

## Newsletter

9th December 2020

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### Our Dreams for 2020/21

We are taking part in the Annual Hitchin Tree Festival again this year.

Due to Covid, it will not be held at the church but instead throughout the town. Our tree will be based in the ex Kenmore shop on Hermitage Road. Our Tree number is 40/9, and we invite you to come along to see it. The children have made a decoration each with the theme of "Our Dreams for 2020/21". Please spread the word about the festival and our tree. Please follow the link below for more details and about voting.

<https://www.facebook.com/HitchinChristmasTreeFestival/>

### Diary Dates

18th Dec	End of Term
21st - 23rd Dec	Yorkies Holiday Club
5th Jan	Back to School

The children had a fun day of activities in their spotty clothes and learnt about why we were collecting money, and we raised over £80.00

Thank you so much  
PUDSEY will be so pleased!



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

York Road would still like children to send each other Christmas/winter holiday cards - it's an important writing opportunity! With Covid19 in mind, all cards need to be sent into school with your children before Monday the 14th December. The cards will then stay in a post box in your child's group and kept there until Thursday 17th December when they will all be given out to bring straight home, free from viruses. If cards arrive in school after Monday 14th, they will remain in your child's bag to go back home for you to post.



### Christmas Jumper Day

#### Friday 11th December

Bring your child in on Friday wearing a Christmas Jumper and donate £1.00 for

'Save the children'

If you do not have a Christmas jumper you child can wear a red or green jumper.



### Last Day of Term

Friday 18th December.  
School finishes at 1.00pm for everyone

Because of the current situation, we are asking parents to provide their child with their own paper plate of favourite party food, covered and labelled.

Please could we all bear in mind there are certain foods that are not allowed due to some children with severe allergies. (lunch policy encs)

If your child will be staying for lunch on this day, please provide their lunchbox as well.

Also on the last day children can wear a party hat (made or brought) from home. We are happy to provide materials if required.

Children can come in their party wear on this day.

We are excited to announce Santa will visit the children on Party day.



We do appreciate a regular half termly contribution of £7.00.  
Many Thanks

## Forest school up date

**Yellow group will be visiting the woods on Wednesday 16th December. On these days can the children come in appropriate clothes for the woods, and wellie boots.**

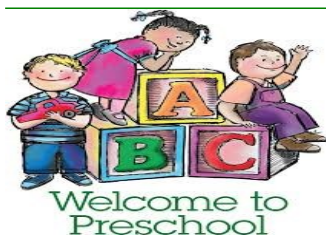
## Thank you

The teaching staff would like to thank all of York Road's family and friends for all of the lovely posts and interactions on Tapestry over the Lockdown period. We have really enjoyed reading and responding to all of your lovely activities. It brought a smile to our faces and we hope that you feel that it supported your child's learning as we worked from home.

On Monday the children enjoyed a zoom from St Marks Church.

Our usual nursery visit to St Marks Church, to hear the Nativity story was sadly cancelled this year.

However we were able to arrange a zoom event instead. The Rev Nick Smith organised a wonderful story time, engaging with the children, using pictures and actions along with the Christmas message. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, joining in with some of the actions and words.



**A big hello to all our preschool parents, we hope you are keeping well.**

**The children are very busy and having lots of fun as they enjoy making some Christmas goodies that they will be bringing home next week.**

**They are enjoying learning some Christmas songs such as,  
Away in a manger**

**Jingle bells**

**Christmas pudding**

**When Santa got stuck in the chimney.**

**If you know any of these please have a go at singing them with your child.**

**Please remember our Preschool Christmas party on Friday 18th December, from 10.00-1.00pm.**

**We have to say a couple of goodbyes to the children who are moving up to nursery in January, we wish them lots of fun and happiness at Nursery and look forward to hearing about the new friends they have made.**



Could we remind parents that the day we come back is the 5th of January, and that Yorkies are running a holiday club for the 4th of January, if you child is normally booked in on a Monday for holiday club they will be booked in for this one, and if you don't need it you can cancel by e mail to

Yorkiesdaycare@hotmail.com.

Holiday club will be running as normal from 8am until 6pm or from 8am until 1pm places are still available if you haven't booked. For emergency use only, Yorkies phone number after 3.30pm is 07578 611 028

### REMINDER

The deadline for applying for Primary School places is the 15th of January

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.