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Thursday 21st December 2023

Caring, Considerate, Courageous

As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34-35)

A Message from Mrs Coles

We made it!
This has been an incredibly long term and I think all the children (and adults) are ready for a well earned holiday!
It has also been a very positive term. We expect the OFSTED report shortly after the New Year and will share the outcomes with you as soon as that arrives.
We have had lots of Christmas parties and it was also lovely to see so many parents and carers at the Christmas Service. The atmosphere was lovely as was the singing and makes everyone feel even more Christmassy!
We would like to wish all our children and families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all again in 2024. Mrs Coles

Polite Request!

Please can you make sure that you do not use the School Car Park entrance for turning or parking in when dropping off or picking up your children.
We have had a number of near misses reported to us which are of concern.
We know pick up and drop off are difficult times when you have a car, but we need to be really mindful of pedestrians and other road users during this time.
Thank You.

Safety Concerns

We have also had a number of reports of children climbing over fences and railings on their way home from school. Some of the railings have spikes along the top which could result in injury if a child is climbing over them.
Please could you talk to your child about this and not going into other people's property on the way to and from school.

Christingle Christmas Service at St Lawrence's Church

On Tuesday morning, the whole school took part in our annual Christingle Service held at St Lawrence's Church. The service was packed full of readings and prayers from our School Ambassadors, excellent acting from our KS1 Nativity performers and wonderful singing from the congregation. The highlight of the service however was the lighting of the Christingle candles themselves. With the lights turned off in the Church, this made for a rather special service as you can see in the pictures.

A massive well done to all our pupils who should be so proud of themselves for the way they sat, listened and engaged in the service. A big thank you also to Father Adam, who conducted the service for us, and to those parents and carers who enjoyed the experience with us.

Diary Dates

Thursday 21st December	Break Up for Christmas
Friday 22nd December	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 8th January	Back to School
Tuesday 9th January	Y4 Swimming Starts Again
Monday 15th January	Deadline for Reception 2024 School Admissions
Tuesday 16th January	Y5 Rackets Cubed Starts Again
Tuesday 16th January	Kingswood Parents Meeting - 3.30pm
Thursday 18th January	Census Day Lunch
Wednesday 7th February	Ash Wednesday Service at St Lawrence's Church - 9.15am
Mon 5th - Wed 7th Feb	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood
Friday 9th February	Young Voices 2024
Friday 9th February	Break Up for Half Term

Attendance for the Autumn Term

Reception - 93.5%

Year 1/2 - 95.5%

Year 3 - 92.8%

Year 4 - 98.1%

Year 5 - 92.3%

Year 6 - 95.3%

Whole School - 94.7%

BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who took part in the Big Christmas Raffle. We raised **£230.00** which will go towards new books for our new library.

Globally Speaking

The language for the Spring Term will be Afrikaans.

Ask your child/ren to teach you some new words.

Last term we learnt Arabic and the children loved it!

Lunch Menu

Jacket Potato option available every day!

Please find our full menu on our school website: http://www.stlawrencesschool.org/parents/school-meals-menu

Week Commencing: Monday 8th January

Monday	*** Meat Fee Mondays *** Margarita Pizza , Autumn Vegetable Bake, Chocolate Crunch Cookie
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice, Cheese and Potato Pie, Sponge Cake
Wednesday	Roast Gammon or Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potatoes, Fruit in Jelly
Thursday	Meatballs in Homemade Tomato Sauce with pasta & Garlic Bread, Honey and Oat Muffins
Friday	Crispy Batter Fish or Quorn Nuggets with Chips and Beans, Ice Cream

Week Commencing: Monday 15th January

Monday	*** Meat Fee Mondays *** Margarita Pizza , Quorn Chow Mein, Flapjack
Tuesday	Mince Beef with Mashed Potato or Tomato Basil Pasta, Chocolate Cookies
Wednesday	Roast Turkey or Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Chocolate Crunch Sundae
Thursday	Italian Chicken and Tomato Pasta or Vegetarian Curry with Rice, Fruit Sponge
Friday	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Quorn Nuggets with Chips and Beans, Artic Roll

Advance Notice of Some Family Learning Courses in the New Year

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YORK Learning Family Learning

Mixed Crafts

In this relaxed, **free** 5 week creative course, you will be guided through a variety of different craft practices and techniques such as Mosaic, Papercut and Linocut Printmaking, as well as making items such as baths bombs and bees wax wraps.

All materials will be provided. Learn new skills and enhance your wellbeing whilst creating practical and beautiful items in a friendly setting.

You will be able take your own handcrafted pieces home at the end of each session.

Date: 10 January - 7 February 2024
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 9:15am - 11:15am
Venue: Methodist Circuit Hub, Cemetery Road (YO10 5AS) ***Free crech**

For more information and to book:
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www.yorklearning.org.uk

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The first session is **Wednesday 10th January.** Sally Sutton, the Course Tutor will meet anyone who is taking part in the course after school drop off at 8.40am to walk with you. Sally's contact details are:-

Email: sally.sutton@york.gov.uk

Telephone: 07851 258987

Free Creche Available.

To book the creche please call 01904 554277

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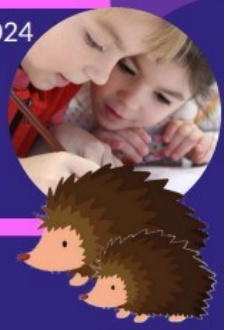
Fun with Phonics

This free course will help unravel the mysteries of phonics by explaining all the key terms and techniques you need to know.

We will share ideas, tips, games and activities to share with your child to help their early sound and word recognition. You will learn how to adapt activities to suit the age of your child.

*Free creche available (booking required)

Day: Wednesdays, 10 January - 7 February 2024
Time: 12:45pm - 2:45pm
Venue: Methodist Circuit Hub
(Cemetery Road YO10 5AS)



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