



Christmas events

Thursday 12 December	FOSS Christmas Fair, 5-7 pm
Tuesday 17 December	EY/Key Stage 1 (Class 1) Christmas performances*
Wednesday 18 December	Key Stage 2 (Class 2 & Class 3) Christmas performances*
Thursday 19 December	Christmas dinner (<i>also non-uniform day when Christmassy clothing can be worn!</i>)
Friday 20 December	Nativity and carols at Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church, 2.30 pm**
Friday 20 December	Break up for the Christmas holiday, 3.15 pm
Monday 6 January 2020	Back to school

**All Christmas concerts will be performed in the school hall at 9.30 am and 2.30 pm for parents/friends of children in the classes on the days listed above. You are welcome to come to either the morning or the afternoon performance, whichever one is most convenient.*

***On Friday 20 December all the children will be going to Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church to take part in a Nativity and carols service. The service will start at 2.30 pm and all parents and friends are invited. If you do not want your child to take part in the service please let school know.*

Federation news Robinwood residential



Year 6 pupils from Scape and Linthwaite Clough have recently been on a residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre in Todmorden, where they took part in team-building and adventurous activities.

These included archery, canoeing, caving, a climbing wall, jumping on

to a trapeze, whizzing down a zipwire and working in teams in the 'escape rooms' (particularly the piranha pool!). They all enjoyed spending time with children from Linthwaite Clough. Charlie said "I

liked the giant swing which was very high. I told my instructor I only wanted to go half way but he secretly put it all the way to the top, and I'm glad he did, because it was scary but thrilling!" Erika said that she "made some new friends, and liked the trapeze because I felt safe if I didn't get the bar, because everybody had hold of me." Max "liked the archery game best, I got about 1400 points!" Sophie described the piranha pool as "...exciting, you had to cross a pole before the piranhas got you – I fell in the water and it was extremely cold!"



Parent governor

By the closing date of Thursday 21 November we had received one nomination for a parent governor, therefore we are pleased to let you know that Tanya Stagg has been appointed a parent governor to serve for a period of four years. Here is an introduction to her:

"Hi, my name is Tanya Stagg and I am quite new to Scapegoat Hill J & I School although we have lived in the area for over 40 years. I have fond memories of bilberry picking in the field next to the school as a child for my Mum's jam. In the year that my child has been at Scapegoat Hill I can honestly say it has been an absolute pleasure. The school and staff are welcoming, relaxed and obviously care about the atmosphere and needs of the children. It has certainly been a breath of fresh air for us as a family.

I am a health practitioner and my area of interest is SEN (Special Educational Needs) as I have another child, at a different school, who is autistic and our family are dyslexic, although this has not held me back within education. I hope that I can prove to dyslexic children that further education is a possibility and that they are incredibly intelligent which is something I struggled to believe at their age.

Until recently I owned my own company which I sold a few years ago so I have much of the experience required by the school. In my spare time I enjoy baking cookies, paper crafts such as origami and card making, volunteering at Golcar Library and reading children's books... mainly because they are far more fun than adult books."

Stomach bugs

We would like to remind parents that our school follows the advice of the NHS, who recommend that children stay off school until 48 hours have passed since the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea. This reduces the risk of spreading the infection to others. Thank you for your help in this matter.

FOSS raffle tickets

We have a fantastic array of prizes to be won in the FOSS Christmas raffle again this year! If you want to be included in the draw please return raffle ticket stubs and money back to school by Thursday 12 December - thank you.

Warm winter clothing

Please could all children bring warm outdoor clothing to school with them every day: coats (preferably water-proof), hats, scarves, gloves etc. They will also need suitable footwear to change into (eg wellies rather than walking boots as they are easier) if they want to play on the school field. (If the field is very wet children will not be allowed on it.)

PE clothing

Now that the weather is getting colder, as well as their regular PE kit of shorts and T-shirts, please could all Y1 to Y6 children bring warm clothing, eg a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms, for outside PE/games.

Please could you make sure that all items of children's clothing have name tags on them, or names written on in indelible ink. Thank you.



<< A reminder that the after-school clubs will finish week ending 6 December >>