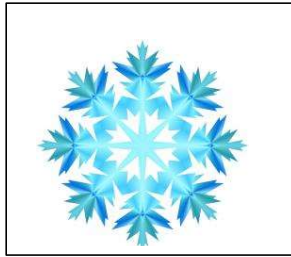


# Meadowside Academy



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you for your support this Autumn term. We have had the most wonderful term, bringing back all the exciting events and activities that make primary school life so special.

We have tried our best to safely welcome you all into school or on the grounds, so our children can perform for you at some point this term. Whether that be the Reception sing-a-long, Year 6 Remembrance, KS1 Harvest and later Nativity and our jolly Y3,4,5 Christmas Carols! The children have enjoyed sharing their joy and we have enjoyed having an audience after school closures and restrictions the past 18 months.

I am pretty sure next term will be much quieter, and we will be able to reduce our communications to our weekly newsletter as there will not be so many other activities taking place.

I would like to say a special thank you to our staff and our children for making our school such a wonderful place to grow and learn.

We hope you enjoy the break and spend some quality time together and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2022!

Mrs Maiden

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**Support for families in need-** We have had confirmation from NYCC that they are not providing Free School Meal vouchers over the Christmas break. We have been sent instead a link to the local assistance fund to which North Yorkshire are providing access. It is for families who are under exceptional pressure. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-assistance-fund> We also have access to the Knaresborough Food Bank so please do get in touch if you are in need of support this holiday. Miss Gale and I are available today to speak in confidence regarding the Food Bank vouchers. Please call the Office.

**COVID-** We have been very lucky this half term with very low numbers compared to last half term. We will share any new guidance in January and keep you informed. We hope you all stay safe and well over the break.

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## Spring Term Dates

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Teacher Training Day

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Children return to school

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

School Closes for Half Term

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Teacher Training Day

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Children return to school

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

School Closes for Easter Holidays

## Staffing News

This week we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Ward and Mrs Burdred, our MSAs.

We will be welcoming two new MSAs in the New Year once recruitment checks are completed.

Next term Miss Francmanis will meet Year 4 and will become their official teacher on 1<sup>st</sup> February when Miss Stockmann takes her maternity leave.

## ACE CLUB

Please make sure you have requested your contracts for next term. We do not do ad hoc bookings unless this is an exceptional circumstance. Please book via the online system on the school web page.

<https://www.meadowsideacademy.org/ace-club>

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Mrs Maiden- Headteacher

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# *Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition*

Friends of Meadowside

Well done to all those who have entered the competition. We were very impressed with the designs! Prizes have been awarded in Celebration assembly to Solly, Oscar and Mila.



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