



# Ashleigh Primary School News

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*Together we Learn Grow and Achieve*

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

## PARKING NEAR TO SCHOOL

We are luckier than the majority of schools in the area, in that we have multiple roads which lead up to school. That being said, during the main drop off times (about 8.40 - 8.55am) and pick up (about 3.20-3.40pm), the roads near to school are extremely busy. I know many parents try really hard to avoid driving to school if they can, although I also know that sometimes people have no option but to use the car. If you are driving to school, please avoid arriving too early to get a spot, and try to park further away from the school gates. If you find there is only one space available in a particular area, try to leave space for residents to park, and find a better spot, which sadly, may be a bit further from school.

Many thanks for your help with this.  
Mr. Matthews

## YEAR 5 ROTAKIDS

Rotakids would like to thank Year 5 for organising the collection of toys and a big thank you to everyone who donated used toys/soft toys to help Year 5 with their project on helping the community and the world.



The number of toys donated was amazing! These toys will make such a difference to children in Darwen and children in war torn countries.

The teddies have gone to an organisation called Teddies Trust who send teddies abroad and most of the soft toys are going to Ukraine via EastLancs4Ukraine who transport goods and toys to the people in need.

The games, toys and books have been given to Darwen Food Larder families, Darwen refugees families (DARE) and other children in Darwen.

Thank you for your continued support.

## DRESS DOWN & DONATE FRIDAY

As you will be aware today has been 'Dress Down & Donate Friday' where children have come to school in non-uniform.

All items donated will be put into the hampers and raffle tickets will go on sale on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at £1.00 a strip. Please send money in a named envelope to your child's class teacher. The winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December by a special surprise visitor and winners will be contacted that day.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need, by selling cakes we raised a great total of £260.33!

## SELECTION BOX BINGO - FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

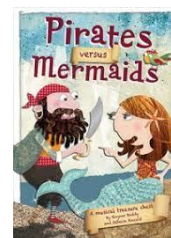
All tickets have now been sold for Selection Box Bingo. Sorry to anyone who didn't manage to get tickets.

A reminder that on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December it will be non-uniform / wear a Christmas jumper day and we ask if children can bring a selection box to school to support this fundraising event.



## YEAR 5 PRODUCTION - PIRATES VERSUS MERMAIDS

There are still tickets available for both performances of the Year 5 production of Pirates versus Mermaids. Performances are on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. If you would like ticket(s) they are £2.00 each and proceeds will be split between a charity and school fund.



## KS2 CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

A reminder that parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are invited to join us on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am for a Carol Concert performed by our KS2 pupils. There will be refreshments of tea/coffee and mince pies after the concert. If you would like to attend, please email the office to reserve a place. We look forward to seeing you.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS

Last Thursday the girls football team played St Paul's and won 3-0, they played Turton & Edgworth and won 1-0, they then played St Joseph's and won 4-2.



Sports person of the match are all the girls! They showed wonderful teamwork and the amazing results were proof of this. Well done girls and thank you to parents for your support.

Yesterday the final round of fixtures saw our girls play three games. They played Holy Trinity and won 3-0 they then played St Edwards and won 2-0 and their final match was with St Cuthbert's and that was 0-0 draw.

Overall, we came joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place with St Peters on points but missed out on goal difference and ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final league standings, with the girls receiving bronze medals. Sports person of the match are all the girls again, well done we are all very proud of you.



## **EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY IN 2023**

The government has announced an additional bank holiday to mark the coronation of King Charles III next year.

The bank holiday will fall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 after the coronation at Westminster Abbey two days earlier, school will therefore be closed that day.

## **KEY STAGE TWO SATs.**

As a result of the extra bank holiday, the end of year tests Y6 children sit will still take place that week, but will run from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **DARWEN ROTARY - MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS**

Every Saturday from 26<sup>th</sup> November until Christmas Eve, children can meet Father Christmas in Darwen Market Hall.

Visiting times are 10.00am until 3.00pm except on Christmas Eve when it will be 10.00am until 1.00pm. Admission is £5.00, and this includes meeting Father Christmas, a photo and a gift.



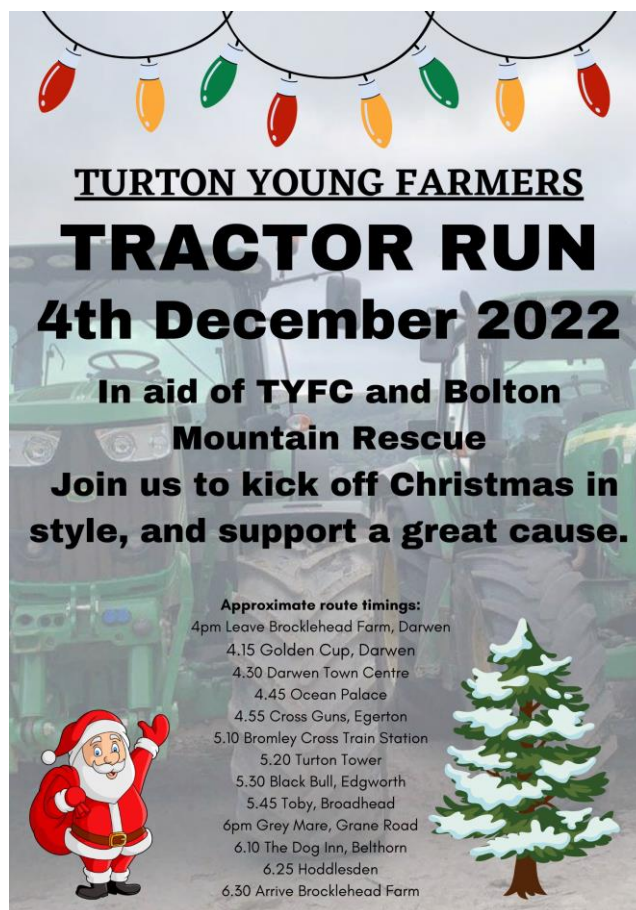
### **FRIENDS OF SUNNYHURST WOODS**

Friends of Sunnyhurst Woods invite you to Carols in the Woods on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm.

There will be singing from Avondale Primary School choir, Library Larks Choir and Blackburn & Darwen Band. It is free admission and there will be refreshments available and a Christmas craft fair at the Kiosk which is open from 11.00am - 3.00pm.



## TURTON YOUNG FARMERS TRACTOR RUN



The poster features a background of green tractors. At the top, there are colorful Christmas lights in red, orange, and green. The text is centered and reads:

**TURTON YOUNG FARMERS**  
**TRACTOR RUN**  
**4th December 2022**

**In aid of TYFC and Bolton Mountain Rescue**  
**Join us to kick off Christmas in style, and support a great cause.**

**Approximate route timings:**  
 4pm Leave Brocklehead Farm, Darwen  
 4.15 Golden Cup, Darwen  
 4.30 Darwen Town Centre  
 4.45 Ocean Palace  
 4.55 Cross Guns, Egerton  
 5.10 Bromley Cross Train Station  
 5.20 Turton Tower  
 5.30 Black Bull, Edgworth  
 5.45 Toby, Broadhead  
 6pm Grey Mare, Grane Road  
 6.10 The Dog Inn, Belthorn  
 6.25 Hoddlesden  
 6.30 Arrive Brocklehead Farm

Illustrations of Santa Claus on the left and a snow-covered Christmas tree on the right are also present.



Year 5 Dress Rehearsal- Pirates v Mermaids - Whole School	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	
Woodwind & Violin Performance - Parents invited	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	2.45pm - 3.15pm
Year 5 Production - Pirates v Mermaids	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm & 6.00pm
Christmas Lunch - Whole school	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	
KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - Baarmy Bethlehem - Whole School	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning
Panto - Cinderella - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon
Non-uniform / Wear a Christmas Jumper Day - Bring a Selection Box to School	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	
Selection Box Bingo	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm
KS1 Nativity of Baarmy Bethlehem - Parents	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm & 6.00pm
KS1 Nativity of Baarmy Bethlehem - Parents	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm
Panto - Cinderella - Reception, Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon
KS1 Christmas Party	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	AM
KS2 Christmas Party	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	PM
KS2 Carols Around the Tree - Junior Parents invited	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
<b>School closes</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>School re-opens</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>8.45am</b>