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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Treetops**

Thank you to everyone who has already booked their place at **Treetops Before & After School Club**. There are still spaces available should you wish to use this. I have attached our leaflet with prices and information on what we offer. All bookings are done through Parent Pay and you will be able to 'block book' in advance or book daily. Daily bookings for the afterschool session will close at 11am each day so that we can prepare the lists for our staff. You can use it as little or as often as you need!

### **Xmas Festivities**

**Parties** – all children will have a Christmas party during school time. They can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & 4 party

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & KS1 party

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 & 6 party

**Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**PTA film night** – we are hosting our new film and craft evenings in school next week. Tickets are £3 and are still available through parent pay so please come along and join us.

**Nativity** - our EYFS/KS1 nativity will be held at school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> /Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm. I am sure this will be an amazing afternoon, full of great performances. I have seen snippets of the play as I pop in and out of the hall and it all looks and sounds amazing.

**Sparkle & Song**



Thank you also to everyone who came along to support the Amotherby Singing Stars and our Rock the School bands last night. You were a great audience and we all enjoyed performing for you. Look out for more of our showcase events in the Spring Term.

### **Amotherby Arts Curriculum**

We are committed to developing our arts curriculum here at Amotherby and have introduced some new opportunities for our children across all year groups. We are keen to ensure that opportunities for children to experience drama, music and art enrichment activities are evenly spaced across their school journey rather than concentrated into specific terms for specific year groups.

	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>
<b>EYFS</b>		Xmas Nativity				
<b>Year 1</b>		Xmas Nativity				
<b>Year 2</b>		Xmas Nativity	Artist in Residence			
<b>Year 3</b>			Artist in Residence		Dance Workshop	
<b>Year 4</b>	Artist in Residence			Royal Shakespeare Project (York Theatre Royal)		
<b>Year 5</b>			Young Voices	Play in a Day Workshop	Artist in Residence	
<b>Year 6</b>			Young Voices		Artist in Residence	Physical Theatre 1-day workshop

There are also many extracurricular opportunities such as our Amotherby Singing Stars, Rock the School bands as well as drama and music clubs on offer during certain parts of the school year.

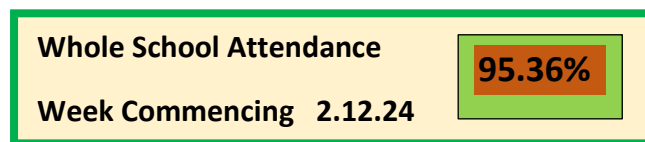
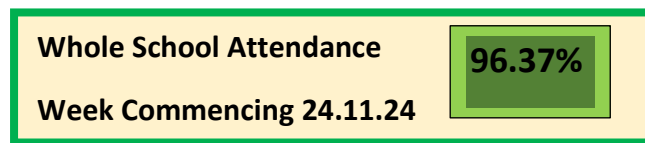
This offers a variety of different opportunities for children as they progress through school and allows us to teach the important elements of the arts curriculum without taking up important curriculum time for lengthy play rehearsals. We have made the decision to no longer stage the Year 3 & 4 pantomime or the Year 5 and 6 summer play. While these performances have been a wonderful tradition, they require a significant amount of

rehearsal time, which takes away from valuable curriculum lessons. As a result, important subjects such as maths, English, and science are not given the attention they deserve during these periods. By implementing a full and well-balanced drama, music and arts curriculum we will ensure that all children will have the chance to perform and experience similar opportunities.

### Family Learning Session - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school next week for our next Family Learning Session. This half term we are focusing on art and will be making a selection of Christmas crafts.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. Your involvement makes a real difference to our students and the school community.



Yours Sincerely,

Mrs L Brazier  
Headteacher