



**'Keep me safe, make me happy, help me learn'** For some time now, this simple phrase has been the core ethos in school. As adults working with your children, it is our belief that without all these elements in place our school would not be the place it is. You can help us at home too by keeping your children safe online, limiting their screen time, talking to them about stranger danger, road safety and risky behaviour. This will help support the PSHE curriculum that we follow in school, so that our children continue to live in a world made as safe as possible.



**Pantomime** I know that the decision not to attend the pantomime in Harrogate has been met with disappointment but I am sure you will understand why this decision has been made. If any of our children or staff were to catch covid following a visit to the theatre so close to Christmas, they would then have to self-isolate for ten days which would ruin any plans that you have for getting together with friends and family over the Christmas period. With cases potentially doubling every two to three days and Harrogate area being the third highest area in the region for transmission, I suspect that this week, it will be even worse. We will however, be watching a live performance of 'Cinderella' so the children will still have a morning of entertainment this Thursday. I know it is not the same, and some parents may believe this is overly cautious, but I am unwilling to place our children and staff in a situation that can actually be avoided.

- 19/11/21 - Children in Need Day
- 29/11/21 - Year 2 Phonics screening check
- 15/12/21 - Christmas lunch
- 16/12/21 - Cinderella Pantomime at school
- 17/12/21 - Father Christmas visit
- 17/12/21 - Break up
- 5/01/22 - Children



**Nativity** We will be filming our nativity this week so once it has been edited and made 'suitable for consumption' you will receive a link so that you can watch it at your leisure. We hope you enjoy it!

**Christmas Lunch** We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. This is always a lovely occasion in school and the children love it! Thank you in advance to Lynda!



**Christmas Jumper Day** We will all be wearing Christmas jumpers on Friday for charity, so please make sure your children come to school in their festive finery along with a £1 donation. Thank you.



**Headlice** We have had a case of headlice in school so please can I remind you to check your children's hair regularly and if it is long enough to be tied back, then please tie it back. Thank you.

**And finally...Thank you PTFA** Thank you to our brilliant PTFA for all their continued hard work on our children's behalf. Despite not being able to go ahead with this evening's festive gathering they have made sure that the children don't miss out! They are constantly working behind the scenes coming up with fund raising plans and looking after us! Thank you so much!



**Pre School - Our theme this half term is: 'Fire! Fire! Fire!'**

**Reception and Year 1 - Our theme this half term is: 'Fire! Fire!'**

**Year 2 and 3 - Our theme this half term is: 'Magical Maps'**

**Year 4, 5 and 6 - Our theme this half term is: 'Explorers'**