



# MOORTHORPE NEWS - DEC 2023

What a relief to get the boiler fixed and be warm! Apologies again for the upset. It's almost the 'most wonderful time of the year' but also the busiest (especially for those of you who do 'Elf on the shelf!') Christmas is nearly upon us and there's so much going on. Tickets for the concerts are £1 (this includes a number for a raffle ticket) and go on sale Fri 1st Dec. There will be 2 per family and any spares will go on sale on the day before each concert.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY – Dec 2023

### December 2023

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Y6 INSPIRE – Parents/carers invited join their children for a reading session  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Making xmas decorations in school (Parents/carers in pm)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas jumper day (non-uniform) and Prince of Wales Hospice Reindeer Dash  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Dolce Christmas dinner – anyone can book on to have one!  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Xmas Fayre (school closes at 1.15pm)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - EYFS xmas concert am (Parents/carers)  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Y5 INSPIRE - Parents/carers invited join their children for a lesson  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - EYFS xmas concert am (Parents/carers)  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – 11.30 Y6 Samba concert  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y2, Y3 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y2, Y3 xmas concert am (Parents/carers)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Y4, Y5, Y6 xmas concert pm (Parents/carers)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Y4, Y5, Y6 xmas concert am and pm (Parents/carers)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Xmas party day (party clothes/ non uniform)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Xmas eve in school (PJs, hot choc, cookies and a film plus a visit from Santa)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Break up for xmas to return Mon 8th Jan 2024**

### January 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mobile Farm on the field for early years children  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Y3 INSPIRE - Parents/carers invited join their children for a lesson

### February 2024

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Break up for half term

## Parents in school

**Parents/carers xmas decoration making:** Our traditional decoration making session is on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.15pm. Please come to the front entrance to sign in, thank you.

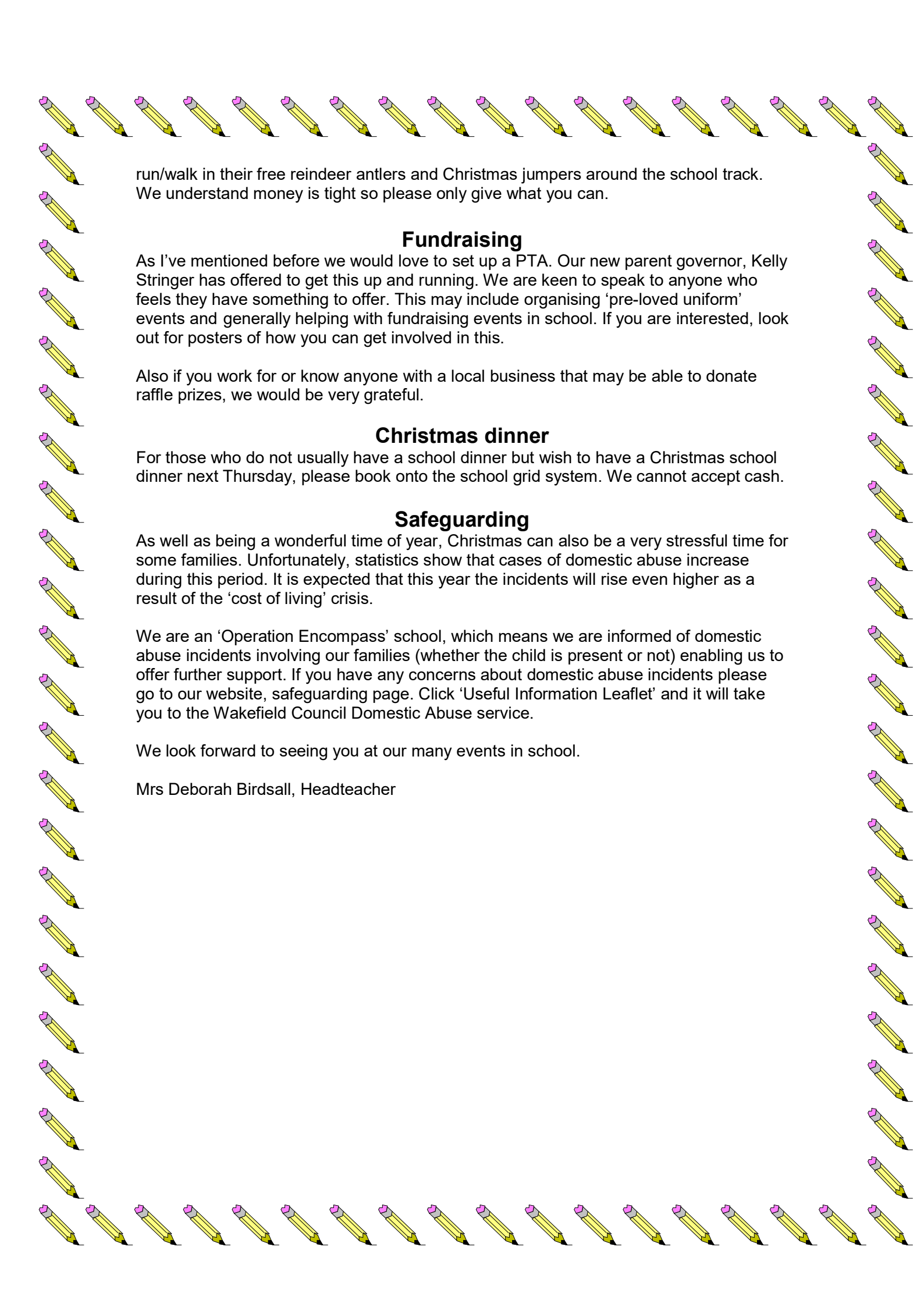
**Christmas Fayre:** Our fayre starts at 1.15pm. Please collect your child(ren) from usual classroom doors and make your way to either of the halls to see Santa or visit the many stalls. Those who are not collected will remain with staff and have an opportunity to visit the stalls (please send some spending money in if you can).

**Coffee morning:** Our December coffee morning will be Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8.50am. Myself, Mrs Hardy and Mrs Grace hope to see you there! (babies/toddlers welcome)

**There will be 'pre-loved' uniform available to take away at all events – just ask!**

## Reindeer Dash

We always support The Prince of Wales Hospice, Pontefract at this time of year, so all children will be bringing home sponsor forms ready for next Thursday when they will



run/walk in their free reindeer antlers and Christmas jumpers around the school track. We understand money is tight so please only give what you can.

### **Fundraising**

As I've mentioned before we would love to set up a PTA. Our new parent governor, Kelly Stringer has offered to get this up and running. We are keen to speak to anyone who feels they have something to offer. This may include organising 'pre-loved uniform' events and generally helping with fundraising events in school. If you are interested, look out for posters of how you can get involved in this.

Also if you work for or know anyone with a local business that may be able to donate raffle prizes, we would be very grateful.

### **Christmas dinner**

For those who do not usually have a school dinner but wish to have a Christmas school dinner next Thursday, please book onto the school grid system. We cannot accept cash.

### **Safeguarding**

As well as being a wonderful time of year, Christmas can also be a very stressful time for some families. Unfortunately, statistics show that cases of domestic abuse increase during this period. It is expected that this year the incidents will rise even higher as a result of the 'cost of living' crisis.

We are an 'Operation Encompass' school, which means we are informed of domestic abuse incidents involving our families (whether the child is present or not) enabling us to offer further support. If you have any concerns about domestic abuse incidents please go to our website, safeguarding page. Click 'Useful Information Leaflet' and it will take you to the Wakefield Council Domestic Abuse service.

We look forward to seeing you at our many events in school.

Mrs Deborah Birdsall, Headteacher