



## 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

With only a week to go until the end of the autumn term, we have plenty of news for you, so please read on!

- Class 1 nativity

Class 1 children in nursery, reception and Year 1 wowed their families with beautiful singing and amazing acting at their nativity performance. The children wrote their own nativity play, and designed and made the costumes, props and scenery with the help of the wonderful staff in Class 1. The children made the tickets for the performance which were handed in by families at the 'box office' and drinks and snacks were served at the cafe bar.

All in all, a very special and wonderful nativity experience for the children, staff and families to enjoy! Many thanks to Mrs Horn, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Green and Mrs Barrett for their hard work in helping our youngest children to produce the best nativity ever!

<https://roelcliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/class-1-nativity/>

- Roboodles Ofsted report

On behalf of Roboodles we are delighted and very proud to share with you the published report from their recent Ofsted inspection.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50235235>

- FORCES Christmas Fundraising

Many, many thanks to FORCES for some fabulous fundraising over the Christmas period. The children had so much fun choosing their Christmas gifts for loved ones from Elfridges and it was wonderful to see so many families join us for some festive fun at our annual Christmas fair.

The figure raised was £1241.05!

- Late arrivals at dropoff and pickup times

Please note that from Monday 18th December any children arriving at school after 8.50am should make their way to the double gate at the other side of school to enter the school site. The doorbell by the main entrance door should be used to gain entry into the school building.

If a parent/ carer is late when collecting a child at 3.30pm, the school should be notified and the child will be placed in nursery wraparound care if they have not been collected by 3.40pm. A charge of £8 will be invoiced to parents/carers through Arbor for childcare provision.

- School meal cost in January 2024

This is a reminder that school meals will cost £3.50 each from January 2024. Parents are now able to choose their child's lunch options directly on Arbor, please can you ensure this is done before the end of term. Also, don't forget Arbor now accepts Google/Apple pay.

- Extra-curricular clubs

This is a reminder that extra-curricular clubs have now stopped and that there is one final session of Sing Up! On Monday 18th Dec (due to a missed session earlier this term).

Please book a place for your child for next term's extra-curricular clubs as soon as possible on Arbor. Parents/carers can now pay using Apple Pay and Google Pay. Clubs start in week 2 and run for four weeks.

Mondays 3.30-4.30pm - Sing up!

Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm Art Club

Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm - Coding Club (computing)

Thursday lunchtime 12.30 - 1pm - lunchtime Football club

- Forest School sessions in spring 1

Please note that all children in Class 1, all children in Class 2 and Year 4 and Year 5 children will take part in Forest School sessions in spring 1. These children should wear warm layers of clothing with waterproof outer layers/coat if possible and bring wellies/walking boots to school. Children may bring spare clothes to change into in case they get wet or muddy.

- Happy Christmas wishes at Boroughbridge Manor!

Our Class 3 children visited the residents at Boroughbridge Manor Care Home to wish them all a very merry Christmas this week. Our children delivered their own hand-made Christmas cards and sang Christmas tunes to entertain the staff and residents. Once again, Class 3, well done for your patience and kindness that you showed others during your visit.

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/christmas-wishes-at-boroughbridge-manor/>

- Safeguarding Snippet

PCSO Powell visited us this week to talk about bullying. We thought about what bullying is and what we should do if we think that someone is being bullied. PCSO Powell also spent some time talking with the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils about Anti-Social Behaviour to help them understand what this is and what this looks like in the context of our local area.

- Class 3 STEM Day at QE

Class 3 children spent a day at Queen Ethelburgas taking part in a Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM) day. The children took part in all sorts of STEM activities including making a bath bomb!

Quotes from children:

"We liked learning chemistry in a lab"

"It was really fun, we learned the difference between acidic and alkali"

<https://roecliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/bath-bomb-fun/>

- Dance sessions

Don't forget that we will be welcoming Holly from Mind-Body-Dance into our school next week to help us learn some dance routines in our last week of term. Children in Class 2 and Class 3 should come to school in clothes suitable for dancing on Tuesday 19th Dec and all children in all three classes should come to school on Wednesday 20th Dec in clothes suitable for dancing.

- Reminders in our final busy week

Monday 18th Dec - Final Sing Up! session 3.30 - 4.30pm (additional session due to cancelled session earlier in the term)

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th Dec - dancing sessions (see above)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Jumper Day (part 2!) and Christmas dinner (with a very special visitor arriving at school...!)

Final swimming lesson of the term for Class 2 children

Thursday 21st Dec - Christmas service at St Mary's church - children who are playing a Christmas piece should bring their instrument

Friday 22nd Dec - Christmas parties - children come to school in party/Christmassy clothes

School ends at 2.30pm

- FORCES NEWS

We were so busy with the Christmas Fair preparation last week we didn't add any F.O.R.C.E.S news to last week's newsletter.

## ELFRIDGES

Earlier that week the Elfridges shop opened and 62 children purchased 154 gifts raising an amazing £462.00 before expenses! It's always such a lovely morning

seeing how excited the children are when they come to choose their gifts. Thank you to everyone who came to help on the day.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came to the F.O.R.C.E.S Christmas Fair last Friday.

We raised an amazing **£779.05** after expenses!

This money will be spent across all three classes at school benefiting all the children and will be used to purchase equipment, fund some class trips and give the children some exciting new experiences.

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, donated to the coloured hampers (always a big hit!) , donated jam jars for the jam jar tombola, donated raffle prizes and helped at the fair by manning a game/stall. We know it's a busy and expensive time of year and we really do appreciate all your support.

### CHRISTMAS BAUBLES

If you were unable to come to the fair or missed the personalised Christmas baubles table you can still buy your child's bauble. Please email [forcesrocliffe@outlook.com](mailto:forcesrocliffe@outlook.com) or alternatively head over to our Facebook page 'Rocliffe FORCES' and comment on our latest post about the baubles. Baubles are £1.50 each and can be paid for by BACS into the F.O.R.C.E.S bank account but please remember to add your child's name as a reference.

### OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

Lastly, we'd love all your old Christmas cards when you're taking down all your decorations and cards in January please. We use old Christmas cards to make gift tags for the Elfridges shop.

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

- This week's winning house

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

- 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 - All of Class 1

Class 2 - Grace

Class 3 - Sophia

We hope you enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Briggs



## Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th Dec	Class 2+3 Dance Day
Wednesday 20th Dec	Class 1, 2+3 Dance Day
Wednesday 20th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 21st Dec	Christmas Service 2pm at St Mary's Church
Friday 22nd Dec	Christmas parties for all classes All children to come to school in Christmassy/party clothes School closes at 2.30pm
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

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

<b>Spring Term</b>	
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

<b>Summer Term</b>	
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