

# Golcar Junior, Infants & Nursery School Newsletter 5.



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## School News



Thank you so much to everyone for your support during our road safety week. We have had so much positive feedback from children and parents on how much easier and more importantly safer it has been to get to school. We hope this weeks road closure has made people think about the way they travel to school moving forwards.

Thank you to Kirklees and Kieran who has managed the project this week.

As always thank you for your continued support.



A huge thank you to our families for supporting children in need this year. We have raised a total of £446.60, which is brilliant for this amazing charity.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

## Speech Stars

The Speech Stars team are delivering another Speech Stars course aimed at volunteers starting in January at the John Smith's Stadium. If anyone would like to volunteer who would be interested in training and delivering Speech Stars in our school please see the below. Volunteers receive 12 hours of training covering all aspects of safeguarding, Prevent, confidentiality as well as how to support children's speech and language development and deliver the Speech Stars programme to a small group of children.



**Join Speech Stars and make a real difference to a child's early language and speech development.**



**We are looking for:**

- **Volunteers and students to train and volunteer in schools and nurseries across Kirklees to support children's communication and language skills.**
- **Volunteers with a desire to support children's speech and language development or students and volunteers already studying or interested in a career in Childcare, Speech & Language Therapy or Education.**
- **Dedicated individuals who could spare a few hours a week to train and volunteer in a local primary school or nursery to deliver our Speech Stars programme or complete Speech Stars as part of their course placement.**

**We can offer:**

- **Training covering all aspects of working in an educational setting and how to effectively support children's speech and language development.**
- **A placement within a local primary school or Early Years setting to deliver the programme targeting children aged 3-7 years old.**
- **Valuable experience in schools and nurseries which could help with future careers, further study, personal development or supporting children at home.**
- **Satisfaction of helping young children develop their speech, listening and attention, vocabulary, social skills and confidence.**

If you are interested in training and becoming a Speech Stars volunteer, we are delivering a four week course at : **John Smith's Stadium, Stadium Way, Huddersfield, HD1 6PG**

Dates: **Monday 15th January 2024 (10:00am - 1:00pm)**  
**Monday 22nd January 2024 (10:00am - 1:00pm)**  
**Monday 29th January 2024 (10:00am - 1:00pm)**  
**Monday 5th February 2024 (10:00am- 1:00pm)**

To book your fully funded place please scan the QR code or use the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ETTzRv8nQ6>

For more information please contact:

**Email:** [speech.stars@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:speech.stars@kirklees.gov.uk)

**Phone:** 01484 234153

Speech Stars Volunteer Application  
John Smith's Stadium January  
2024



**Funded by  
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**West  
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Authority** | **Tracy  
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West Yorkshire**

## Free School Meals

Please can we ask all families who qualify to apply for free school meals even if your child currently gets a free school meals in Reception and Key Stage 1. This application means that school gets funding called 'Pupil Premium' which benefits your child in school. We use it to pay for extra support and resources which help children to make good progress. We also use it to fund our support staff and our well-being/pastoral work. Often, families don't fill out the application as all children get free school meals until they are a Year 3. Can we ask that you fill out the form at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> if you think you qualify. The form takes about 10 minutes to complete.

To qualify for free school meals:-

Apply for free school meals

Children and young people who live in Kirklees can apply for free school meals if they:-

attend full time at a local authority school or sixth form

are under 19 years of age

and their parents or carers receive one or more of the following:-

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income support

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance

Income Related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190

Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

## Sports News - After School Clubs



We have a new set of after school clubs for the Spring Term 1, the clubs running after Christmas up until February half term: -

KS1 Archery/ Fencing

KS1 Fun fitness

KS2 Boxing

KS2 Archery/ Fencing

Places are limited to 30 per club, if you would like your child to join any of the above clubs please make payment on parent pay.

## Year 6 News

**Cliffe House Residential** - we have now received all deposits for children attending our residential - thank you. The trip will be taking place from Monday 11th March 2024, returning on Wednesday 13th March 2024. **A quick reminder that the final balance must be cleared no later than Wednesday 31st January 2024.**

## Achievements

*If your child has any achievement, you would be happy for us to share and celebrate on our school newsletter, please let the school office know.*

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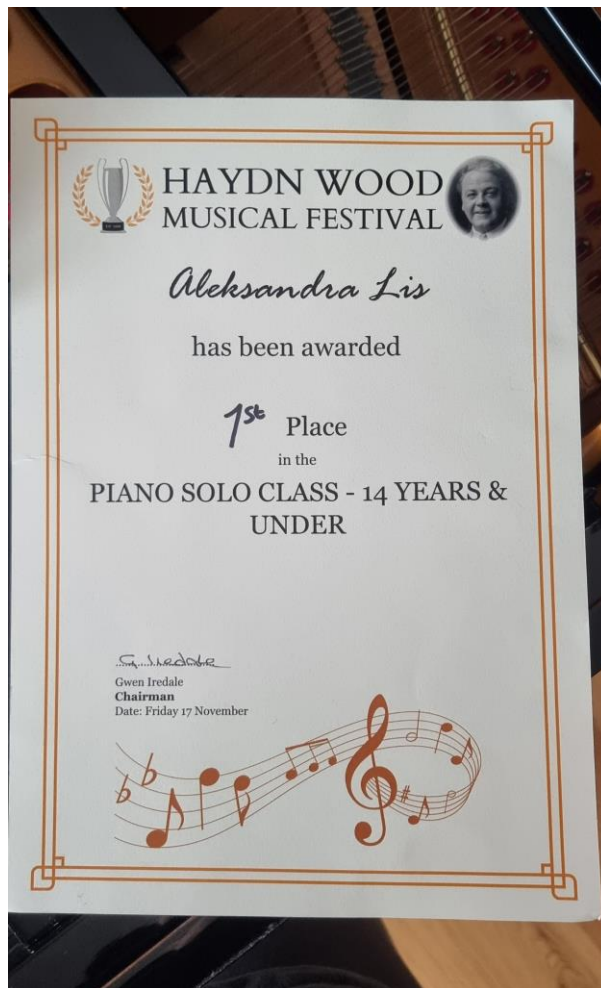
*Ola Lis from Panthers class has for the second time in the row been placed 1st 🏆 in Piano Solo Class - in the under 14 years old category @ Haydn Wood Musical Festival. She won with "Toccatina" - D. Kabalevsky. Well done Ola this is a wonderful achievement.*

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*Congratulations to Ronnie Milner in Dolphins class who competed in the Yorkshire championship for trampolining at the weekend. This was her first competition and she successfully placed 4th out of 33 competitors. Well done Ronnie this is a brilliant achievement!*

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## Music



Guitar is taking place on a Monday.

Choir will be taking place on a Wednesday.

## Date for your Diary



*Here are the latest dates for your diary from School: -*

- *26.11.2023 - Community Christmas Fayre*
- *04.12.2023 - Nursery Owls consultation morning*
- *07.12.2023 - Nursery Kingfishers consultation morning*

- *07.12.2023 - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - tickets going home 01.12.2023*
    - *08.12.2023 - PTFA Christmas Fayre/ Santa's Grotto*
      - *13.12.2023 - Christmas Jumper Day*
    - *13.12.2023 - Christmas Lunch day (see Ping dated 17.11.2023)*
  - *14.12.2023 - Year 2 Christmas Performance - tickets going home 01.12.2023*
    - *20.12.2023 - Christmas Party Day - details to follow*
      - *21.12.2023 - Last day of school*
    - *08.01.2023 - School reopens for the Spring Term*
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## Reminders



### **SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES**

School start time is **850am**

School finishes:

**KS1: 325pm**

**KS2: 330pm**

**Please ensure children are dropped off and picked up from School on time.**

### **PING!**

The majority of our communication to parents is through PING, please ensure you have PING set up on your mobile phone/ lap top to ensure you receive all important messages from school.

### **FORGET ME NOT CHARITY**

Supporting the charity, we continue to have our donation wheelie bin outside the school office. If you have any unwanted or second hand clothes (adult or children), shoes, bags, hats, belts, toys,

books, CDs, bric-a-brac etc, please put donations in a sealed bag and then place in our household size wheelie bin.

### **FANTASTIC FRIDAYS**

If your child would like a meal on Fantastic Friday and are in KS1 they just need to select a meal on a Friday on meal selector. If your child would like a meal on Fantastic Friday and are in KS2 just top up your parent pay account and then they can select a meal on meal selector on a Friday.

### **MOBILE PHONES**

Year 5 & 6 children – you must complete a mobile phone consent form for your child to bring a mobile phone into school – please ask School office.

## School Uniform Expectations



### ***Swimming***

Boys should wear fitted trunks and girls should wear a one-piece costume

Swimming Cap

Towel

Waterproof bag

### ***General Appearances/ Personal Items***

No make-up, nail varnish or visible temporary tattoos.

Avoid hair colours for children

Stud earrings only which must be removed for swimming and PE as staff are unable to remove these for pupils.

Long hair must be tied back.

No iatches such as apple watches or similar or any watch which has the capability to search the internet, or take photos, or record on.

### **Uniform**

Royal blue sweatshirt (no hoodies) or cardigan (school logo uniform is available for Bridge School Wear).

Dark Grey or Black Trousers, Shorts, Skirt or Pinafore dress

White shirt or polo shirt

Socks/ Tights - Plain white, grey, black or blue

Footwear – plain black sensible shoes/ No open toed summer sandals or flip flops

### **PE Kit**

Blue, Black, Dark Grey or White Shorts/ Tracksuit bottoms

White T shirt or polo shirt

Socks - Plain white, grey, black or blue

Footwear – plain black trainers for PE only

## Update from the PTFA

Hello All!

The most dazzling season is here, and we're excited to share our upcoming events with you!

First up...

### **Community Christmas Market**

#### **THIS SUNDAY**

We're thrilled to host our first-ever Community Christmas Market, and it's already buzzing with fantastic stalls! Let's light up the place with our Christmas spirit and raise some money for our beloved school. From 11 am - 2 pm, we're having fresh popcorn, bottle tombola, mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies, Christmas jumper stall, Christmas gifts, fresh food, a live brass band and so much more



Next up.....

### **School Christmas Fair – Friday 8 December**

Ho Ho Ho! Hold onto your seats, the annual School Christmas Fair is back! We're pulling out all the stops to make it a blast for all our fab students and their families. Terry The Terrier, Christmas Elves, and even Santa himself will be joining us!

We've got a selection of stalls, including a Smiggle Advent Calendar stall, Tombola, Bake Sale, Crack The Code Safe, Reindeer Food, Elfridges, Pick a Stick, Refreshments, Face Painting, Teddy Tombola, and much more! ..... And don't forget the Christmas Raffle tickets, which will be available from Monday 27th November in school. However, if you're eager to buy one sooner, they'll be available at our Community Christmas Market on Sunday 26th November.



### Friday 8 December – IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

Santa has sent us a message!

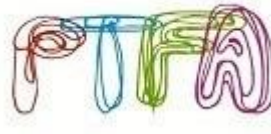
Everyone on the PTFA would like to thank everyone for their hard work! We would like to thank those who have helped to organise these events, donated prizes, bottles, jumpers, tombola prizes etc! We couldn't do it without you.

**THANK YOU!**





Manor Road

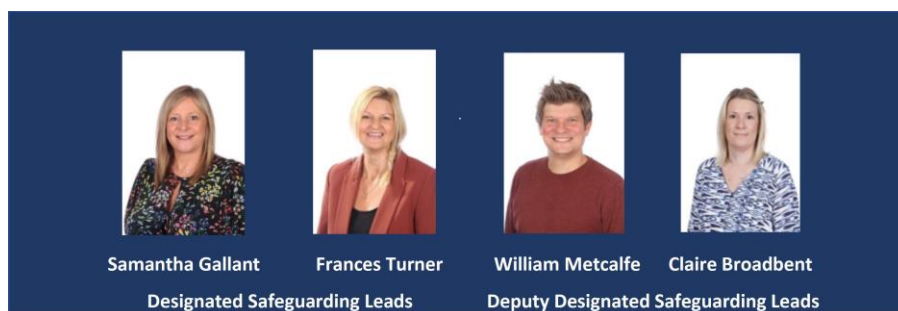


## OUR SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING LEADS

You can speak to any of these members of staff if you are worried about the safety of any pupil in school.

You can speak to any of these members of staff if you are a pupil and you are worried about your own safety.

## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE AT GOLCAR JI&N SCHOOL



## School Calendar Academic Year 2023-2024

	School Closes (Last Day of School)	School re-opens 8.50am (First Day Back)
AUTUMN TERM 2023		Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September (Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept training day)
AUTUMN HALF-TERM 2023	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October (Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October training day)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
CHRISTMAS 2023	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December (Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December training day)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
SPRING HALF-TERM 2024	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February (Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February training day)	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
EASTER 2024	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
MAY DAY 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
SPRING BANK 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
SUMMER 2024	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July (Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July training day)	

## Bank Holidays

August Bank Holiday	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Good Friday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Christmas	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Easter Monday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
Christmas	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
New Years Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	Spring Bank	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Contact Us

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