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To create a school where we all:
go further than we thought!
run faster than we hoped!
reach higher than we dreamed!
to become the people God meant us to be!!!!

All Children
deserve to feel-



Dated: 4th December 2015

Dear Parents & Pupils,

Here is newsletter number 11 for this academic year;

1.	Disco
2.	Stage Blocks
3.	Wreath Making
4.	Christmas Letter Box
5.	Book cover competition
6.	Christingle
7.	Christmas Lunch
8.	FOSS raffle
9.	Carols around the Christmas tree
10.	CLUBS
11.	Bikeability
12.	Open day

1. A reminder that FOSS will be holding their childrens' discos on 14th December, these will only go ahead if FOSS have some volunteer helpers, so please return your reply slip as a matter of urgency.

2. Thank you to Helen Clarke for providing transport, picking up and manhandling the stage blocks for use during the nativity play, we are so grateful for the help Helen gives us every year.

The Nativity will be taking place on Wednesday 16th December at 1.30pm in the school hall, all are welcome.

3. FOSS are holding a wreath making evening on Monday 14th December, you should have received a letter regarding this event, if not please check out the school website (FOSS -Events). If you would like to attend could you please return your reply slip as a matter of urgency so that the organisers have an idea about the quantity of materials they need to prepare.

4. The letter-box for children to post their Christmas cards is now in the pupil entrance. To make life easier for our Year 6 'posties', could you please ensure that all cards have the recipient's **full name and class/year group** written on the envelope,. The year 6 also use details of numbers of cards posted and classes involved as a data handling exercise so clearly addressed cards are helpful in many ways!



5. Thank you to all who dressed up as book characters for last week's, book week, competition. Thank you also to the children who took the time to enter our book cover competition. We had 32 entries.

6. The Christingle Service this year, will be taking place at All Hallows Church on Sunday 13th December at 5.30pm, all are very welcome to attend. Each family has been given a candle money collecting pot, which they are invited to fill and then bring along to the service. All the money collected will go to The Children's Society. If you are unable to attend the service and would like to make a donation please leave your collection pot at the school office and we will arrange for it to be forwarded.

7. This year, the children's Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday 10th December. I would like to encourage all children to join us for this meal. Last year almost all of the children took part and it would be lovely this year if every single child joined in, as this adds to the atmosphere when we're all involved!



We are also inviting children to wear a 'Christmassy' jumper or top on this day to add to the festive atmosphere.

8. Every Year FOSS raffle a number of hampers with a festive theme. If you would like to contribute towards the raffle please look in the corridor for the list of possible items to donate, you may also be approached on the playground by our year 6 children who will be out in force taking the list round each morning.

9. The Carols around the Christmas Tree will be held on TUESDAY DECEMBER 15th from 6.00pm - 7.30pm in the school hall and all are welcome. This is a change of date as a number of our families have another function to attend on the original date scheduled for this event. FOSS will be serving hot drinks, mulled wine and mince pies. Donations of mince pies will be gratefully received.



10. SCHOOL CLUBS - ALL SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH THIS WEEK.. with the exception of Martial Arts - last meeting 9th December and Tennis - last meeting 14th December.

11. Well done to all the Year 6 children who all completed and passed their 'Bikeability' training. This training is carried out with our Year 6 children each year and aims to promote safe cycling.

12. You may have seen our advertisement in the Easingwold Advertiser and York Evening Press for the Open Day we are holding on Friday (4th December, 1.30-3.30pm). This is for prospective pupils to the school, so if you know of anyone who may wish to send their child to our school please encourage them to drop in.