



# Norris Bank Primary School

# THE FRIDAY ISSUE

Thursday 21st Dec 2023

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## Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

The annual Christmas dinner and jumper day was held on Friday 8th December. The kitchen staff rose to the challenge of producing 338 meals in 1.15mins. The children were served their dinners by the school staff whilst crackers were pulled.



## Christmas Parties and Productions

It's been a mad two weeks of Christmas Productions, carol singing and parties! The children excelled themselves with brilliant performances. The feedback from parents was everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Reception performed 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity', Year 1 sang 'Christmas Songs in the Shed', Year 2 staged 'The Inn-Spectors' and Years 3 and 4 delighted everybody with carol singing.

A big thank you to all the staff for the long hours of rehearsals and costume making and fitting whilst dealing with all the usual day to day running of school.

## Christmas Fair

A magnificent £2024.93 was raised at the Christmas Fair run by the PTA!!

Prizes galore were won, chocolates and bottles were eagerly carried away and food and drink was consumed. Even Santa put in an appearance.

It was a great evening and enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising the event.

## BBC Philharmonic Orchestra

Congratulations to Lily, Tilly & Amelie (Y3) who were selected as part of the Do Your Thing Kids Choir to perform with the BBC Philharmonic orchestra. It was recorded at Dukinfield Town Hall and will be aired on BBC Radio Manchester (95.1 FM) over the Christmas period at the following times: Fri 22 Dec 1pm, Sun 24 Dec 9am / 5pm & Christmas Day 12pm.

Well done girls!!



## Tag Rugby

A Y6 team was taken to St Thomas' for a Tag Rugby tournament. The team played well together throughout the tournament with some fantastic tries from everyone. We finished runners up which was a fantastic achievement. We were unfortunately beaten in the final by St.Thomas'.

## Reminders

Please remember when you are sending a packed lunch or treats for the class when it is your child's birthday, this is a **nut free** school. There are children in school with severe allergies.

All forms for medicine, walking home etc are on the school website. They can be completed and emailed to the office staff.

There have been several changes of address given that school were unaware of. Please remember to inform the office if you change address or there is a change in contact details.

If you need to sign your child into or out of school using the Inventory system, please type the reason **CLEARLY** as it forms part of the school record for the Education Welfare Service

The car park is for **STAFF** only who arrive before the children and depart after the children. Parents must use the Heaton's Sports Club opposite school. More parents are driving into the carpark which is extremely dangerous.

**Pick up times—please make sure you know what time your child finishes school. 3.15pm Year R-2 and 3.20pm Year 3-6.**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Christmas Trees

A charity called 'JustHelping' run an annual Christmas Tree Collection in aid of local charities.

In partnership with [St Ann's Hospice](#), 'JustHelping' ran their most successful Christmas Tree Collection to date in January 2023. Through collecting and recycling 5,270 Christmas trees across Stockport, Trafford, Salford and Manchester, the Collection raised £63,078.99 for fifteen local charities in the area.

### **Plans for 2024!**

They are partnering with [Francis House Children's Hospice](#) along with St Ann's Hospice this year. Working with another brilliant charity in Manchester will help accelerate the growth of the project, recycling more trees and raising more money for our local community!



## And finally.....

We say goodbye to Mrs Collard and Mr Clyne. Mrs Collard has decided to retire to enjoy the rest of her life not having to get up early and being able to go on holidays in term time! Mr Clyne is moving to pastures new after taking part in an assembly named 'I'm a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here'. He collected 5 stars enabling him to leave Norris Bank.

Both will be greatly missed and we take this opportunity to thank them both for all the hard work and commitment they have put into their time at Norris Bank.

A **BIG** congratulations to Mrs Evans who was informed this week she has passed her NPQH which is her National Professional Qualification for Headship.

**All the staff at Norris Bank Primary would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and parents a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.**

**Stay safe and we shall see you on Monday 8th January 2024!**

Merry Christmas



Date	Description
December	
<b>Thursday 21st December</b>	<b>School Closes for Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Friday 22nd December</b>	<b>Inset Day: school closed</b>
January	
<b>Monday 8th Jan</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>
Tuesday 16th January	Year 1 visit to Liverpool Museum
Friday 26th	PTA Coin Line
February	
W/B Monday 5th	Big Detective Week
<b>Friday 9th</b>	<b>Last day before we close for half term</b>
<b>W/B 12th</b>	<b>School closed for half term</b>
<b>Monday 19th</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
March	
Monday 4th	Parent Teacher Meetings

Date	Description
Thursday 7th	Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
Tuesday 26th	Class and group photos
Wednesday 27th	PTA Easter Disco
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	<b>Last day before we close for Easter</b>





<b>April</b>	
W/B 1st	Closed for the Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	School Re-opens
<b>May</b>	
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday: School Closed
Tuesday 7th May	Year 3 Residential to Castleton
Monday 13th	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 21st	Year R-2 book share session
Wednesday 22nd	Year 3-4 book share session
Thursday 23rd	Year R and Year5-6 book sharing session
Thursday 23rd	Last day before we close for Whit holiday
Friday 24th	Inset Day: School Closed
W/B 27th May	Closed for the Whit Holidays
<b>June</b>	
10th June	School Re-opens
W/B 10th	Year 4 Times Tables Check and Year 1 Phonics screen
17th-19th	Year 4 Residential to Northumberland
Friday 21st	PTA Summer Fair after School
W/B 24th	Get Active Week
Monday 24th	New Year R Parents Meeting for children starting in Sept '24
Wednesday 26th	Sports Day and Family Picnic
<b>July</b>	
3rd—5th	Year 5 Residential to Anglesey
Thursday 4th	Transition day for Year 6 children to meet their new teachers for September
Wednesday 10th	Reserve day for sports date and family picnic
Thursday 11th	Class Swap Day



# Recycle your Tree!

In aid of

supporting



Registered charity number 258085



FRANCIS HOUSE  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Registered Charity No. 228859

Registration closes Sunday, 7th January, 2024



## [www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

After cost, the first £57,000 will be attributed to St Ann's Hospice. The remaining pot will be split 40% St Ann's Hospice, 40% to Francis House Children Hospice, and 20% to other local charities and community groups.

We will be collecting & recycling trees from 11th to 14th January 2024. Scan the QR code or visit our URL and enter your post code to register.



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