

Together with God, we love, learn and grow



Riston
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PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Merry Christmas



On behalf of all of the team at Riston, I would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and a happy and healthy New Year. Many thanks for all your support in 2023 and we look forward to a fantastic 2024.

Christian Value



As we enter the last days before Christmas, please remember to show compassion to others most importantly to yourself.

“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8

Not every moment needs to be the ‘picture postcard’ image and the unrealistic social media representation of Christmas. Show yourself compassion and relax and enjoy your precious time together.

Christingle Service



Please join us for the Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church on **Wednesday 20th December** at **2.30pm**. Please join us at the school gate at **2.10pm** to help us walk along to the church - singing of course!

Free Class - Supporting your anxious child

Does your child seem to be worried and anxious a lot of the time? Perhaps they struggle to try new things, lack self-confidence, or don't want to be apart from you. If this is you then please click on the link below for a free class on supporting your child:

<https://www.myfamilycoach.com/supporting-my-anxious-child-free-class/>

Year 5/6 Raffle - £2 a strip

Please support the children of highfliers, in trying to raise money for school trips. Raffle prizes include tickets to Flamingo land, A meerkat experience, tickets to Hull FC, Vouchers, smellies, chocolate and drinks

Tree-Mendous!!!



Huge thank you to Tony Cook - Skirlaugh Garden Centre for the beautiful donation of a Christmas tree and stand. It has brought the festive spirit to our school hall.

Tuesday 19th December



1.30pm - 2.30pm - Please come and join us for coffee and mince pies in the hall.

2.30pm - 3.30pm - Open classroom to have a look through your children's work and join in the activities. There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase Christmas decorations the children have lovingly made.

Christmas Carols



There will be Christmas Carols around the village. Please see the village Newsletter for further details and support this event.

Christmas Nativity - Topcats & Robins



A few snapshots of an amazing performance by the Topcats and the Robins. Thank you for all the support and everyone who attended to watch the performance.



Music Performance



Mrs Hunt will lead a music performance on **Friday 22nd December at 8.55am** in the hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

Reminder



Please click on the link below to view the school policy on charges and arrears.

<https://riston.ebor.academy/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/RIS-School-Charges-Arrears-Procedure-Sept-23.docx-.pdf>

Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas jumper day is on **Thursday 21st December**. Please send your child in their school trousers or skirt as usual and then a christmas jumper or top. We will put a box in the entrance for

any old Christmas jumpers (grown out not worn out) so that we can recycle and support families.

Rudolph Run 2023



Rudolph Run is a sponsored walk/fun run which will take place on **Friday 22nd December** at 3.00pm on the school field. The event is to help support and raise funds for the local charity Dove House. Children and staff will be provided with reindeer antlers and a red sponge nose.

Please can all children attend the school in their **PE kit** for the full day.

Guidance to Parents/Carers

'Is my child well-enough to come to school?'



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's best to send them to school. Please **REMEMBER** when leaving a message stating your child will **NOT** be in **school/nursery** that you leave a **REASON** why so the correct code can be given on the register.

After School



Please let the office know if you would like your child to attend any of our after school clubs. We have made a slight change due to pupil numbers at some of our clubs, there will be no club on Friday but we now have extra places available on Tuesday at craft club.

Monday - Sports - covered by Sports Premium (Mrs Gill & Coach Josh)

Tuesday - Arts & Craft (Mrs Hammond & Mrs Seaman)

Wednesday - Music Club (Mrs Hunt)

Thursday - Lego Night (Mrs Seaman)

The cost for the clubs will be **£4.00** per child and include a snack and a drink.

Starting in **January** there will **NO** longer be the after school club on a Friday. The after school clubs will have a limit of 15 children per club except for a Tuesday where the limit will be 20 children.

Payments **MUST** be made weekly either in cash at the office or following receipt of an invoice.



Rev David runs a Youth Club for the Y5 and 6 children in Riston Village Hall every other Wednesday from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. It's

£1.00 and is a great opportunity for the children to get to know their peers that they may go to secondary school with. The next sessions are Wednesday 17th January, 31st January, 28th February and 13th March.

Attendance Matters



Please be aware it is important that children maintain good attendance during the final weeks of term as key learning will continue.

The school target for attendance is 97%. Over the past 2 weeks our attendance is currently 98.03%.

Highflyers - 99.36%

Bluebirds - 97.22%

Topcats - 99.12%

Robins - 95.33%

Please continue to make every effort to ensure your child maintains high attendance and is punctual.

Dates For Your Diary



Monday 18th December - DJ Groomy rocking around the Christmas Tree - dance your way to a great day!

Tuesday 19th December - 1.30pm Coffee and a mince pie in the school hall followed by open classrooms at 14.30pm

Wednesday 20th December - Christingle Service St Margaret's Church - 2.30pm

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December - 8.45 am - Christmas Music Performance

3pm - Rudolph Run (Dove House) - Christmas break bring old trainers or wellies to run/walk around the field.

Friday 22nd December - After school club cancelled due to Christmas Break.



Monday 8th January - Return to school