



DEAR PARENTS

Well, things have just about returned to normal after last week's inspection and I am sure that you will be relieved to know that my eye has stopped twitching and I am no longer winking at everyone; I think my winking paid off with the inspector though, he loved the school! ☺ Just Christmas to sort out now...

The annual palaver of getting the school Christmas tree up is happening next Monday, it doesn't matter how hard I try I just can't stop myself from '*nagging*' everyone to get the tree looking right. I know I have discussed my Christmas tree '*anxieties*' previously (*I really think I need counselling for this*) but I know that you mums out there understand the importance of the small baubles at the top, medium sized ones in the middle and larger baubles at the bottom and that tinsel is a no no, whilst you dads out there really don't care! PE staff are especially notorious for not '*getting*' the importance of making the tree looking nice...I hope they are reading this, they just take the mickey out of me! So, if you are coming to the '*Christmas Fair*' next Wednesday, (*28 November*) which I hope that as many of you as possible are (*as it will get you into the Christmas spirit*) you will see if the school Christmas tree is looking passable...or not? We always ask if boys would like to bring a decoration for the tree into school. They can hang this up and put their name on the decoration. Each year I like to rehang the decorations on the tree to remember the boys who have moved on to Senior School. To continue the theme of Christmas, the boys we will once again be able to wear their Christmas jumpers on the final morning of term (*Thursday 20th December*) over the top of their school shirt and the obligatory shorts (*clearly not the jumpers over their shorts though, although that would be very funny*). It is not compulsory to have a Christmas jumper so please don't feel that you have to rush out and buy one. Finally, on the theme of Christmas, please find attached to the bulletin the invitation to the Carol Service at Wakefield Cathedral, we have a cracking staff song! See quote of the week...

Founders' Day was a great occasion and as always, the boys scrubbed up well. Our Founders' Day guest was Mr Robert Mardling, who was Senior School Headmaster (*number 29*) from 1985 -2001. Each year our guests inform the boys of new information about their school. Mr Mardling told us about the boarding house called '*School House*' (*where the sports hall is now*), where 30 boys lived and he and his wife looked after them, thank you, Mr Mardling. In the afternoon we had our annual school birthday treat, the boys watched '*Incredibles 2*', I have never known them to be so quiet for so long, I have to admit though; I enjoyed it too. The boys also had a treat, see the photo at the end of the ebulletin, I literally emptied the supermarket shelves; you should have seen the look on the cashier's face when he saw me approaching with the trolley!

Quote of the week...The staff were rehearsing for the Carol Service and it is well documented that I cannot sing, I'm only there because the staff daren't chuck me out! Without giving too much away... this year we all have small sections to sing in groups and the song sheet was highlighted to show who was singing which lines. I arrived late to the rehearsal and was told where I had to stand to be with my group. So, picture the scene, it comes to my group's turn to sing and I '*belt out*' the lines at the top of my voice (*out of tune of course*) only to look around to realise that I am the only one singing, the rest of my group hadn't yet made it to the rehearsal. Mrs Denison was singing next to me, she turned to me (*absolutely killing herself laughing, along with the rest of the staff*) and said, '*So you've got a solo part then!*' I won't tell you my reply! Don't get excited though, I will **not** be performing a solo on the actual day, my mother would curl up with embarrassment. I don't know about other parents who can't sing but when I'm standing next to someone who can sing and we are singing in rounds I always have to sing their part, I can't concentrate enough to sing what I'm supposed to be singing if that makes sense, I should have been a QEGS boy! Mr Craig drives me mad on Speech Day because he belts out '*Floreas Wakefieldia*' at the top of his voice and I find myself trying to compete with him. He just shows off because he used to be a choir boy!

Stars of the week... No nominees this week.

Boy tip of the Week...Remember to get the '*elf on the shelf*' out on December 1st, it works wonders with the little ones.

On a final note... 32 days until Christmas...now I'm panicking.

Louise Gray

SCHOOL EVENTS

Forest School

Next half-term's sessions are below. Please remember to pack waterproof jacket and trousers:

4C: Tuesday 27 November

4D: Tuesday 4 December

4J: Tuesday 11 December



QEGS JS Forest School

Winter Coats and Woolly Hats

Regulation school coats and woolly hats should be worn when boys are travelling to and from school. All items are available from Butterflies the uniform shop or may be purchased online <http://www.wgsfschoolwear.co.uk/>

R Thompson

PTA – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 November - 2-5 pm Christmas Fair (Junior School Hall)

You are all invited to join us for our annual Christmas Fair on Wednesday 28 November, in the Junior School Hall from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. This is a fantastic social afternoon to meet up, have a chat, do a little Christmas shopping and enjoy the festive cheer with refreshments and mince pies. There will be games for children, a florist and other new stalls selling stocking fillers, Christmas cards, Christmas decorations, centre pieces, ladies' hats, gloves, jewellery, Body Shop, 'Elf on the shelf', plus accessories and other items that can be ordered on the day. We will also be running a sweet tombola for which donations of sweets and chocolate would be greatly appreciated. The PTA would be very grateful for donations of cakes, buns etc. (*to be dropped off on the day at the JS Office*) for the cake stall at the Christmas Fair. If you feel you could help in way please email the school office Office@qegsis.org.uk or contact one of the PTA members, kathyhb1@hotmail.co.uk, thank you in advance. We look forward to welcoming you all to the start of the QEGS run up to Christmas.



Christmas Wreath and Christmas Puddings

This is an opportunity to purchase a lovingly handmade Christmas wreath and a luxury Christmas pudding. Please see the flyers attached to last week's ebulletin or they may also be downloaded from the school website <https://www.wgsf.org.uk/qegs-junior/downloads>

PTA

Carol Service – Y2 to Y6 – Wednesday 19 December – 2:00pm – Wakefield Cathedral

Parents are invited to our annual Carol Service at Wakefield Cathedral on Wednesday 19 December at 2pm. In order that suitable arrangements might be made, I would be grateful if the reply slip could be returned to the Junior School by **Friday 7 December 2018**. A maximum of two seats per family are available. A ticket will then be issued to you which you **must** bring along to the Cathedral. We are always very tight for space so do please ensure you bring along the issued ticket. Please note that these tickets are not transferrable between parents. In the event of any spare tickets becoming available and you would like to bring along a third family member, please indicate on the reply slip and we will contact you accordingly.

At the end of the Carol Service boys will go back to their classrooms. Parents are welcome to join us after the service for coffee, tea and mince pies in the Junior School Hall. There will be parking available on the Senior School Playground from 3.20pm (*no access before this time*). Parents will then be able to collect the boys as normal from the Junior School playground when school is dismissed at 3:55pm. **Please see attached letter.**

ALL BOYS SHOULD WEAR WHITE SHIRTS, BLAZERS and NORMAL SCHOOL TIE



Y4 Nativity Play – 'Bethlehem The Musical' – Thursday 6 December at 7pm



The PTA will run Christmas stalls and festive refreshments will be served. If you would like to order copies of the DVD, or photographs of the performance, please see the letter sent home. This is also available on the Foundation website wgsf.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you all.

A Renshaw, A Charlesworth, N Darnton, J Drury

NOTE

Year 3 Trip to Magna

The Year 3 boys had a brilliant day out at Magna, learning about the key elements of the steel-making process of earth, wind, water and fire. As ever, the boys behaved beautifully and were a credit to QEGS.

We are very grateful to Mrs Babu and Mrs Khan for so kindly volunteering to help on the trip, and would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Rogers for her hard work organising the event.

Year 3 Team

LETTERS/ ATTACHMENTS – To download from the school website

Invite to the Carol Service – Monday 17 December 2018

QEGS JS PTA News Update

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COMING SOON

<u>Junior School</u>		<u>Centenary House</u>	
<u>November</u>		<u>November</u>	
23	Rugby v St Olave's U10 A/B/C/D (A) U11 A/B/C/D(H)	26	2T Forest School Nasal Flu Vaccines (Rec to Y5)
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27	Rugby v GSAL U9A/B/C/D/E (A) 4C Forest School		
28	PTA Christmas Fair		
30	Rugby v GSAL U10A/B/C/D/E (A) U11A/B/C/D/E(H)		

HOUSEPOINTS

The weekly totals for each House are as follows:-

JUNIOR SCHOOL	W/E – 16-11-18	Term to date	CENTENARY HOUSE	Weekly	Term to date
Bentley	100	1094	Bentley	194	1293
Cave	112	1353	Cave	211	1338
Freeston	119	1230	Freeston	170	1170
Savile	124	1005	Savile	127	1152

CENTENARY HOUSE NEWS

Dear Parents

We are certainly in the midst of the busy Christmas season, with only 33 sleeps until Christmas Day. I am so excited; this is one of my favourite times of the year to be in school. I'm not allowed to sing Christmas songs at home until 1st December (*due to Mr Butler who's a bit of a 'Bah Humbug'*)!! Although we do get him back by getting up really early on the 1st and blasting our favourite Christmas songs out at full volume!) So, I am making up for it in school and annoying everyone with my constant '*humming*' of Christmas songs. The staff choir has started rehearsals ready for our performance at the Carol Service, and I'm not really sure how Mrs Carter-Wood and I are still allowed to be part of the group due to our many disruptions from constant giggling as we attempt to sing the harmonies. We noticed this week how we have somehow been moved to the end of the line and keep being moved further and further down the room – we'll be off the stage soon! I can see how we must be Mr Renshaw's worst nightmare!

All Year 2 boys take part in the annual Carol Service, to which parents are invited, and which will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 19th December at Wakefield Cathedral. Please see letter attached to this bulletin for full details. Seating is limited, so please ensure that you return the attached reply slip by Friday 7th December if you would like to attend this popular event. Tickets will be sent home via your son's book bag so please keep an eye out for these as they **must** be brought along to the Cathedral on the day. Please note that these tickets are not transferrable between parents. In the event of any spare tickets becoming available and you would like to bring along a third family member, please indicate on the reply slip and we will contact you accordingly.

CAROL SERVICE - ALL YEAR 2 BOYS SHOULD WEAR WHITE SHIRTS, BLAZERS and NORMAL SCHOOL TIE

The rehearsals for the nativities and Carol Service are in full swing and the boys are behaving very sensibly! There may be some changes to your son's timetable with the PE and swimming slots, between classes, to enable everything to fit into the week. With this in mind, please could you ensure that your son's kit is in school all week and we will endeavour to cover as many of the activities as possible.

Reception and Year 1 boys are performing their Christmas play '*Santa's Hat*' on Wednesday, 5th and Thursday 6th December. Both performances are in the Centenary House Hall at 9.30am. If you haven't already done so, please could you return your slip by 9am on Monday, 26th November stating how many seats you would like. As usual, in the interests of health and safety, there are a limited numbers of seats we can fit into the hall for each performance. To ensure seats are allotted fairly we can guarantee each family will receive two tickets for the performances and we will allocate as many tickets as possible to families who have requested extra seats. You will be notified via your son's Journal next week the number of tickets you will be receiving. Please also indicate on your slip if you would like to purchase a DVD of the performance, at a cost of £5. The boys have been working so hard this week on their performance and they are singing the songs beautifully. Santa is also practicing his '*Ho-Ho-Ho*', the reindeers are practising their galloping and the elves are practising being mischievous little people (*some need very little practice for this role!*).

Please could you check your son's journal every night. We will use this method of communication to remind you of special events, items that your son may need to bring into school and any other information. Also keep an eye on the events diary, and the website to make sure you don't miss anything, as it's such a busy few weeks in the run up to Christmas!

Wednesday 28th November is the '*PTA Christmas Fayre*'. This takes place in the Junior School Hall from 2pm until 5pm, and everyone is welcome to come along. There are many new stalls and games this year for you and your son to enjoy, so please pop along and support this event and do a bit of Christmas shopping. We would be very grateful for any cake donations - please could you take these to the Junior School office – thank you in advance!

As the winter weather is now upon us, please can all boys bring their school waterproof coat every day. The coat should be worn over their blazers and both sections of the coat need to be named. We do like to get the boys outside as often as possible and a winter coat is essential to keep them warm and dry. Boys in Year 1 and 2 should be able to fasten their coats independently, but a quick practice at home may be needed to bring this skill up to speed.

Also, can I please remind you that parents should not be entering the school before or after school without being accompanied by a member of staff. If you would like to visit the office please press the '*buzzer*' and the secretaries will let you in and greet you. This is part of our '*safeguarding role*' and I am sure you will want to support us in ensuring the boys are protected and safe at all times.

Time to go and join in the rehearsals – I might even get to sit on Santa's chair if I start behaving well!

Mrs Butler

IMAGES OF THE WEEK

JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 3 TRIP TO MAGNA



FOUNDERS' DAY



Christmas Treats



CENTENARY HOUSE

Year 1 Lego Club - making dinosaurs



2T estimating, counting and measuring in maths

