can't!

Thank You

A huge thank you to All Saints Church in Kilnwick, who have kindly donated a real Christmas tree to the school. It is currently taking pride of place in the Key Stage Two classroom. Thank you!

Christmas Post Box

Children can bring Christmas cards to school from **Monday 9th December**. Please ensure all cards are clearly labelled. Thank you.

Christmas Performances

Thursday 12th & Monday 16th December

Details have been sent home regarding the Christmas Performances which this year be held in KS2 Classroom at Beswick. The afternoon performance will begin at 2pm. The children have been busy rehearsing and we can't wait to share our performance with you.

Christmas Jumper

Friday 13th December -

Christmas Jumper day.

Children can wear their

Christmas jumper with the rest of their school uniform, in support of the Save the Children charity. A small donation towards the charity will be welcomed.



Carol Service

Carol service will be at St Mary's Church in Watton on **Tuesday 17th December** at 6.00pm. Everyone is invited to join us.

Christmas Crafts Afternoon

Tuesday 17th December Parents, grandparents etc... are invited to join the children in school to participate in a range of Christmas crafts. Please arrive from 1.30pm.

Surprise Christmas Fair

Remember our Surprise Christmas Fair in the morning on **Thursday 19th December**. This event is organised by the staff and allows the children to buy Christmas presents for you, grandparents, brothers and sisters etc. They wrap them up at school so that they then have surprise gifts to give to you all. Items on offer range from £1 to £4. Siblings will have the opportunity to purchase gifts together if they wish to do so.

PE Lessons – Spring Term

Starting on **Friday 10th January** the whole school will travel to Middleton via coach to use the hall for PE lessons, this will continue each Friday morning until we finish for the Easter holidays. The children will return to Beswick for lunch time. Please complete the consent via your Parent Pay account before **6th January**.

Absence From School for Exceptional Circumstances Forms

If you are considering taking your child out of school for a family holiday or any other family event, please ensure you complete and return a completed form requesting this leave at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Children are very good at telling us the reason why they have been absent from school and if we believe this to be a holiday, the absence will be unauthorised anyway. We understand the need for a family holiday; however, Mrs Harros is unable to authorise any holidays during school term time. If you are requiring time for your children to attend a family funeral or wedding, this will usually be authorised, but you will be required to complete the absence form. All that we ask is you are open and honest regarding the reason your child or children have been absent from school. Thank you for your continued support.

Uniform

All uniform is available to purchase from Drury Sports in Driffield or via their website - www.drurysports.com Please ensure all uniform is labelled clearly.

Medicines

Please be aware that we can only give medicine to your child if it arrives in a pre-measured dose. The container should have a label on it with details of what the medicine is, your child's name and the time the medicine should be taken. If you bring your child to school, please complete and sign the medicines book in the school office. Cough sweets are not permitted in school. Thank you for your continuing support.

Medical Appointments

If your child has either a dentist, hospital or a doctor's appointment during school hours please can you give as much notice as possible so the class teacher is aware of their absence. Could we also have a copy of their appointment letter for our records. Where possible please make any appointments after school or during the school holidays. If this is not possible, please ensure your child attends school before and/or after the appointment. Thank you.

Primary School Admissions 2025

We welcome parents of children born between 01/09/19 and 31/08/20 to look round our school. The deadline for applying for a primary school place is **15th January 2025**. If you have/know of a child who was born between these dates then a place can be applied for using the electronic form online at www.eastriding.gov.uk If you do not have internet access, then forms are available by contacting the Admissions Team at County Hall on 01482 392100.

Dates for your Diary:

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9 th December	Panto at Middleton School – Jack & The Beanstalk
12 th & 16 th December	Christmas Play 2 PM at Beswick & Watton School
13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
17 th December	Christmas Crafts 1.30pm
17 th December	Carol Service at St Mary's Church Watton 6pm
19 th December	Surprise Fair
20 th December	Last Day of Term Christmas Party Afternoon
6 th January	Staff Training Day
7 th January	School re-opens
13 th January	Swimming – Year 4 & 5
15 th January	Pedestrian Training – Year 4

The staff at Beswick and Watton School wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Break

Please note that the last day of school is Friday 20th December.

We return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2024