

24.11.2024

## Dear families,

We've had such a great start to the second half of the Autumn Term and can't quite believe how much we've squeezed in to three little weeks so far! Thank you very much for supporting Parents Evening, it's always a fabulous opportunity to hear about your child's progress and to see the wonderful learning that takes place every day at Cambrai. Your children are all working so incredibly hard.

Remembrance Day is always a special day in schools, but it's even more pertinent here on the Garrison. Every class created some beautiful memorable art work to reflect their learning about Remembrance. We're proud of our Service Pupil Ambassadors who represented the school with such respect at the North Yorkshire Festival of Remembrance.

The Cambrai Carnival for Children in Need has become an annual event in our diaries and this year it was bigger and better! Thank you to Miss Walker and Miss Hoggart, our HLTAS, who organised this event and ensured it ran smoothly with lots of fun! Your donations were greatly received, we'll get a total to you this week. Our kitchen staff also served some Pudsey desserts that went down a treat!



## Staffing Update



We're delighted to share with you the great news that Mrs Reese is joining Team Cambrai full time as our new school Office Manager. Many of you have already met Mrs Reese as she's been helping us part-time in the office for a little while now, she brings an expert level of knowledge and skill to our school office and we can't wait for you to get to know her over time.

As you all now know, Mrs Cannings is stepping away from Cambrai at Christmas to spend more time with her lovely family. We've now found a replacement teacher for Year 2 who is already working at Lingfield Education Trust. We're excited to share more news about who this is in the coming weeks, watch this (exciting!) space...



From 1<sup>st</sup> December, Mrs Lambert has reduced her working pattern in school and is only going to be with us for one morning and one afternoon each week. This means that we have a new Teaching Assistant joining our team, Mrs Crofts. Mrs Crofts is an experienced TA who has even worked in some of the schools further south that some of our service children used to go to. She will predominantly be supporting in Year 3 and Year 4.

Mrs Howell came to Cambrai in September to teach and support in the Small Learning Community, we always knew this appointment might be short term and after some tough decision making Mrs Howell has decided to spend more time with her three children after Christmas meaning she won't be staying longer than we'd planned. This is sad news for us because Mrs Howell has brought a wealth of expert knowledge around Special Educational Needs to Cambrai, but the class are in safe hands with Mrs Stewart as their very experienced class teacher and Miss Squire as a specialist TA. A new Teaching Assistant is also due to join their growing team!



## Christmas Fair

**Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and can now be ordered on School Grid.** We'd encourage as many children as possible to join us for dinner this day, we know it will be delicious!

## Panto at The Hippodrome!

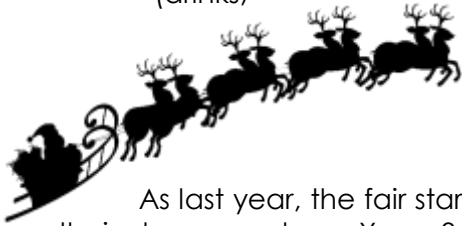
Payments are now due via Parentmail for the whole school trip to the Hippodrome on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember, all children should be collected from school at 5pm as the Nest is closed.



## Christmas Fair

With less than two weeks to go, the plans for the Christmas Fair are coming together nicely. There are some ways that you could help though, if you can...

- We're looking for donations of bottles for our bottle tombola that was a huge success last year (drinks, condiments, toiletries, anything in a bottle!)
  - Any raffle prizes would be gratefully received
  - If you have any spare time at all in the coming week or two to help us wrap some prizes it would be very much appreciated – just get in touch



As last year, the fair starts **at 2pm and finishes at 4pm**. Children can be collected from 2pm from their classroom doors. Years 3, 4 and 5 will be ready to collect from The Nest. The SLC can be collected from the main entrance.

**The Nest** is open after school for families that require childcare, sadly though due to the busy nature of the school hall staff are not able to safely support up to 45 children in The Nest to look around the fair. Therefore, we ask if you can, to try and make arrangements for your children to be collected from school by a family member or friend that day so that they get the opportunity to pay the fair a visit.

## Consultation - Lingfield Education Trust Admissions Policy 2026-27

Lingfield Education Trust is an admission authority and it is a requirement for the Trust to consult on the admission arrangements for our schools at least once every seven years or when there is a significant change to the policy, for example where there is a change in oversubscription criteria.

Therefore, a consultation relating to the Admissions Policy for 2026-27, for all schools within Lingfield Education Trust, will commence on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and will conclude at midnight on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

We would welcome your views on the proposed admission arrangements. The proposed Admission Policy for 2026-27 can be found on our website. You are welcome to respond by emailing comments relating to the proposed admissions arrangements to [enquiries@lingfieldeducationtrust.com](mailto:enquiries@lingfieldeducationtrust.com).

## Attendance & Holidays



We've seen an increase this year in families choosing to take holidays in term time. I'd like to remind you that as a school we legally cannot authorise any child's holiday in term time and that holidays in term time may generate a referral to the Local Authority for a fine. Please can we ask that you give us **as much notice as possible ahead of your holiday** to avoid us having to issue holiday requests last minute.



May I also remind you that we kindly ask that medical appointments are made out of school hours wherever possible, I appreciate this isn't always easy and of course in emergencies appointments need to be made in school time. When appointments are made during school time, the office staff will ask for proof of the appointment in order for us to authorise the missing session's absence.

## Support this Christmas

We know that financially this year might be tough for some families, with the impact of the Cost of Living Crisis pushing people who were previously managing into difficulty. If you are in hardship then please do reach out to us as there are a wealth of support services that we can signpost you to.

Alternatively, take a look at some of the services on the page overleaf, you know where we are if you need us!

**A reminder of key diary dates for December is also overleaf...**

With warm winter wishes,

Miss Robinson  
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**Warm & Well**  
in North Yorkshire

<https://www.cany.org.uk/warmandwell/>



**North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund**

Warm & Well in North Yorkshire provide support for anyone struggling to afford their energy bills or are worried about heating their home especially those with young children.

North Yorkshire council have systems in place to provide household goods (white goods and furniture) as well as vouchers for food, clothing and bedding.



<https://www.spiritofchristmas.org.uk/>

Provides free gifts to families in North Yorkshire so that no child wakes up on Christmas Day without a special present to open.



[www.homestarrichmondshire.org.uk/](http://www.homestarrichmondshire.org.uk/)

Sometimes being a parent can be difficult – parents can feel exhausted and overwhelmed by everyday family life and additional stresses. Home Start are a charity that helps families with young children offering time, friendship, support, encouragement and practical help.

If you, or someone you know, would like to access Store House please do not hesitate to visit them. Listed below are the times they are open, you are not required to bring any proof of need with you for a first visit.

**Richmond: Thursdays 4pm – 6pm**



**Store House Food Bank - Richmond**

Supporting individuals and families in the Colburn and Catterick area with practical and financial support. Plus lots more!



<http://www.colburncommunitysupport.org.uk>

Date / Time	Classes Involved	Activity	Notes
6/12	All	Christmas Fayre	Join us from 2pm – 4pm for a Christmas Fayre in the school hall! More information to follow.
10/12	Reception (and some Y1-5)	The Nativity	Join us for our beautiful nativity! Reception parents and parents of Y1-Y5 readers are invited. 9:30 start.
11/12 Afternoon	All	Whole School Trip to Darlington Hippodrome – pantomime	All children will join us in our annual trip to the pantomime in a new venue for 2024 – Darlington Hippodrome! Details on Parentmail.
12/12	All	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day!	All children are invited to join in Christmas lunch – even if usually have packed lunch. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers!
13/12	All	Santa Dash!	The Santa Dash is back! Children will complete a fun run and can bring a Santa/Christmas hat to run in. The Cambrai Council will be raising money for a local charity. Suggested donation £1. (PE kit for everyone please)
16/12	SLC	Christmas Trip to Little City	
17/12 9:30	KS2 Carol Concert	KS2 Carol Concert	Join us for a Carol Concert – <b>in SCHOOL HALL</b>
17/12	Reception/Year 1	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
18/12	Year 2/Year 3	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
18/12	Performance Club	Christmas Performance	Separate communication has been sent out regarding this. Performance will begin at 16:30.
19/12	SLC	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
19/12	Year 4/Year 5	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
20/12	Castle Point Reward Morning	Castle Point Winners	Who will be the first winners of the term? Christmas Campfire, hot chocolate and marshmallows!
20/12	All	Toy Day! Break up for Christmas	Children can bring a toy from home. See you all on Tuesday 7 <sup>h</sup> January 2025!



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