



Faith Courage Love

Faith to move forward in confidence and succeed.
Courage to make a difference in the world every day.
Love one another as God loves us.

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Dear parent / carer

Happy first day of Advent to all our Roecliffe families! The busy days of Christmas are here!

- Book Sale - change of date!

Our book sale is now on Thursday 7th December 3pm - 4pm at the gazebo near the Class 1 classroom entrance.

Our school is purchasing lots of lovely new books for our children in Reception to Year 2 and to help us raise some money so that we can fund this large purchase of reading books, we are having a book sale.

The book sale will start at 3pm when nursery parents collect their children and will continue through until approximately 4pm so that other parents can also browse and buy.

The books are in excellent condition and have been used in school for reading practice with our younger children (Reception - Year 2).

- Christmas services around Boroughbridge

Please find information about local Christmas church services on the attachment. Many thanks to Rev Karen for keeping us updated.

- Technology Day

A Google Education consultant, Pete, worked with our school in 2019 when we became a 'Google school' and he supported our staff to use the Google Suite for Education in our teaching and learning. Pete is visiting our school again on Monday 4th for our Technology Day when he will work with pupils and staff to understand more about how technology can be integrated into our lessons through current Google apps and sites.

We will be sharing these sites and apps with our parents and carers next week so that the children can share their digital learning with families at home.

- Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a General Teaching Assistant, if you or anyone you know would be interested please click the link below for further information and an application form. If you would like to arrange a visit to look around the school please call 01423 322302.

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

- The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

If you wish to tell the Children's Commissioner and her team your child's responses, please complete this survey using this link below:

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

- Arbor upgrade

We are delighted to inform parents that Arbor is now offering new functions to its service. Parents are now able to pay for anything on Arbor (lunches, trips, extra-curricular clubs etc) by using Google Pay and Apple Pay.

Parents are also able to order their child's lunch options on Arbor. This system will be set up for the spring term lunches and parents/ carers may choose spring

term lunch options from the week beginning 11th December. Vicky Harris will email instructions out to parents ahead of this date.

- Cross Country Champs!

A huge well done to all of our children from Reception to Year 6 for their efforts during the Cross Country tournament at Boroughbridge High School on Wednesday. We are very proud of your determination to run your fastest for a long, long way!

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/cross-country-champs/>

- Sharing best practice at Roecliffe

We were delighted and very proud this week to host two training events for teaching colleagues at our school. Mrs Lewis hosted a maths mastery session for colleagues who teach across North Yorkshire and demonstrated an exemplary lesson.

Mrs Horn led a training session this week for the LDLT Early Years network and Early Years colleagues were able to discuss best practice and observe excellent provision and practice at our school.

- Boroughbridge Christmas Tree Festival

Don't forget that it is Boroughbridge Christmas Tree Festival this weekend! The festival will take place all weekend at St James Church in Church Lane with community carols round the trees at 4pm on Sunday after the judging.

Thank you so much to all our families who provided us with empty egg boxes and some were even painted green - thank you so much for helping us! We have created our recycled Christmas tree and this is on display at St James church. Please vote for our Roecliffe recycled Christmas tree!

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/oh-christmas-tree/>

- St Nicholas' Day Service at St Mary's church

St Mary's Church in Roecliffe would like to invite the pupils and families from Roecliffe School to a special children friendly activity service for St Nicholas' Day, which will be held at 10am this coming Sunday (3rd Dec). St Nicholas is the patron saint of children, and the original Santa Claus, and so there will be free stockings for all children and warming refreshments at the end of the service!

- Roecliffe Carol Singers

We are very proud of our fantastic Sing Up! children who are singing carols at the Boroughbridge Christmas Switch On at 5.30pm in Hall Square on Wednesday 6th December. Come and join us and get into the festive spirit!

- Christmas Fair

Don't forget that it is our Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December at 3.30pm! Come and have lots of Christmassy fun with us!

- Safeguarding snippet

The NSPCC website provides a wealth of safeguarding information and guidance for both young people and parents. The NSPCC website link below can be used to access a range of articles and news around keeping children safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

- Reminders

The Dick Whittington Panto at Harrogate Theatre for Class 2 and Class 3 children is on Thursday 7th Dec. Class 2 and Class 3 children will come to school in their PE kit for PE lessons in the afternoon. The Class 2 and Class 3 children should have a packed lunch with them as lunch will be eaten back at school at 1.30pm. An interval refreshment will be provided to those children who have signed up for this on Arbor.

Sing Up! Children who have signed up for the carol singing at the Boroughbridge Christmas Switch On should meet at the Square Hall Christmas tree at 5.15pm. We will sing from 5.40pm to just after 6pm.

- FORCES

ELFRIDGES SHOP - TUES 5TH DECEMBER

Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms and made payment for our Elfridges Shop, the elves are now busy organising presents for your children to choose on Tuesday 5th December. Forms must be returned to us by the end of the school day today, **FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER** so the Elves know how many presents to prepare!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Just **ONE WEEK** to go until our much anticipated annual Christmas Fair which will be held on **FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER** in the school hall from 3.30pm - 5.00pm. It's a fun packed hour or so of Christmas themed games to be enjoyed by the children, and adults. There will be a raffle featuring our very popular 'coloured' hampers and lots of other exciting prizes, refreshments will also be available.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Two books of raffle tickets have now been sent home with each child. We'd love it if you could sell these to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues as there's some fantastic prizes on offer!

Thank you to everyone who has donated raffle prizes for the Christmas Raffle, there's still time to donate if you or a family member/friend own a business and you would like to donate a prize/discount/gift please email us at forcesrocliffe@outlook.com if you can help. Thank you x

Please take a look at our special Christmas newsletter which was emailed and sent in paper form this week with full details of everything you need to know and how you can help to make this year's fair the best one ever!

Parents/carers who aren't already members of our FACEBOOK page please search 'Rocliffe FORCES' and ask to join, we send out regular reminders and information regarding our upcoming events on our Facebook page.

Thank you.
F.O.R.C.E.S.

- This week's winning house

Congratulations to children in North house for achieving the most house points this week!

- Positive Learning Behaviour Awards

A huge well done and congratulations to these children for being chosen to receive the Positive Learning Behaviour Award:

Class 1 - Nellie
Class 2 - Laertes
Class 3 - Maximus

We hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Briggs

Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th Dec	FORCES Elfridges Shop
Thursday 7th Dec	Class 2 + Class 3 panto trip Dick Whittington at Harrogate Theatre
Friday 8th Dec	FORCES Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5pm
Monday 11th Dec	Class 3 visit to Boroughbridge Manor care home
Thursday 14th Dec	Class 1 Nativity - School Hall 9.30am & 2.30pm
Thursday 21st Dec	Christmas Service 2pm at St Mary's Church
Friday 12th Jan	Wellbeing Day
Monday 19th Feb	Young Voices trip to Sheffield Arena
11th - 15th Mar	British Science Week
Tuesday 9th Apr	London Parent Meeting 3.30pm
Wednesday 17th Apr	Year 5 / 6 trip to London
W/C 13th May	Year 6 SATS Weeks
Mon 10th - Thurs 13th June	Class 3 trip to France
Thursday 4th July	Class 3 Production - Bishop Monkton Village Hall

Term Dates	
Autumn Term	
Friday 27th Oct	School Closes for half-term
Monday 6th Nov	School Reopens
Friday 22nd Dec	School closes for Christmas 2.30pm

Spring Term	
Monday 8th Jan	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 9th Jan	School Opens for Spring Term
Friday 9th Feb	School Closes for half-term
Monday 19th Feb	School Reopens
Friday 22nd Mar	School Closes for Easter

Summer Term	
Monday 8th Apr	Training Day - School Closed
Monday 9th Apr	School Opens for Summer Term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	School Closes for half-term
Monday 3rd Jun	School Reopens
Friday 19th July	School Closes for Summer 2.30pm
Monday 22nd July	Training Day - School Closed