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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

### **Christmas Festivities**

We are fast approaching December and the Christmas season and would like to share our school plans to celebrate.

### **Christmas dress up**

Following our previous year's tradition, all children are invited to come to school wearing the following items during the last week of term. Please note this is entirely voluntary.

- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Sparkle in Christmas jewellery
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Dazzle in festive headgear
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Something that jingles
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Knock 'em dead, wear green and red
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Non-uniform day, wear all your Christmas gear (including Christmas jumpers if you like)

### **Christmas Tree**

We would like to thank FOLA for the donation of the wonderful real Christmas tree delivered today, which we're hoping to place and decorate on Monday. If anyone would like to have the tree at the end of the school term, please let us know. It's 15 feet tall and will need to be collected at 4 pm on Friday 19 December. If we have no takers, we will ensure we recycle the tree in the woods area.

### **Christmas Concert**

Our Concert at St John's Church, Ranmoor will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm** and all parents are welcome to come along, regardless of whether their child is taking part. Pupils who are participating have already been given information about what they will need to do.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Our Christmas lunch will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Pupils should inform their class teacher on the morning of their choice.

On the final day of term, **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** the whole school will be having a sing-song together to celebrate the end of term.

We do appreciate that not all of our families celebrate Christmas. If you would not like your child to take part in any of these activities, please let us know.

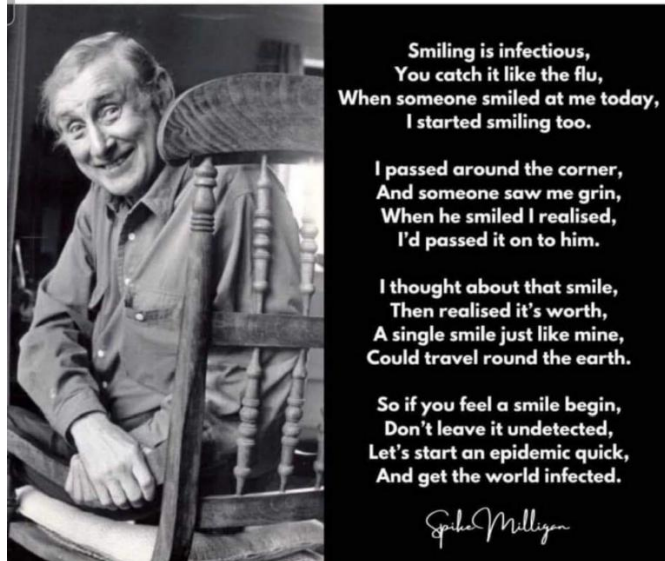
### **Smiling**

This week we are encouraging our children to spread a smile and have shared this poem in assembly. A smile spreads a smile and shows kindness to others.



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Beautiful Poem from Spike Milligan.



## Football Kit

Some of our Y3 & Y4 girls played football earlier this week at the Graves Football Festival. They worked really well together, were really enthusiastic and enjoyed themselves tremendously. Their football kit was designed by one of our pupils as part of a competition in 2021. Her design drew on the incredible work of the NHS during Covid and references the school rainbow which we still have as a reminder at the Manchester Road school gate. The rainbow symbolises many things in different cultures and her design was based on the symbolism of hope and respect for all. We are really proud of our Rights Respecting culture in school.



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## Pride of Yorkshire

We are delighted to say we will be taking part in the 'Pride of Yorkshire' fundraising event for the Children's Hospital this academic year. This means that Galaxy bear will have a companion and we will receive our own lion cub sculpture. Just like the bears and elephants there will be a sculpture trail throughout Sheffield. We will keep you updated about what this means to pupils and the school community soon.

Eco Club have also decided that this will be our school campaign for the year and their sale next week will start our fundraising. Eco Club's Bring and Buy Sale will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3:15 – 4pm in the Y5 Bases. Any donations of books, clothes and good quality Bric a Brac can be brought to Miss Lee in Mayfly class and Mrs Holden in Nuthatch class. There will also be some lovely Christmas decorations to buy that have been made by the Eco club children.



Yours sincerely

*R. Hurding*

**Mrs Hurding**  
**Headteacher**