



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Boardman

Everyone has done so well this week as we have moved changes to some of our timings and routines. Hadid have settled into their new class brilliantly too.

Remember that the classroom doors close at 8:45am prompt as this is when children are expected to be in school ready to start learning. If when you get to school you don't think your child will get round to the classroom by 8:45 you may want to bring them through the main entrance.

## Lunches

From now on we ask that you make your child's lunch bookings by the previous Wednesday. The cook orders for the following week on a Thursday and this will enable her to order the correct quantities, avoiding food wastage.

If your child regularly has a school meal please book for the full half term where possible. This will save you having to remember each week.

As we go through the new Autumn / Winter menu, the cook is noting the choices that the children don't like as much and looking to make some changes. It would be helpful if you could talk to your child about the choices of meals when you book them. Some children are telling us that they don't like the meal that has been booked even before they try it and this is leading to them being upset.

## Certificates

Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards this week:

**Attenborough: Scarlett, Sonny and Talia**

**Hadid: Ciara, Annabelle and Keegan**

**Farah: Zachary, Ella and Esmae**

**Kahlo: Thomas, Harry and Freyja**

**Well done everyone!**

## Support for parents and carers in York

Two new websites have been launched - Raise York and SEND (York's Local Offer) to make it quicker and easier for local families to get the information they need about local services and community support.

The [Raise York](#) website has replaced the old Yor-OK website and represents a 'one stop shop' for information, help and support on a wide range of topics including infant feeding, mental health support, health visits and parenting support. The site is a digital extension of the city's physical family hub network, which includes hubs at Clifton Children's Centre, Hob Moor Children's Centre, and The Avenues Children's Centre.

The new [York SEND Local Offer site](#) provides a dedicated resource for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, their families and the professionals working with them. The new site has been created with the help of local families to make sure the information is easy to navigate, and the site contains all the information families need, in one place.

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## This week's attendance

**Whole school target: 96%**

Whole school attendance: 91%

Attenborough Class: 96%

Hadid Class: 91%

Farah Class: 93%

Kahlo Class: 88%

Well done to Attenborough class.

Please remember to phone the school office before 8.45 am if your child is unwell or

Come and see!



**MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE & JOHN**

All 4 Gospels

HANDWRITTEN by local people of all ages  
with ILLUSTRATIONS on **DISPLAY**

**SPURRIERGATE Centre**

Coney St, York YO1 9QR

14<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

10.30am - 2.30pm

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

10.30am - 4pm

For more details please ask

*In the beginning was the Word... John 1:1*

## Dates

Click [here](#) to view term dates for 2023-24

6.12.23 KS2 children invited to join the Pathfinder Carol Service in York Minster —more information to follow. Children likely to be needed from about 6pm.

8.12.23 Reindeer Rush fundraising event am

20.12.23 Christmas Dinner

18.12.23 & 19.12.23 Nativity performance at 1:45pm.

22.12.23 Carol Service in Church 9:15am

## The Big Ambition – Children's Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

**The Big Ambition** aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important!

In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

We ask that you support your children to complete this survey at home. Older children will be able to complete it themselves. Younger children can have their responses entered by an adult

**The Big Ambition** survey will be open until Friday 15th December and can be accessed on the link below

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)



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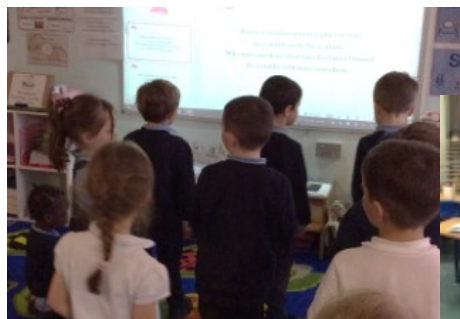
## Attenborough — Miss Pomfret

This week in Attenborough class we have been learning about day and night and how we have special animals that come out at night time called nocturnal animals.

We had the opportunity to meet some nocturnal animals including owls. We had great time learning all about them we even got to hold one and have it fly over our heads!

We have also been working super hard with practising our nativity songs!

Happy Birthday to Scarlett ☐



## Hadid— Ms Pena Harran and Mrs Bruce

We have had a great week in Hadid and settled well into our new classroom and routines.

On Monday we had a visit from some birds of prey and reptiles. The children were fascinated and very excited to be able to hold a small Indian scops owl. We also saw a barn owl, African spotted eagle owl, Harris' hawk, Hermann tortoise and corn snake. We found out lots of interesting facts such as what they eat, how we can tell if they are nocturnal by the colour of their eyes and that a Harris' hawk could read a newspaper headline from a mile away!

We have been using all of this information to write a recount. The children have been really focussed and enjoyed their writing.



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## Farah— Mrs Bellinger

Thus week in Farah Class we were really pleased to start the week with a visit from some owls and other birds of prey. We were dazzled by all of the awesome facts about them and enjoyed watching them fly over our heads, as well as swallow chicken legs whole! We were also surprised to see some reptiles, including a corn snake!

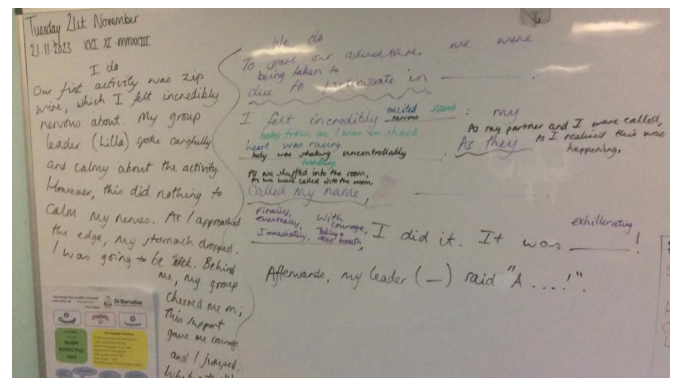


## Kahlo—Mr Levick

Another fantastic week in Kahlo Class; they're making really good progress and the hard work they're putting in is really paying off!

Our two highlights this week:

- Writing and completing some fantastic diary entries. They've used some great features and I'm so proud of them.
- Starting our new topic in science: electricity. We learnt all about the components of a circuit and what the different symbols mean.



We have begun learning our parts for the nativity and enjoyed learning some of the nativity songs.

In P.E. we have continued with our dance topic, creating a dance all about Electricity.





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