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Dear families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, we've got so many exciting things taking place this half term we can't wait!

Torch Light Treasure Hunt!

Join us on Wednesday 15th November 2023 for our annual Torchlight Treasure Hunt. Search around the school site with your family and torches to find the clues to solve the riddle! Don't forget wellies and torches. Hot chocolate and fire pit snacks included for everyone! Arrive 4:30pm to complete the trail by 5:45pm.

If you are unable to collect your children from The Nest before 5pm **please let us know** so that have the opportunity to join the hunt outside with staff!



CAMBRAI CARNIVAL!

FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!

Friday 17th November

NON UNIFORM DAY! £1 suggested donation
PLUS

Carnival activities throughout the school day for 20p a go, prizes to win!

Please send your children to school with some 20ps to take part. Maximum £2.

Attendance & Holidays



We've seen an increase this year in families choosing to take holidays in term time. I'd like to remind you that as a school we legally cannot authorise any child's holiday in term time and that holidays in term time may generate a referral to the Local Authority for a fine. Please can we ask that you give us **as much notice as possible ahead of your holiday** to avoid us having to issue holiday requests last minute.



May I also remind you that we kindly ask that medical appointments are made out of school hours wherever possible, I appreciate this isn't always easy and of course in emergencies appointments need to be made in school time. When appointments are made during school time, the office staff will ask for proof of the appointment in order for us to authorise the missing session's absence.

Advance notice – NEST CLOSURE Friday 15th December (afternoon session only)

We'd like to give you as much notice as possible that The Nest will be closed on the evening of Friday 15th December. This is the date of our school Christmas Fair, children can be collected from 14:00 on that day so that you can make your way up to the fair. The option to book this night on the Nest booking system has been removed.

Support this Christmas

We know that financially this year might be tough for some families, with the impact of the Cost of Living Crisis pushing people who were previously managing into difficulty. If you are in hardship then please do reach out to us as there are a wealth of support services that we can signpost you to. Alternatively, take a look at some of the services available below, you know where we are if you need us!



<https://www.cany.org.uk/warmandwell/>

Warm & Well in North Yorkshire provide support for anyone struggling to afford their energy bills or are worried about heating their home especially those with young children.



[North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund](#)

North Yorkshire council have systems in place to provide household goods (white goods and furniture) as well as vouchers for food, clothing and bedding.



<https://www.spiritofchristmas.org.uk/>

Provides free gifts to families in North Yorkshire so that no child wakes up on Christmas Day without a special present to open.



www.homestarrichmondshire.org.uk/

Sometimes being a parent can be difficult – parents can feel exhausted and overwhelmed by everyday family life and additional stresses. Home Start are a charity that helps families with young children offering time, friendship, support, encouragement and practical help.



[Store House Food Bank - Richmond](#)

If you, or someone you know, would like to access Store House please do not hesitate to visit them. Listed below are the times they are open, you are not required to bring any proof of need with you for a first visit.

Richmond: Thursdays 4pm – 6pm
Barnard Castle: Fridays 4pm – 6pm



<http://www.colburncommunitysupport.org.uk>

Supporting individuals and families in the Colburn and Catterick area with practical and financial support. Plus lots more!

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