



# Newsletter

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## A lot to be thankful for...

We have had an incredible few weeks with, as ever, fabulous support from our Mackie Hill families and communities. Below are the total amounts raised from our recent charity events and some photographs of the children enjoying the activities.

**Race for Life** - During the summer term, children, parents/carers and staff participated in Race for Life and they each took home a celebratory medal. The event raised an outstanding £893.

**Harvest** - We had a total of 114 food items brought to school which we have donated to the CGCC Food Bank. The CGCC Food Bank is a non-profit organisation providing assistance with food supplies to households requiring support. The children were thrilled with the generosity of our community.



**MacMillan**— It was wonderful to see so many people join us for the coffee morning where we raised £77. A big thank you to School Council for helping organise this event.

**Spooky Disco** - As ever, our children did not disappoint in attending our Spooky Disco with a wide variety of costumes and dance moves. We raised £405 which will reduce the cost of educational visits this year. A big thank you to Miss Wilson and the PTA.

**World Mental Health Day** - Mackie Hill turned yellow while we focused on strategies to support our own mental health whilst recognising how to help others. A great day with lots of activities planned by our Mental Health Champions.

**Thank you for all your support!**

## Upcoming Events

**10th November**—Armistice Day

**10th November**—Year 3 Class Assembly 2:30pm

**10th November**—Year 1 Educational Visit

**13th November**—Antibullying Week

**13th November**—Odd Socks Day

**14th November**—Arts Day

**17th November**—Children in Need

**17th November**—Year 3 visit to Coal Mining Museum

**20th November**—Year 1 DT afternoon

**24th November** —Year 2 Class Assembly 2:30pm

**27th November**—Year 2 DT afternoon

**28th November**—Year 5 DT afternoon

**28th November**—Year 4 DT afternoon

**1st December** —Year 1 Class Assembly 2:30pm

**4th December**—Christmas Fair in the School Hall 3:15-4:15pm

**5th December**—Year 6 DT afternoon

**6th December**—Year 3 DT Afternoon

**22nd December**—School Closes for the end of term.

*Further information for all these events will be shared nearer the time.*

*Please note: we endeavour to keep to this schedule but from time to time dates will alter.*





To mark the start of **Anti Bullying Week**, we will hold '**Odd Socks Day**' on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. Children and staff are invited to wear odd socks! It's a way to celebrate what make us all unique and a great way to express ourselves.

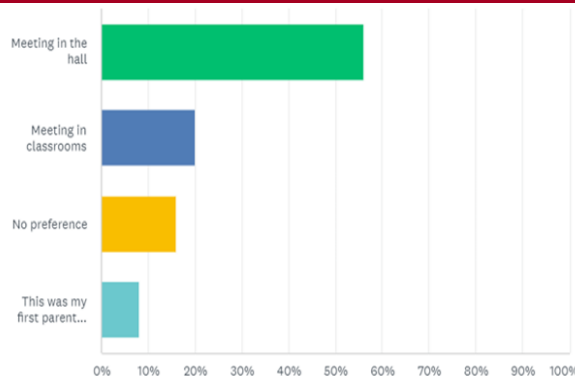


*On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we are taking part in an amazing day of fun, excitement and fundraising by holding a 'SPOTacular' Children in Need Day. Children are welcome to come into school dressed in Pudsey colours, pyjamas or spots. If they choose to do this, we would ask them to kindly donate £1 (cash on the day) for such a great cause.*

*All money raised on this day will be greatly appreciated and will be donated to the Children in Need charity.*

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Consultation Meetings at the end of last half term. If you were unable to attend and would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher, please telephone or email the school office.

I recently sent a survey via the school APP to gather feedback on the new structure of consultation meetings. The results are below with the majority of people preferring meetings in the hall. We will therefore continue to hold meeting in the hall when we next meet again in March 2024.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Meeting in the hall	56.00%
Meeting in classrooms	20.00%
No preference	16.00%
This was my first parent meeting	8.00%

You may have seen Wakefield Council's Road Safety Team conducting their School Gate Parking initiative on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, tackling inconsiderate or illegal parking outside school.



We had a positive result where no fines or warnings were given out. We would like to commend local drivers for parking responsibly, THANK YOU and keep up the good work!

I am sure you will join me in saying a huge congratulations to Miss Marsden and Mr Thurston who are expecting their first baby in April. This week, the staff have already been cooing over scan photographs and offering suggestions for baby names. We can't wait for baby cuddles!



## Christmas Events



### **Nursery & Reception Nativity**

**Monday 11th December at 2:15pm & Tuesday 12th December at 9:30am**

All children will be performing in both performances and we will send home  
2 tickets per performance.

### **Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity**

**Wednesday 13th December at 2:15pm & Thursday 14th December at 9:30am**

All children will be performing in both performances and we will send home  
2 tickets per performance.

### **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert**

**Thursday 14th December at 6pm.**

We will send home 2 tickets for each family.

**Please do not share tickets with other families.**

**Each family will receive the same amount of tickets.**

**Christmas Dinner** - The whole school will be eating Christmas Dinner on **Thursday 21st December**. If your child normally has a packed lunch, you can order a meal using your ParentPay account. Santa's little helpers (Mrs Elliott and Mrs Vasey) are looking forward to serving lunch again this year.

**Christmas Jumpers** - School council have requested to wear Christmas jumpers, festive clothing or accessories on both **Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December**. You do not need to buy anything specific for this; children are welcome to wear comfortable clothing.

**Christmas Cards** - These can be brought into school from **1st December** and posted in the Christmas Post Box in the library. School council will then deliver the cards. Please write names and classes clearly on the envelopes.

**Christmas Tree** - Our outdoor Christmas tree will be ready on the **1st December** for decoration. Children can bring in a bauble to decorate the tree on their way home if they wish. Please note, we will not be able to return these as they will stay outside for the last few weeks of term.

**Christmas Party arrangements**— Further information will be shared in the coming weeks.

*Thank you for your continued support. Mrs. J Elliott.*





Home & School Together

# PTA

Thank you to those parents who joined staff for the PTA Annual General Meeting this week. We had a positive and productive meeting planning upcoming events and prioritising where to spend the money raised.

This year, it has been agreed to double the PTA contributions to educational visits to help reduce the cost to families. Therefore, each class will receive a contribution of £200 this year to reduce the cost of visits. This will make a huge difference to the voluntary contribution from families.

The PTA have also agreed to fund some sensory equipment for our new sensory space.

## Can you help?

We are always looking for and welcoming new members to our PTA.

Any amounts of time you can offer really do help and support the events we organise for our children.

If you would like to join the PTA or can volunteer to help at any upcoming events, please either pop into school and arrange to speak to our chair, Miss Wilson, or email us on [mackiehillpta@hotmail.com](mailto:mackiehillpta@hotmail.com)

Thank you!

## YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Mackie Hill

Mackie Hill PTA are part of the Your School Lottery, a lottery which for a £1 ticket you could win £25,000 – we would love one of supporters to hit the jackpot.

However, if you don't win the big one, there is a guaranteed winner from our group of supporters. Every week one of our group wins a percentage of the money our supporters raise, the more people play, the more you win.

There are also some bonus prize events, currently on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 5 lucky winners will scoop 1 of 5 £100 B&Q Gift Cards!



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