



Pictured are some of the Team Nidderdale Christmas Fair volunteers and one of the wonderful hampers created by KS4 form groups.

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

What an incredibly busy time we've had since the last Nidd News. Students have been busy in the community setting up and dismantling the Grotto and making a great many festive baking deliveries.

Last Thursday saw the results of our school community coming together to put on a Christmas Stalls event with fantastic raffle hampers created by our KS4 groups, a bake sale supported by staff, parent and student bakers and a never ending prize tombola. We raised over £650 for the school's charities. Thank you to all who supported this event in any way.

This week many staff and students donned their Christmas jumpers, whilst others opted for standard non-uniform to raise funds for Save the Children. This added to the festive spirit around school as Christmas lunch was served by Team Nidderlicious. It was great to see our students queuing patiently and enjoying lunch with their friends. The fact that we ran out of knives and spoons is testament to how delicious it was!

Last week Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed their ClassCharts reward trip to Bowling and Laser Tag in York. On Tuesday Year 11 joined their form tutors, Mrs Blunstone and me to shop until they dropped at York Christmas markets. What a delight to hear so many of our students talking about the opportunities they had taken to buy gifts for loved ones. They were in fine voice on the way home and hopefully an enjoyable day was had by all.

This term has been one of the longest we've ever had and staff and students have shown great resilience. Our many students have achieved a huge amount this term and deserve a well-earned break.

We will look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Very best wishes for a happy, healthy and restful Christmas break.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Staff Update

We are very sorry to be saying a sad farewell to Mr Layas after almost 10 years of Maths teaching as part of Team Nidderdale. In that time he has commuted over 100 000 miles! He is leaving us to take up a post much closer to home. We are also wishing Mrs Hardman all the very best as she leaves our Learning Support Team for a promoted post in another school. Both will be very much missed by staff and students alike.

We are delighted that, as an interim measure, Mrs Cheeseman will be remaining on our staff team to work alongside Mr Thompson and Mrs Phillips in Maths.



Santa's little helpers

Santa's Grotto was superbly assembled for the Pateley Bridge Late Night Christmas Shopping event by Bethan, Eleanor, Ellie, Rosie & Emily. What a team they were... kind, efficient, hardworking & extremely enthusiastic little elves!

The Grotto was a real school team effort with many creative contributions from both staff & students. Thank you All!

Miss Tuffs



Fountains Abbey Park Run – Saturday 9th December 2023

'My wettest Parkrun in 160 races at Fountains Abbey' were the words of the organiser of Saturday's race! It speaks volumes about the resilience, positivity and determination of all 14 of our Nidd Runners that we had a great morning! Some top performances - many PB's and first-time completions of Parkrun and the usual fantastic team spirit.

Many thanks to Mrs Warner, Chief Pacer & constant provider of encouragement to all our runners and to Chief Race Photographer & loudest supporter, Greg Parsons! To Mrs Gibson, Mrs Wray and all the parents who ran; there is no better way to inspire and encourage participation than putting yourself on the line alongside our young runners - thank you. Thanks also to Mrs Cheeseman for helping at the finish. Team Nidd's presence was certainly noticed at Parkrun and I've been assured our next visit will definitely be greeted with enthusiasm! Thanks to all for your fine representation of Nidderdale High!



The Harrogate & Craven Cross Country Championships 6/12/23

An absolutely superb performance from Team Nidderdale (listed below). Up against a very high standard of competition, fantastic resilience, determination, effort and competitive spirit was displayed from every single one of them.

We may have been the smallest team there, but they certainly made their presence known with their true team spirit and support for one another, whatever their position.

An absolute pleasure taking you all out. Thank you and special mention must be made of Adam Stanley (Yr 11) who finished 8th and qualified to represent Harrogate & Craven in the next round! Very well done!

Miss Tuffs

- Adam Stanley
- Alex Randall De Andres
- Archie Horne
- Ben Rushworth
- Callie Tropa
- Ellie Horne
- Emily Spittlehouse
- Emma White
- George Leahy
- Heather Graham
- Ieuan Parsons
- Isaac Ryder
- Josh Hunt
- Rosie Mallender



Our target for school attendance is **95.5%**

ATTENDANCE FACTS

95% Attendance and above:
91 out of 100 students leave high school with 5 good GCSEs

Compared to

90% Attendance and below:
36 out of 100 students leave high school with 5 good GCSEs

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

The greater your attendance, the greater your achievement.

A student who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed four complete weeks of school

Attendance is always included in progress reports in December, April and July

Reporting Student Absence

Please ring the School Absence Line 01423 711246 or send an email to Mrs Jaques, School Attendance Officer

sophie.jaques@nidderdale.mlt.co.uk

by 9 a.m. on the morning of absence.

Information from the Pastoral Team

The Screen Time Diet: Helping your teen find balance with their Tech

Please see the useful guide below – this could assist parents in finding balance for their teenagers given that much of school, socializing, and leisure time centres around screens.

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/parents/the-screen-time-diet-helping-your-teen-find-the-balance-with-tech/>

Term dates

Term dates for the rest of this academic year and the next academic year 2024/25 are now on the school website.

[Click here to see term dates, staff training dates etc.](#)

Reminder

Staff training day Monday 8th January 2024.
Students return to school Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this Christmas

NYC has issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities.

Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website.](#)



Pastoral Team News

The Pastoral Team would like to thank Maria W for designing their beautiful Christmas card this year. We are so proud to have this stunning original design of the Angel Gabriel.

Our termly Pastoral Pamper Hamper goes to Jo Reinsch with all our love and thanks for being an amazing Team Nidderdale colleague. She is our brightest Christmas star. Thank you Jo for the incredible support you offer to so many.

From all the Pastoral Team, have a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Ms Walker

