



# NEWSLETTER

Edition—Autumn 2, 2023

### Key Dates:

**Monday 8th January 2024** —First day back at school

**Thursday 8th February 2024** —Year 1 Curriculum Showcase Assembly

**Friday 9th February 2024** —Break up for half term

### Attendance Celebrations!

We have seen some of our highest attendance weeks throughout the year so far! Thank you for all your support this half term—again, your children are making progress because of every day they are attending school. We look forward to next half term!

### Ofsted

You will be aware that we had our Ofsted inspection in the last week of last half term. This half term, we received our final grading and report and so pleased to announce that we are now graded a GOOD school. The report tells you in more detail what the inspectors observed during their two day visit—you can find this on our Twitter. Please have a read!



### Welcome!

We would like to say a huge warm welcome to our new Foundation Stage Leader, Mrs. Mallon. We are very excited to have her on the team and are very lucky!

### Sports Celebrations

In November, our Upper Key Stage 2 football team won the quarter finals stage of their tournament with a convincing 4-1 victory against Ashwood Primary. The semi-finals will take place after half term. Well done!

We also have our Pokemon Cup games coming up -wish us luck!

### Local MP Visit

Our local MP, John Healey, visited the academy this half term to see all the work that had been put into our School Parliament and the impact they have on our school. He spoke about his role as an MP and children asked him questions about the work that

he had in mind to improve the area of Barnsley— it was great!



### School Trips

Years 5 and 6 had their first trips of the year and attended a visit to a Gurdwara in Bradford as part of their Religious Education curriculum. They absolutely loved exploring such a beautiful building and it really helped



them to further understand what they have been learning in class.



### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mr. T Bower

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### Staff Shoutout



This half term, our staff shoutout goes to Mrs. McDonagh for all her hard work across Lower Key Stage 2.

We are so grateful to have you—thank you for everything you do!

### After School Clubs

After school clubs will be running again—the letter to sign up will be distributed in the first week back in January so keep an eye out!

### Bauble Decoration Competition

Thank you so much for all of your baubles that you entered into the bauble competition! They decorated our school tree so beautifully—we are almost sad to hand them back to you all!



### Christmas Festivities

We have had a huge range of Christmas festivities over the last half term

ranging from Christmas Craft afternoons, carol concerts, Choir performances and our Toy Swap Shop.



We would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended and for all of your amazing support.



### Local Support Services to Goldthorpe:

Dearne Family Centre (support groups) Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30

Salvation Army (food bank) Monday 10:00 – 12:00 Monday 1:00 – 2:00

ICON (Baby crying support) – search – “ICON baby crying support”

YoungMinds (Mental Health Support for children) – search “youngminds”

Mind (Mental Health Support for adults) – search “mind”

Goldthorpe Community Shop (affordable food) Monday – Saturday 9:00 – 5:00