



Newsletter

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Tis the season to be jolly...

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 9th January - Year 1 Balance Bike training.

Wednesday 10th January - Year 5 Educational visit to Murton Park.

Thursday 11th January - Robinwood Residential Parent/Carer briefing. 3:15pm-3:45pm

Friday 19th January - Year 6 Celebration Assembly

24th - 26th January - Robinwood Residential for Year 4/5/6

Friday 2nd February - Year 5 Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

Friday 9th February - Year 4 Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

5th-9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February school closes for the end of term and reopens on **Monday 19th February**

Friday 23rd February - Year 3 Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (details TBC)

Friday 8th March - Year 2 Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

Friday 15th March - Year 1 Celebration Assembly

Friday 22nd March - Nursery & Reception Celebration Assembly at 9am (Please note a change of time)

Parent Consultation dates will be confirmed in the new year

Friday 22nd March school closes for the end of term and reopens on **Monday 8th April**

Further information for 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.

As we approach the end of the year, we are thrilled to share some amazing achievements and highlights from the recent happenings at Mackie Hill. The festive season was made even more special by the exceptional performances at our Carol and Nativity concerts. We are immensely proud of all our children who showcased their talents, spreading joy and holiday spirit. The cast and crew worked tirelessly to deliver a high-standard performance that left the audience in awe. Well done to each participant!

This week, our Year 6 children were invited to watch Kettlethorpe High School's production of "Legally Blonde" and it was nothing short of spectacular! Congratulations to everyone involved for their dedication and talent.

Thank you to all the parents/carers/grandparents and younger siblings who attended our Design & Technology afternoons. Your presence and support is highly valued. The children truly enjoyed the hands-on experience and your involvement made it even more special.

We extend our gratitude to all the creative minds who participated in the book cover design contest. Congratulations to the winners who received a £5 gift voucher for their outstanding contribution. Your artistic flair truly enhances the spirit of our school community.

A round of applause to our Year 5 and 6 athletes who secured third place in the recent athletics competition. Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship were truly commendable. Well done on this fantastic achievement!

As the year comes to a close, let us reflect on these accomplishments and the collective effort that makes Mackie Hill a thriving community. Thank you for your continuous support, and we look forward to more success in the upcoming year.

Staffing Update

Finally, I have some additional staffing news to share regarding our much loved member of staff, Miss Turner. Miss Turner has recently had a successful interview to commence a new role and will therefore be leaving Mackie Hill School at the end of the term. Miss Turner will be finishing her 1:1 and small group sessions with the children she works with this week and saying goodbye to the children. We have commenced the recruitment process and will inform you when we have a new member of staff joining our school. **We will truly miss her and I know you will all join myself and the staff in sending our congratulations and wishing her all the best for the future.**



We are excited to share an unexpected but fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together for a good cause! Mackie Hill has been invited to participate in the **Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run 2023**—a delightful event that promises festive fun and a chance to make a difference. Wakefield Hospice provides vital care and support for individuals with life-limiting illnesses. Your contributions will help fund their essential services and make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

This week, each class will choose a day to complete their run on the playground. Each child will be given adorable reindeer antlers to wear during the run, which they can bring home after the run is complete. We encourage students to seek sponsorship from friends and family for their participation. Alternatively, a small donation from each participant will go a long way in supporting this wonderful charity.



**Wishing you all the joy, warmth,
and magic of the holiday season!
May your days be Merry and
Bright.**

Merry Christmas!