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FATHER CHRISTMAS FLIES INTO YORKSHIRE

Children in Yorkshire are in for a festive treat this week as Father Christmas comes to the Air Museum.

Father Christmas will be flying in from the North Pole to visit children aboard his airliner Grotto at the Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington. This year, he has swapped his traditional sleigh for an aeroplane as he makes his pre-Christmas visits as part of the Archive Awareness Campaign www.archiveawareness.com

Visitors will get the opportunity to steer the famous sleigh, helping Father Christmas to a safe landing. Father Christmas will then be escorted to the museum on a huge airport Fire Engine. He will board his magical Airliner Grotto, where people will get to meet him, and children will receive presents.

Other activities that children can enjoy include a free bouncy castle and rides in an exciting flight simulator. There will also be an onsite shop for adults to treat themselves as well as purchase the perfect present for their loved ones.

Ian Richardson, Yorkshire Air Museum said:

“Thanks to our friends at Full Sutton Flying Club, who each year, help us make this a great festive family treat. It’s great that they are creating a really novel way to see Santa, utilising a museum artefact! This is such a happy time of year and we want everyone to come and capture the essence of a fun filled Christmas. Children will especially enjoy working with the Elvington Elves to build up the excitement for Santa’s arrival”.

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For further details, spokespeople or images on Archive Awareness Campaign, please contact **Angela Owusu** on **0208 392 5237** or email Angela.Owusu@nationalarchives.gov.uk

Notes to Editors

Santa will arrive at 11am on the 12th & 13th and then 19th to 23rd December.

- Due to limited numbers, early booking is essential: £6 Adult and £5 Children (under 12). To book, please ring the Museum Shop on 01904 608719 or 01904 608595 for general information.
- Tickets include full admission to the Museum. Gates open at 10am, closing at 3.30pm.
- Archive Awareness Campaign www.archiveawareness.com is an ongoing celebration of all kinds of fascinating archive treasures. It celebrates and promotes local and national archives. Throughout the year archives across the country open their doors to showcase history, hold open days and present workshops to help the public discover a piece of their own history.
- Archive Awareness Campaign is spearheaded by the National Council on Archives (www.ncaonline.org.uk) and funded by The National Archives (www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (www.mla.gov.uk).



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