



## A message from Mrs Robinson

### A FESTIVE FINALE!

It has been the most **magical of Christmas weeks**, where Haxby Road pupils have enjoyed a range of Christmas celebration events, including a Christmas class party, a hearty Christmas Lunch, a packed out KS1 Nativity and the show stopping Haxby Roads Got Talent. Even the staff joined in with a hidden talent!

### Key Stage 1 Nativity

We started the week with the magic of Christmas and the KS1 nativity. The entire audience was in awe of the children's enthusiasm, effort, and teamwork, and we are so proud of every one of them. A big thank you to the staff and families who helped make this event so special. It was truly fresh, fun and funky show!

### Christmas Lunch

On Thursday, pupils and staff tucked into a fabulous feast, fit for Santa, the reindeer and ALL the elves, at our school's Christmas Lunch! A scrumptious and yummy menu was on offer, with a full Christmas dinner, along with special treats including chocolate, juice and tasty desserts. A HUGE THANK YOU to our wonderful catering team and kitchen helpers for organising, preparing and delivering this wonderful meal.

### Class Christmas Parties'

All the children enjoyed their festive celebrations by dancing the morning away at their class parties! Safe to say everyone had a fab time, and there were some VERY energetic and creative dance moves on show! Thankfully there were ample snacks – which were eagerly consumed – to provide a much needed energy boost across the morning. A truly wonderful morning of laughter, singing and dancing enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Friends of Haxby Road for your generous donations to the parties.

A **HUGE** thank you to all staff who have put in many additional hours over the last few weeks to prepare for the Nativity shows, the class parties, the Christmas Lunch and of course, helping Santa with the preparations for his visit. Your dedication and commitment to provide such wonderful opportunities for our pupils and school community is much appreciated and applauded.

As we come to the end of another wonderful term, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership in your children's education. This term has been filled with so many moments of growth, learning, and joy. From the milestones your children have achieved in the classroom to the vibrant school events where your participation made all the difference, it has truly been a team effort.



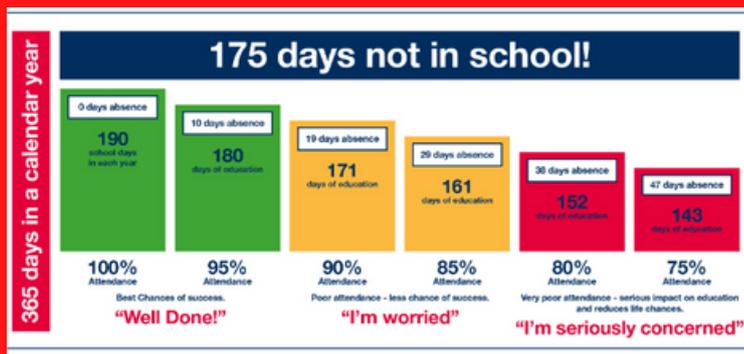
Have a Wonderful Christmas and all the best for the new year. Mrs Robinson



**Our School Target is 98% National Figure 95.9%**

**This week our whole school attendance was: 90.97%**

- Jubbergate: 81.50 %
- Ousegate: 81.18%
- Fishergate: 93.13%
- Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate: 93.41%
- Gillygate: 98.22%
- Fossgate: 88.62%
- Micklegate: 98.47%
- Stonegate: 93.24 %



**The winning class is Micklegate Well Done!**



Hello again from the Wellbeing in Mind Team! Christmas is almost upon us, and while many of us will be excited and looking forward to seeing friends and family, others of us may find this season hard. It can be a time where we miss loved ones who we can't be with. It can also be a very busy time, with lots of extra things going on, which can make us feel overwhelmed. We can also feel under pressure for everything to be perfect, or to match up to what Christmas looks like in the movies. This Christmas, try to focus on what you and your family need.

Here are some top tips for looking after your wellbeing:

- \* Don't compare your Christmas to someone else's
- \* Forget the things that don't matter to you
- \* Prepare practical things in advance if it helps
- \* Plan in some 'introvert time' if you know you need it
- \* Keep your expectations at a reasonable level
- \* Lean on your support network and ask for help if you need it



Keep in mind the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. You could:

- \* **Be active:** go on a walk and gather bits of nature to make a picture
- \* **Keep learning:** Why not use YouTube to learn a Christmas song in sign language?
- \* **Give:** Have a pre-Christmas clear out and give your unwanted toys and books to charity.
- \* **Take notice:** Look up at the night sky – you can use apps to help you spot constellations.
- ☒ \* **Connect:** Why not leave the screens behind and write a letter to someone?

We hope that you find some time to recharge this Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Gemma, Jorge and Tracey (Wellbeing in Mind Team)



## Dates to remember

- Monday 6th January: School is closed for our training day
- Tuesday 7th January: School is open from 8:30am.

