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We have had another busy couple of weeks with staff and children getting into the Christmas spirit. Thank you to everyone for your kind and generous bottle donations ready for the PTA Christmas hampers.

Thank you!!!

A **massive thank you** to our fabulous caretaker, Mr Scruton for his generous donation of a Christmas tree. It is in pride of place in our hall, all ready for the children to decorate on Monday! You can purchase your very own real tree from **Balne Lodge Christmas Trees, Pollington**. Happy Advent!



Staffing

Miss Hodkin remains on long term absence. She has taken the decision to resign her position to be able to work closer to home and will not return to Pollington. We wish her well.

In the interim period, while we recruit a SENCO, Michelle Coates from the Local Authority will be providing support for SEND in school.

Due to personal reasons, Mrs Backhouse has made the difficult decision to move onto pastures new. This is in order to fit better with her family circumstances. We would like to thank her for her contributions made this term and wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Road Safety

Last week, we welcomed the Road Safety team into school. They were really impressed with the children as they taught Y2 scooter safety, Y3 and 4 pedestrian safety and then talked to Y6 about Buswise—getting ready to move

up to high school.

Another Thank You!

We received a very generous donation from the Parish Council and have been able to purchase atlases, dictionaries and thesauri. These have already been well used. Thank you from all the children at Pollington-Balne.

Thanks also to our wonderful PTA, we have been able to purchase a selection of art materials. Children have enjoyed exploring printing techniques with the new resources.



Class 4 Printing



We have also used these funds to purchase more sports and play equipment.

Polite reminder

Please refrain from using the staff carpark near the church. There is a car park for parents / carers just as you come over the bridge. We would also encourage parents to park and stride, using the carpark at the Village Hall. Thank you for your co-operation.

Request from the office

Please ensure that you provide evidence of appointments in order to collect

Attendance to date: 94.55 %
Unauthorised absences: 1.13%
Authorised absences: 3.92%

children before the end of the school day, in the form of email or letter prior to collection. This information is shared with Education Welfare. Where possible, we request that appointments are made outside of the school day.

Wrap up Warm!

As the weather turns somewhat frosty, please make sure your child comes to school with a coat, gloves and scarf.

Well done to our wonderful Benchball competitors, you were all fantastic ambassadors for our school, showing great determination and teamwork.

The Woodland Explaura's are bringing the festive feelgood to Pollington! Watch out for further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Rawes

Dates for your diary

New items are in red

2/12 - 4.30pm Snaith Christmas Market

8/12 - Christmas Jumper Day

14/12 Christmas Performance 9:30 KS2

followed by EYFS & KS1

15/12 Christmas Performance 1:15 EYFS &

KS1 followed by KS2

19/12 Hansel & Gretel (Junction)

30/4/2024 Height & Weight YR and Y6

22/12 Christmas Lunch

16/1 Anti-bullying Workshop, KS2 Anti-

bullying Alliance

6/2 Online Safety Day



Reminders

✓ Wrap up warm

✓ Carols round the tree Fri @ 6pm!