

# ESKDALE NEWS

*A place of belonging, a place of inspiration*



Mrs Pearson would like to say a huge thank you to all pupils, families, teachers and also Whitby Christian Fellowship for filling a mammoth number of shoeboxes this year. Tracey from Children in Distress - "Love in a Box" appeal says coming to Eskdale to collect the boxes was the highlight of her week. The boxes will now begin their long journey to Eastern Europe. Thanks everyone and Happy Christmas. From Mrs Pearson.



Eco committee have been busy this term putting together an action plan. This includes more recycling bins, building awareness of eco issues and increasing biodiversity around the school grounds. The Eco-club has been helping with these endeavours and recently made lots of eco-friendly alternatives to sell at the Christmas Fayre. They also made leaflets about an eco-friendly Christmas to help raise awareness. Next week also sees the beginning of National Tree week and this year we are supporting the woodland trust with their "The Big Climate Change Fightback"



campaign by planting 9 trees on site. If you would like to join in the fun visit their website and pledge to plant a tree in some green space at home



## Lantern Parade

A big thank you to all those that helped out, joined in or supported the event and the school from the sidelines. The weather held off and we had fun. It was one of the biggest so far and the market was a great success too. The Christmas season has officially started!

Thank you directly to Patsy, Rebecca S, Eloise, Jessica and their families for joining in in the parade. From Mrs Parkin



Hooray for

Hatty Christmas Day!

Wear your Christmas Hat and Jumper on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and donate £1.00



We are combining Christmas Jumper day with Hooray for Hatty Christmas day this year. Fundraising will be split between the two charities, Save the Children and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Eskdale would like to help children with a vision impairment by raising monies through wearing a Christmas hat, Guessing the name of the puppy and a Cake sale. Please bring extra money for these items.

Please can we remind everyone that, for insurance reasons, students are only able to travel on school transport for which they have an appropriate pass. Please make alternative arrangements if your son / daughter is going to a friend's house after school.

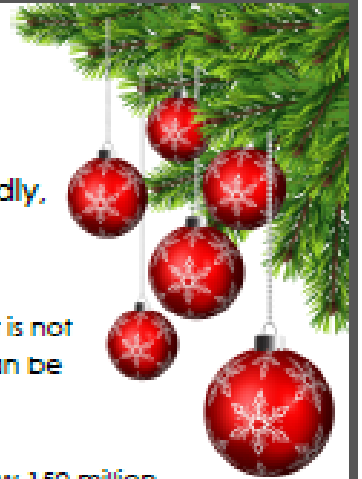
## Diary Dates

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS – ALL WEEK
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	1.30pm Y7 Netball at Lady Lumley's
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	1.30pm U16 Girls' Football at CCW
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	GCSE Textiles Trip to Harrogate Y7 Consultation Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Training Day – School closed for students
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS ALL WEEK CEOPS Training Y7
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	CEOPS Training Y8
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	CEOPS Training Y9
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Badminton at Lady Lumley's
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	



## **Eco-club Presents:**

We would like everyone to have a more eco-friendly, sustainable Christmas. Here are our top tips!



**1. Find alternatives to shop bought wrapping paper**—Did you know it is not recyclable? We suggest using brown paper or tissue paper which can be recycled... you can add your own decorations, get creative!

**2. Don't buy Christmas crackers containing plastic gifts**— Did you know 150 million crackers are pulled each year, that's a lot of plastic! We suggest making your own or having a fun game for the table instead!

**3. Try to buy less gift packs that come in lots of packaging.** Did you know: Approximately 100 million black bags full of packaging end up in land fill after Christmas each year? We suggest trying to find more personal gifts or buy second hand; our local shops in Whitby have lots of amazing gifts, this helps our local community too!

**4. Don't buy Christmas cards for people you see all the time!** Did you know: Approximately 1 billion cards get binned instead of recycled each year? We suggest making cards or sending an email/letter.

**5. Don't buy unneeded 'extras' or non-recyclable, single use items that will end up in landfill.** Did you know: In the UK the average household is 30% more wasteful over the Christmas period. We suggest considering whether it will really add to your Christmas... you could save lots of money too!

**6. Consider giving experiences instead of gifts to people,** these memories will be far more cherished and won't harm the planet! Did you know: British children get an average of 17 gifts at Christmas—all on one day. We suggest buying tickets to performances, days out, tea and cake vouchers, even a hand-made voucher for spending more time together.

**7. Consider alternatives to using glitter and sequins;** these are micro plastics and harm our planet. Did you know: Microplastics end up in the sea and find their way into many animals through the food chain. We suggest either going without or (if you just can't go without!) consider dyeing sugar crystals with food colouring to add a bit of sparkle.

**8. Have a home-made Christmas!** Don't indulge the shops, save your money, spend time with your loved ones and make gifts with love! Did you know: Christmas shopping can increase the heart rate dramatically, induced by stress. We suggest getting creative, think 'how can we buy less, save more, reduce our waste and have a nicer time doing it?'







Saturday 14th December 2019 - 9:30am start  
Christmas themed Great Run Local Whitby  
Come along in a suitable Christmas outfit and do your weekly run, for FREE!  
Tombola and refreshments available

# WALK, JOG OR RUN!

OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WILL SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

**GREAT RUN LOCAL** WHITBY.



**DAY** SATURDAY

**TIME** 9:30 AM

**LOCATION** WHITBY SIXTH FORM (CAEDMON)  
2KM / 5KM ROUTES FREE!

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