



# New York Newsletter

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Dear Parent/s and Guardians,

## Raffle Tickets:

The PTFA are running a Christmas Raffle for a wonderful hamper. The tickets cost 50p a strip, or three strips for £1. The tickets are on sale from the office.

## Little Critters:

I do wholeheartedly apologise to those parents who check their children's hair regularly for head lice, but they are back again. Unless we all work together, the pests will keep returning and returning in a never ending cycle, please check your children's hair thoroughly over the Christmas holiday.

## Reading at home:

**A huge thank you to all the parents who hear their children read regularly.**

We know that reading is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education (as well as learning their multiplication tables). It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day...

Over the next few weeks we'll be giving a few examples of the best ways to support your children at home, together with the seven ways in which we assess reading in school, so that you will be able to support your children even more.

*Best ways to support at home:*

1. **Read to your child every night**, even if it's only a couple of pages. Sometimes it's the last thing you feel like in the evening, but this is probably the most important way you can help your child get into reading. And they love it!
2. **Follow the words with your finger** or corner of a bookmark as you read. Over time you can deliberately not say a word and the child says it. Pick easy words, just to check they are following. Or even say the wrong word, and the child will correct you. Then the child can read a sentence on each page, and build up to a paragraph. But remember, you reading to your child is their treat so do not overdo the testing.

*How we assess:*

## Assessment Focus 1

Use a range of strategies, including accurate decoding of text, to read for meaning... Decode accurately.

- Read words on sight
- Make use of phonic strategies
- Uses sentence and whole text knowledge by self-correcting, substituting words that make grammatical or contextual sense
- Show awareness of punctuation marks in reading, e.g. pausing at full stops

Please do not hesitate to ask about how we can help you support your children's reading at home.

**Sports Club Award Winner:**  
**Kristie Smith** – Showing a wonderful attitude and effort in club.

## Headteacher Awards:

<b>Lacey Davis</b>	Non-fiction books about toys
<b>Alfie Sidwells</b>	Non-fiction books about toys
<b>Alista Archibald</b>	Brilliant retelling of the Christmas story
<b>Charlie Grant</b>	Brilliant retelling of the Christmas story
<b>Alista Archibald</b>	Creative problem-solving
<b>Seren Evans</b>	Creative problem-solving
<b>Liam Granby</b>	Being helpful
<b>Lacey Davis</b>	Offering to sing a solo in assembly

## House Point Winners:

**The Red Rubies!**

## Stars of the week:

Class 1 – Lacey Davis

Class 2 – Alista Archibald

## Shining Stars:

<b>Josh Sidwells</b>	Improved effort in his writing
<b>Octavian Medina</b>	Effort in maths
<b>Paris Jackson</b>	Contribution in social skills
<b>Theo Jackson</b>	Progress with speech
<b>Olivia Leggett</b>	Trying hard in all areas
<b>Luke Morley</b>	Progress in phonics

## Dates for your diary:

12/12/17	Christingle making – whole school
13/12/17	Christmas jumper day + Christmas lunch
13/12/17	Christmas craft afternoon – parents welcome!
14/12/17	Pantomime – Sam Newsom Centre – whole school
15/12/17	Christmas play performance 2.00 p.m.
18/12/17	Christmas play 2 <sup>nd</sup> performance 9.00 a.m.
19/12/17	Christmas Party & End of term



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