

## Astronaut Day

Foundation had Astronaut Training Day on Thursday. They did NASA hand-eye co-ordination exercises with space rocks, rocket science, space maths and alien art. They read 'The Darkest Dark' about a boy who was scared of the dark, but overcame his fear and became an astronaut. They saw the author inside the International Space Station and learnt how you eat, brush your teeth and sleep in space! What a wonderful day!



## Early Help Coffee Morning

We are holding an Early Help coffee morning in school on Thursday 12 January from 9—10am in the library. The friendly coordinators from the Bradford District Early Help team will be on hand to talk about any worries parents may have. They will help find the right support for you and your family for issues such as benefits, housing, parenting/behaviour, healthy relationships, mental health, education or domestic abuse.



## School Council

Hello, this is the Communication Team! We have lots to inform you about this week. First of all, another of our successful action teams, the School Newspaper, started their work this week at break times. Mr Bowering (who used to be a journalist!) will be helping them complete their first edition for the end of this term! The results of our class meetings and our survey to parents (about our Snack Bites Tuck Shop) have been really useful in helping us to review our plan. We have concluded that we will sell fresh fruit only on Monday to Thursday (for 10p) and on Fridays there will also be cereal bars for sale. The cereal bars will not have more than 20g of sugar per 100g. We have decided that the profits so far will be used towards some new playground equipment. We are currently taking suggestions from all classes for this. We look forward to changing our school in the best way possible. Many Thanks, The Communication Team.



## Bradford North Foodbank

Following on from the wonderful generosity shown at the Harvest Festival collection, Bradford North Foodbank would really appreciate our support again this Christmas. If you would like to make a donation in the run up to Christmas, a very busy time for the foodbank, please [click here](#).



## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Daania E  
R Oak: Emily W  
Y1 Elm: Bobby D  
Y1 Willow: Phoebe C  
Y2 Lime: Adrienne W  
Y2 Maple: Evelyn P

Y3 Cherry: Daniel B  
Y3 Holly: Bella B  
Y3 Holly: Nicholas M  
Y4 Alder: Harriet F  
Y4 Ash: Caleb W  
Y5 Hazel: Will S  
Y5 Rowan: Ruby T

Y6 Birch: Sienna K  
Y6 Sycamore: Muhammad H-H



These children were chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and enjoyed a drink in the staff room with school leaders on Monday afternoon.

## Christmas Performances

Next week will see the start of our Christmas performances in school and we are delighted to invite parents in to watch these. Due to capacity restrictions, for years 1 to 6 there is one parent/carer 'ticket' per performance allocated. Please see the separate letters for more details.



## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **96.03%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cherry** with **100%** attendance!

All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be investigated.

### School Lunches—w/c 5 December Menu—Week 3

Monday: **Sausage in a bun or Halal Sheesh Kebab**; Mexican Burrito; Panini or Wraps  
Tuesday: **Cheese and Onion Pasty**; Italian Tomato Pasta; Jacket Potato or Sandwiches  
Wednesday: **Fish Fingers**; Southern Fried Quorn Burger; Panini or Wraps  
Thursday: **Sticky Chicken Pizza**; Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Jacket Potato or Sandwiches  
Friday: **Christmas Lunch**—please see below  
For details of the full new menu please [click here](#) for our school meals web page.



### School Christmas Lunch—9 December 2022

Menu options are: Roast turkey, Halal chicken, Quorn fillet, all with roast potatoes, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, sprouts, stuffing and gravy. Pudding is chocolate sponge and chocolate custard, ice cream with sauce and a wafer or an orange.  
Please note that sandwiches/wraps, jacket potatoes and deli-bar will not be an option on this day.

### Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

JustGiving

On Friday 9 December we are supporting Save the Children by holding the annual Christmas Jumper Day in school.

All children and staff can wear a Christmas jumper along with their school uniform trousers/ shorts/ skirt and donate £1 (or more should you wish).

Please do not feel you have to go out and buy anything new for children to wear, you could decorate an old jumper or perhaps swap one with friends. We also have a small supply of spare Christmas jumpers for children to borrow for the day, please let us know if you need one.

Donations will be cashless and can be made via our [JustGiving page](#).

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES**  
Since 2020 kidfit have been working with schools and local communities with the help of Bradford councils Holiday Activities and Food program, funded by the department of education, to provide food to families in need.  
We have now delivered over 10,000 meals!  
Huge thank you to all involved with this project.  
**GET IN TOUCH**  
For more information on how to access this support please do not hesitate to get in touch.  
kidfitcamp@aol.co.uk  
07932540167

**KID FIT. CHRISTMAS kids CAMP!**  
Activities include:  
MULTI SPORTS FUN & GAMES INFLATABLES ARTS & CRAFTS  
Addingham youth centre, LS29 0NR  
20th, 21st & 22nd December  
9AM-3.30PM  
BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-12  
£7.00 per day  
All proceeds donated to NSPCC  
FREE PLACES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS  
TO BOOK TEXT 07932540167 OR EMAIL Kidfitcamp@aol.co.uk

### Dates to Remember:

**Sat 3 December:** Christmas Fair  
**Fri 9 December:** Christmas Jumper Day  
**Fri 9 December:** School Christmas Lunch  
**Fri 16 December:** School closes for Christmas  
**Tues 3 January:** School reopens for Spring term 1  
**Thurs 12 January:** Early Help Drop-in  
**Mon 30 January:** Parents' Evening  
**Thurs 2 February:** Parents' Evening  
Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates

COME ONE, COME ALL!  
**FoMPS Christmas Fair**  
Visit [www.fomps.org.uk](http://www.fomps.org.uk) for tickets to see Santa.  
**FREE ENTRY**  
A fantastic event for all the family.  
**Saturday December 3rd**  
**1pm to 4pm**  
**Kirklands Community Centre**  
Enjoy jolly jam jars, sweets, hot drinks, mulled wine, cakes, mince pies, games, Santa and crafts.

This fantastic whole community event is tomorrow, please sign up for **Santa tickets** on our website <https://fomps.org.uk/>.  
We look forward to seeing you at the fair!



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