### GRIMES DYKE NEWSLETTER



## **Monday Morning Strike Action!**







It was not a good start for Y3 Pine Class on Monday morning, when they returned from assembly to find their chairs had gone on strike! The chairs left them a letter explaining that they were upset about Year 3 swinging on them, tapping pencils on them and just not looking after them!

They spent their literacy lesson preparing speeches as a group to try and persuade the chairs to come back to them! Luckily, they all included their opinion, reasons, emotive language, and imperative verbs in their speeches to convince the chairs to come back.

#### **UK Parliament Week**



This week in assembly we learned about Parliament and how it works. We talked about the various ways in which people including children can have a voice in the way things are run. This led to lots of interesting discussion about democracy and some superb work in fun club after school.













In the assembly I showed some pictures of our local MP Richard Burgon and also a photograph of some past pupils receiving written replies from him, not all pupils recognised their siblings in the photo....Louis!

I have since emailed Richard and invited him to visit us in school soon, it seems the children have plenty to talk to him about!

#### Science and Nature get ready for Spring







The children in science and nature like to be prepared so this week they planted 200 spring bulbs for the next season. This seemed like a big job to do in just one hour but we relied on two secret weapons; Oscor's digging ability and the bribe of hot chocolate! The job was done in no time and will look amazing in the spring thanks to their efforts.

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Christmas Jumper Friday	Children can wear Christmas jumpers in exchange for a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Young Voices Choir	Our Young Voices choir are singing at Leeds Train Station to raise money for Lineham Farm, parents are welcome to meet us there.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm – 3.15pm	Y1 and Y2 Carols and Crafts	Families of children in Y1 and Y2 are invited to join us for a festive afternoon.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Reception Class Crafts	Families of children in Reception class are invited to join us for a festive morning.
	12.00pm – 1.00pm	School Christmas Dinner	All children eat Christmas dinner on this day, please book if your child normally has a packed lunch. Christmas jumpers / party clothes can be worn but they must be suitable for play.
	12.30-2.30	Leeds Christmas Market	A group of children have been invited to visit the Christmas Markets in Leeds. These children will receive a separate letter.
Thursday 11 <sup>®</sup> December	10am	Young Voices Choir	Our Young Voices choir are singing at Tesco. Please come and join us and don't forget your spare change.
	1.15pm	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Christmas Crafts	Families of children in KS2 are invited to join us for a festive afternoon. If you have children in more than one class, feel free to share your time between them.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Christmas Jumper Friday	Children can wear Christmas jumpers in exchange for a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15pm – 3.15pm	Family Crafts Afternoon	This is a bookable event – 20 spaces are available. Please book at the office. Open to all ages.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm	KS2 Sing a Long!	Families of KS2 are invited to a Christmas sing a long, bring your sleigh bells and join in! Tickets are free but are limited to 2 per family in the first instance.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	8.45 – 10.30	Nursery Craft Morning	Please stay at drop off and take part in Christmas Chaos sorry Crafts with your children.
	5pm -7pm	Winter Wonderland	It's back – as seen on TV! We're looking forward to another magical evening in the woods with lots of stalls, prizes and a new spaced out layout. Once again, we're keeping costs to families as low as possible.
Thursday 18** December	am	Y2	Year 2 are taking Mr Williams to the theatre to see Stick Man as his final treat with Team GD.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	Christingle Assembly	Sorry, we don't have space for families at this assembly. Children must come in full uniform.
	1.30pm	School Closes for Christmas	We will close for the end of term at 1.30pm, children should be collected as normal from the usual meeting places at the earlier time. Please contact school directly if this causes an issue for your family.

# Christmas is Coming at Team GD!

Please see the table to the left for all of our important Christmas dates. We think we have included everything, but if you're confused or have further questions please ask at the school office.

We know that not all families will be able to to attend every event but you're welcome to attend as many as you like where your child is involved. You will need tickets for the KS2 sing a long and also for the family event on the 15<sup>th</sup> as there are limited spaces for these dates.