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The children have returned to school from the Christmas break remarkably well. Their attitude towards their learning has been marvellous and they have got straight back into the swing of education. Clearly, we have a school full of Lifelong Learners!

Cross Country

Our entire Key Stage 2 cohort braved mud, torrential rain, gravel and forests as they competed in the cross country in Northallerton this month. There were many stories of heroism that came out of this day, from missing shoes to teachers running the whole track! Every single child who participated in the event should



be incredibly proud of themselves: the conditions were truly horrible but our children persevered and ploughed on, finishing the race with smiles on their faces. There were several medals won too, with children in each class finishing in the top 3 of their respective races. One of our Year 6s even overtook a marshal who was acting as a guide. The look on this teenager's face was priceless as he scrambled, unsuccessfully, to catch up. Despite the wind, rain and cold, it was a fantastic afternoon of running. Well done Key Stage 2, what determination!

Students

We are lucky to have two students from Durham University joining us every Thursday for the foreseeable future, before undertaking a block placement later this term and into the Summer Term. They have made a great impression on the classes that they will be supporting.



Congratulations are in order for Mr and Mrs Beckwith who welcomed their son, Toby, into the world on Christmas Day. Mr Beckwith took his two weeks of paternity leave immediately after the Christmas holidays and has now returned to work still basking in the glow of fatherhood. We wish the Beckwith family all the very best!

Turn Blue Monday Bright



Monday 15th January, we teamed up with the Headlight Project to Turn Blue Monday Bright. The third Monday in January is commonly known as the saddest day of the year due to a combination of cold weather, dark nights and the post-Christmas blues. Seeing the brilliant, colourful outfits that the children wore to school brightened up everyone's day. It was especially exciting to see the Headlight Lorry which visited school after lunch. Thank you to everyone who donated - we raised over £150 in cash for a fantastic charity! There is still time to donate, just follow this link [Turn Blue Monday Bright](#)



Facebook

Please like and follow our Facebook page, where we will keep you up to date with some of the fun and exciting things that are happening in school. Please complete our Social Media consent form to let us know if you allow your child(ren) to feature on the page:

<https://forms.office.com/e/aHuKgbFZbx>

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who stayed back to support the Book Fair, organised by Eco-Team, Mrs Ruddy and Miss Palmer. Dozens of books have been given new homes and the school raised money to buy some brand-new books to replace them. Everyone's a winner!



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The children are learning about Dreams & Goals this half-term. This unit covers a wide range of topics such as motivation, working well with others, challenging oneself, investigating careers and recognising our own achievements. This fantastic topic will last until February Half Term. It will help the children further understand the D in our school vision – Determination.

PTA / Parent's Football

If anybody would like to join the PTA, please catch me on the gate or contact the school office and we will put you in touch with the organisers.

A dedicated group of parents are still meeting on a Monday night to brave the Middlesbrough weather and play football to raise money for the school. If you would like to be a part of this, please come and chat to me and I will point you in the right direction. All are welcome!



Please can parents / carers remember to park considerately when dropping children off and picking them up. It is important that enough space is left for emergency services to be able to pass by cars if necessary. Please do not drive into school unless there is an emergency, this includes parking in the small car park at the bottom of the drive. Please remember that there are children present at the start and end of the school day.

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