



## Newsletter

November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The school continues to be a very busy place and we are now back at full speed following the recent half-term break. There is a lot going on and the following information is provided to keep your family informed of what is going on:

**Children in Need Day:** This will take place on Friday 16 November and I am aware that Ms Hudson-Frost has already written to you with specific details. The day is always a great success and over the last 5 years the school community has raised over £52,408, which is more than any other school nationally. A great effort. The non-uniform themes for this year are:

Year 7:	Anything Pudsey
Year 8:	Super Heroes
Year 9:	Red
Year 10:	Monochrome (black and white)
Year 11:	Hoodies

**Restart a Heart:** The school held its third 'Restart a Heart' day which involved 314 Year 7 pupils being trained by First Aiders to be able to offer CPR in a case of emergency. We now have over 1000 pupils in school who have received this training.

**Test My Heart Screening:** Following the loss of a former pupil of the school, Steven McKay, the school hosted a test my heart day on a Saturday in October. On the day a 100 young adults between the ages of 14 to 35 were tested. This day was set up by Steven's family in memory of Steven.

**Calder Clarion Cycling Club News:** Very well done to Lewis Smith in Year 10 who was involved in a fundraising event to support a young person in getting a specially adapted bike. As well as raising £1000 for the bike, Lewis raised £1000 for Wakefield Hospice and £800 for the St Leonard's Hospice in York. A great effort. Very well done!

**National Nurture Award:** Before the half-term break the school was presented, for the second time, with its National Nurture award accreditation. This followed a full review of our 'Diamonds' provision. Very well done to Mrs Del-Grande and all the pupils who were involved. We are all very proud of their work and the progress made.

**Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day:** This takes place on Wednesday 19 December. Christmas dinner will be served at lunchtime and pupils can wear Christmas jumpers/accessories on the day.

**Dark nights:** Do please talk to your children about being safe and sensible on their journeys to and from school over the winter period. Pupils still need to take care, especially when crossing roads and we expect all pupils on bikes to have lights and wear helmets/bright clothing.

**Hockey Results:** The Year 9 girls' hockey team have been extremely successful so far this year, they are unbeaten in the Wakefield Schools' hockey league to date, including beating Wakefield Girls' High School, Silcoates and Ackworth. The last week before half-term we entered two teams to the Wakefield Schools' tournament and the A team came first, unbeaten throughout all their games. The B Team came 5<sup>th</sup>. Fantastic goals scored by Paige Allen, Rebecca Tidswell and Lucy Williams. Year 7 and 10 hockey league starts this week.

**Remembrance Day 2018:** The school held a two-minute silence across the school to mark 100 years since the Armistice was signed in 1918.

Pupils from the school, who are involved in local youth groups and military groups attended in uniform, alongside staff from the school and members of the local community who have also served in the forces. The Last Post was played by Isobel Walsh, a pupil from Year 9. This made for a very poignant event.

**Year 11:** Our pupils in Year 11 are now well into their final year in school and there is a lot planned for them. They have internal examinations/tests before the Christmas break and the school is now running a number of intervention and revision sessions. Do please contact school if you feel your child is in need of additional support or work. Keep at it Year 11, it will be worth it!

**Dates for the Diary:**

<b>Thursday 22 November 2018:</b>	Year 11 Presentation Evening
<b>Tuesday 18 December 2018:</b>	Christmas Concert
<b>Wednesday 19 December 2018:</b>	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
<b>Friday 21 December 2018:</b>	End of term. School closes to pupils at 1.15pm. Please be aware this is the last weekday before Christmas day. The roads will be very busy, as a result.

Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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