



## Weekly Bulletin 22nd December 2023

### Diary dates

8 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day – School Closed
9 <sup>th</sup> January	School Starts after holiday
18 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSS School Disco 5-7pm St John's Church
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Learning together Afternoon from 2.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Parents Reading Information Evening
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Safer Internet Day
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupil Progress Meeting 3.30-6.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupil Progress Meeting 3.30-5pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Military Meet up Breakfast 8am
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Bikeability
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	SATS Parent information evening 5.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Learning Together Morning <b>till</b> 9.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Forum 6pm
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service St John's Church, Sharow 1.30pm all welcome.
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day funds going to FOSS

### Flourish Awards

Alistair for supporting his friends with a mature and caring attitude.  
George H for going out of his way to be kind and helpful.  
Arden for his time and effort he has put into his writing and drawing.

### Music Tuition

We are very excited to be able to offer more opportunities for music tuition next year. There is already an opportunity to learn the piano, and we will be adding to this with:

- Strings
- Brass
- Guitar

There is a strong correlation between musical training and academic success. If you are considering signing your child up for music lessons, here are ten of the benefits you can expect.

#### Teaches Patience and Self-Discipline

Learning a musical instrument means having to persevere through hours, days, and even weeks of practice. Children must have patience while learning to set goals for themselves. As the child reaches their goals, they will feel a sense of achievement and will motivate them to achieve further.

#### Boosts Self-Esteem

Learning an instrument provides children with an outlet to practice, listen to feedback, make adjustments and see positive changes. As they improve, they will build confidence and boost self-esteem.

#### Improves Memory Skills

Learning an instrument teaches a child how to create, store and retrieve memories more effectively. This video <https://youtu.be/ROJKCYZ8hng> explains how playing an instrument is like a total workout for the brain.

### Improves Coordination

Playing an instrument requires the brain to work at advanced speeds. Reading music is converted in the brain to the physical motion of playing the instrument. Those who play instruments have improved hand eye coordination over those who do not.

### Improves Math Skills

Playing an instrument may seem like a creative act, but there are many parallels to math. Music and math are highly intertwined. By understanding beat, rhythm and scales, children are learning how to divide, create fractions and recognise patterns.

### Improves Reading and Comprehension Skills

Learning and playing music requires constant reading and understanding. Children need to identify a note on the page and recognise which note (pitch) to play on their instrument, how long to hold it, what finger to use and how loudly to play it. They also need to identify if the note should be played short and crisp, or smooth and connected to the next note. Learning to read and comprehend music can even help in reading and understanding literature at a deeper, artistic level.

### Creates Responsibility

Most instruments require some kind of maintenance or upkeep. This can be anything from oiling to tuning to cleaning. Encouraging children to stay on top of regular instrument maintenance creates a level of responsibility for them. When they are responsible for something they are more likely to take care of it themselves without a parent having to remind them.

### Nurture's Self-Expression

Children learning to play an instrument are able to find themselves creatively. In fact, one of the amazing benefits of music is the ability for children to express themselves. By learning how to express themselves and their complex feelings through music, they are able to find a way to show, compose or play what they are feeling.

### Improves Listening Skills

Playing an instrument requires children listen carefully to an array of different things. They not only need to listen to instructions from their teacher, they need to listen for rhythm, pitch and speed. This concentration will improve their skills in music and in life.

### Improves Social Skills

While playing an instrument can be a great solo activity, it is also a way for children to engage in group settings. Taking part in ensembles and bands requires children to work together to collaborate on a specific sound or song. Interacting with other children will give them an opportunity to make friends and develop their social skills.

### **Bath Class Reading Challenge**

Mrs Curzon set Bath Class 'The Twelve Reads of Christmas Challenge'. Children had to read twelve times in eleven days. Isla S, William, Rose, Sofia, Isla J, Barnaby, Teddie,, Annabel, Oliver, Evelyn, Eva & Harry all completed the challenge and received a book token each which was kindly donated by The Little Ripon Bookshop.

### **Staffing**

We are pleased to announce that we will be welcoming Mrs Morgan to our team in the new year. She will be supporting in Hawking class in a morning and then teaching in other classes across the school in afternoons. Thank you to Miss Hall who has been covering while this post was vacant.

Sadly, we also announce that Mrs Bellwood will be leaving us in January. She has enjoyed her time at Sharow school and will be very sorry to leave, but has secured a new role with less hours. Recruitment has already begun.

### **Forest School;**

It will be Bath Class's turn for Forest School starting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January until the Easter holidays. Please can children come dressed in suitable clothing for the weather.

### **Note from FOSS**

FOSS, (Friends of Sharow School) is your schools PTA and we volunteer to raise money for the school. These funds are then used to directly benefit our children; from the school's new piano to books and festive treats for our kids.

But we couldn't do it without willing family, friends, carers and teachers. So this is a little note to say a big THANK YOU to you all, for any cups of tea, raffle tickets or bouncy castles you have put your hand in your pocket for this year. It does go a long way towards helping the children have some lovely experiences and opportunities.

We also wanted to express our appreciation for all the volunteers and donors who have helped this year. This is by no means an exhaustive list.

- Carricks Fruit & Veg, Squid & Tonic pizza and @bestbitsbakery who kindly donated prizes to our raffle.
- Parent and teacher donors who've given an array of wonderful prizes out of their own generosity: from hampers to cuddly pigs!
- Charlie Gower -Smith for volunteering his time every week to help our school choir flourish this term.
- Parents who have taken time to volunteer with school trips so our kids can go on some adventures!
- Our volunteer bakers and @forbakesake\_ for making sure we have been well stocked with delicious treats at our events.

Finally, we wanted to say how grateful we are for the hard work of our wonderful children & staff this term. I think we can all agree it has got us all in the festive spirit!

Merry Christmas to all and we will hopefully see you at the New Year's Disco

### **Video release**

We are very proud to share our new video of the school. It can be found on the school website and also on our [Facebook](#) Please share far and wide.

### **January Wrap Around**

Reminder bookings are now open click [here](#) to complete the form and return by 25<sup>th</sup> to secure the cheaper rate.

### **Spring Term Menu**

The Spring Menu is now on our website you can view the menu by clicking [here](#) or you can collect a copy from the school office.

### **Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this Christmas**

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, visit the website. [What is FEAST - North Yorkshire Together](#)

### **Stop press - New Year's School Disco Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

The school disco will now be held in the New Year on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 5-7pm..

We hope that a New Year's Disco with lots of sparkles will be something to look forward to after the holiday. There will be refreshments (hot dogs etc) and cake donations gratefully accepted.

See you there!

### **STEM Career**

Would you like to come into school to talk about your job to the children in one of our classes?

As part of our science curriculum we want to make the children more aware of the real-life applications of science. We want to show that many people in our school community use science as part of their career or for a hobby; realising that not all scientists wear white coats.

Please complete the [form](#) below if you or someone you know are interested in sharing your experience with us.

We look forward to hearing from you and learning all about your world of work!

Miss Tye (Science Lead)

### **Parents of Nursery Children**

If you live within North Yorkshire and your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they are due to start school in September 2024 and you need to apply for a primary school place by 15 January 2024. Further information from the North Yorkshire Admissions team can be found [here](#).

If you know of any families/friends who have children that may be interested in joining our schools, please ask them to make contact and we would be delighted to show them around.

### **Out of school achievements**

If your child has any out of school achievements, we would love to hear about them. Send pictures and information to [admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk)



Leo has recently completed stage 2 swimming at the leisure center in Ripon. A big well done to Leo!

### **Information for Parents**

Please click [here](#) for information on the St John Ambulance Badger programme for children aged 10 and over.

**Sharow Church Christmas [Pantomime](#) Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 7pm**

**St John's Church Nativity Christmas Eve [service](#)**

**Raring2Go Online Booklet**

**[Booklet](#)**