

Bulletin No. 1064 Friday 24th November 2023





Dear Parents,

On Monday, I spent the day at Giggleswick School where I met their new Headteacher – Mr Sam Hart. It was great to catch up with Mr Hart and find out about some of the exciting plans he has for the school. Traditionally, we have always been lucky enough to have a member of staff from Giggleswick on our Advisory Governing Body. Mr Hart & I discussed potential candidates and I hope to be able to confirm who this may be soon. In the meantime, please take a look at the admissions information below to find out about entry into Year 7.

From Monday, the renowned House Chocolate Competition begins in school. All children are encouraged to bring in chocolate for their House Box, which will be in the main entrance hall (please note we are a nut-free school). On Thursday evening, Mr Mallon will be weighing the chocolate for each house and the house with the greatest weight in chocolate will be enjoying a special treat on Friday. All chocolate will be donated to The Friends and will be used on Miss Knowles' & Miss Raw's Chocolate Tombola at The Christmas Fair. Thank you for all the bottles donated today for our non-uniform day, all your contributions are greatly appreciated by The Friends and you will have chance to win something back at The Christmas Fair. Our Christmas Fair this year is on Friday 1st December from 3.45pm, please do try call in when you come to collect your children, there will be a café in The Hall and many stalls around school. Bookings to meet Santa have already been popular, if you would like to book a visit, Mrs Rothwell-Chapman will be in the main entrance hall taking more bookings next week.

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Lynda Bancroft as our new Early Years Practitioner. Mrs Bancroft will be working with The Nursery Team and comes to us with a great deal of knowledge and experience and is very excited to be joining the team.

Next week, Miss Nicholson will be in Kindergarten on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, ahead of her returning to work following maternity in January. If you have a child in Kindergarten and have not met Miss Nicholson, please do pop in and say hello.

This morning, it was lovely to see all the children's faces when they saw The Lady Lane Park Christmas tree in The Hall. Thank you to all the staff who stayed behind yesterday evening to decorate it. Thank you also to Mrs Vernon for running a lovely well-being session for our teachers after the tree decorating. Mrs Vernon brought lots of Temple Spa product sample and we all enjoyed mini-facials. Mrs Vernon will be running a Temple Spa stall at The Christmas Fair too, so do take a look.

I was delighted this morning to receive the Staff Merit, it was such a lovely gesture for pupils to nominate me. Mrs Kernick was also nominated for a well-deserved Staff Merit, I am sure you will all agree.

Our Learning around school this week









Form 3 (Year 2) had a wonderful time at Bradford Industrial Museum. They took part in a printing workshop, explored the mill and visited the wonderful transport collection!









Form 1 (Reception) just love to develop their fine motor skills during their daily continuous provision; they especially love tackling jigsaws



In English, Form 2 have been reading a book called 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. Today, they enjoyed using the musical instruments to create all the different sounds that kept Mr Bear awake in the story!

Table Tennis Review

On Wednesday Lady Lane played in the second round of the Boys West Yorkshire Schools Table Tennis Competition. Our first match was against Shakespeare School. And oh boy was it tough! Ibrahim, Hamzah, Abdullah and Yusuf played some amazing games with long rallies and some impressive shots. Unfortunately, it's the first to reach 11 points that wins the game and we just couldn't get those key points. Final score 7-1 to Shakespeare. Yusuf gained our win.

The next match was against Ackworth. The boys once again played brilliantly. This time we managed to win 3 out of the 8 matches with the majority of the matches going to 5 sets. A really good evening of Table Tennis boys you played well right to the end. Good luck to the girls who will play their second-round competition next Wednesday at Shakespeare School. No after school club due to the above game. Miss Raw.

Due to the Christmas celebrations in school and the festive period upon us, Table Tennis Club will resume after the Christmas holidays. Have a lovely Christmas break! Kind Regards Miss Raw

Upcoming Events

<u>November</u>

Plas Menai Information Evening – Tuesday 28th November @ 3:50pm

<u>December</u>

The Friends Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December @ 3:45pm F2/F3 Nativity Performance – Tuesday 5th December & Wednesday 6th December @ 9:15am KC/F1 Nativity Performance – Thursday 7th December & Friday 8th

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Junior Carol Service, All Saints Bingley Parish Church – Monday 11th December @ 7pm

Christmas Jumper Day, Talent Show & School Closes for Christmas – Friday 15th December

Christmas Holiday Club – Monday 18th – Friday 22nd December

Lady Lane Park School & Nursery Menu

Week: Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Neapolitan Pasta	Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken Dinner & Vegetables	Chilli & Rice	Fish Fingers, Chips & Beans
Chocolate Crispy Bun	Rainbow Jelly & Peaches	Cookies	Lemon Sponge	Chocolate Brownie
	Vegetarian & Halal option	Vegetarian & Halal option	Vegetarian & Halal Option	

2023 GALA WINTER DISCO

for 7 - 11 year olds Friday 24th November 7-8pm in the Memorial Hall Entry £3 Pop & Crisps 30p With Party Mania Discos Eldwick & Gilstead 2023 Gala Winter Disco

Reminders

The Friends Christmas Appeal The Friends are kindly appealing for any unwanted **Teddies** & Toys Which will help support our Christmas Fair All donations can be left in the school main entrance

House Chocolate Competition Please bring a chocolate of your choice to contribute towards your house chocolate competition. The house with the greatest weight in chocolate wins. All donations to be brought to the main entrance and placed into your house boxes between Monday 27th – Thursday 30th November

> The Friends Christmas Fair Friday 1st December @ 3:45pm

Please come along after school in the main hall to see what we have on offer

Ballet

No Ballet lessons on **Friday 1st December** due to the School Christmas Fair.

Homeless Hampers

Christmas Charity Appeal

School Council have decided they would like to support the Homeless Hamper Appeal and help collect items for the charity this Christmas.

We are collecting items such as hats, socks, gloves, chocolates, crisps, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc which we will then make into sacks.

(Please note that as we are a nut free school we won't be accepting items which contain nuts.)

Please leave any donations in the box in the front entrance.

CHRISTMAS Holiday club

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd December

8.30a.m. - 4.30p.m.

<u>To book your child's place, please message Mrs Kernick via class dojø</u>

Christmas Holiday Club Monday 18th December – Friday 22nd December Find out what is happening each day







Year 7 Entrance and Scholarship Assessments Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 January 2024 Good evening

We are delighted that you are exploring Giggleswick School as a possible option for your child and would like to draw your attention to the dates for the Year 7 entrance exams, which will be held on the dates above.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit our school, I will happily arrange a personal visit for you at a time that suits you, my details are below.

Entrance Applications deadline is Friday 15 December 2023 - we encourage early application

We are not a selective school, but we do require all Year 7 entrants to sit our examinations to formally assess and identify each child's ability and potential as part of our admissions process.

To register for the entrance assessments, please complete the online registration form at the bottom of this email, complete with registration fee, no later than Friday 15 December 2023.

All candidates will sit online tests in Maths, English and non-verbal reasoning, together with a written 30 minute essay paper on Tuesday 23 January.

Scholarships

If you are considering entering your child for a Scholarship at Giggleswick, please find below a link to our latest Scholarships information booklet. Once you have registered your child, please contact me to discuss the next steps for applying for a Scholarship. Sports scholars will also have a sports assessment on Wednesday 24 January 2024. All other scholars will be assessed on Tuesday 23 January.

Should you have any questions regarding entrance assessments, scholarships or the admissions process, please contact me on 01729 893000 or by email at <u>klmallalieublack@giggleswick.org.uk</u>.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you. Yours sincerely

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