



Dear Parents and Carers,

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your kindness in supporting our Harvest food collection. This has now been collected by the local food bank and they were incredibly grateful for the support that Starbeck School provides each year.

### **FOSS News**

We wanted to share with you how much we have raised from recent FOSS events. The Autumn disco raised £551.47 and the Bag2School collection raised £175.00!! This money will go towards subsidizing school trips and enhancing the school library book provision. FOSS are also looking into purchasing a new seating/shelter area for the main playground, to replace the existing wooden one.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** Year 5 and 6 bake sale – we welcome donations of cakes from the year 5 and 6 students in the morning then everyone is welcome to buy them after school.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024** at 1.30pm in school, is the FOSS Annual General Meeting – come along and learn about how you can support FOSS. The fun activities that are enjoyed by so many, are only possible with the help of FOSS volunteers. At the AGM, FOSS roles and responsibilities will be decided upon, however you do not have to take on a specific role to be part of the FOSS team. Please speak to Philippa McPartlin or Sarah Kellet (or contact our school office team) if you are able to support one or more FOSS event. New support and members are always welcome and needed.

### **Donations**

Between now and the Christmas fair, we are looking to collect little toys that we can use as prizes on the stalls. We're calling it the Plastic Toy Amnesty as we all have various bits around the house that we're looking to move on! The type of bits we are looking for are things like party bag fillers, bubble pots, small toys etc. This helps us recycle the toys and saves us from buying more plastic that will ultimately end up in landfill.

We are also looking for any donations of new and unused toys, bottles (this could be bottles of wine, bubble bath, squash etc to hopefully be used on a bottle tombola), gift sets, unwanted gifts and preloved Christmas clothing such as Christmas jumpers or pyjamas.

Please drop any donations off at the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support 😊

**Please turn over for all our Christmas dates and events!**



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## **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Christmas is quickly approaching, and we would like to share all the exciting events that will be happening during the run up to Christmas. Please do make a note of the dates!



### **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

The children can come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper or festive coloured clothes (non-uniform day) Foss would like as many donations of FOSS bags as possible please for the Christmas Fayre tombola. These bags will be given out prior to the day. Bags can be decorated, and small gifts/prizes added to the bags before returning. Thank you for your support.

**FOSS Christmas Fayre – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – starting at 3:15pm – KS2 Building.** All money raised goes to school development funds.

### **KS2 Christmas Music Concert – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm and 6pm at St Andrew's Church**

Two tickets will be available per family (due to capacity). A separate letter will be sent home, for you to indicate your preference of performance.

**Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December –** You will have received a letter with a reply slip. Please make sure to complete and return the reply slip no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December to pre-book your child's Christmas lunch.

**Reception Christmas Nativity – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am and 2pm in the main hall, KS2 building.**

Two tickets will be available per family (due to capacity). A separate letter will be sent home for you to indicate your preference of performance.



**KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Christmas Nativity - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 9:15am and 2pm in the main hall, KS2 building.**

Two tickets will be available per family (due to capacity). A separate letter will be sent home for you to indicate your preference of performance.

**Break up for Christmas – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3:15pm/3:25pm**

**Children return to school – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024!**

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