



## Newsletter

December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the final week of a very busy autumn term, we would like to share the following news items with you:

**Staffing:** At Christmas we have a number of colleagues leaving:

- Mrs J Brown, English: Moving to Shelley College.
- Mrs K Moylan, English: Moving to Honley High School.
- Mr D Hancock, Behaviour Support: Career change to work in the health service.

We wish these colleagues every success into the future.

The following new staff are joining the school:

- Mrs J Wray: Deputy Headteacher
- Mr A Sammons: English teacher with additional responsibilities
- Ms S Patel: Science (maternity cover)
- Mr M Harte: Caretaker

I am sure we will get to know our new colleagues fairly quickly and we welcome them to Kettlethorpe High School.

**Children in Need:** Very well done, once again, to our school community who, supported by friends and families raised £13500 for chosen charities. This is a super effort. Very well done to all involved!

**Year 11:** Our Year 11 are now well into their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and have been working very hard. We wish them every success as they move forward into 2019 and their final two terms at the school.

Year 11 finish this year on Friday 28 June 2019 and will be required to be in school preparing for and taking GCSE examinations to this date. The school prom date is Thursday 20 June 2019.

**Presentation Evening:** This was held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and we had a strong turnout from our last Year 11 cohort. Mr Denis Barry, Chair of Governors, was the guest speaker. We wish last year's Year 11 every success into the future.

**Christmas Concert:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm, in the school hall. This is always a great event and a super prelude for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in school for the concert.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Pupils are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December with a £1.00 donation going to charity. The school will also be serving Christmas dinner to pupils and staff at lunchtime on Wednesday.

**Christmas Hampers:** As in previous years, the school is collecting non-perishable items in order to support families of our pupils over the festive break. This has been a very successful offer over recent years. Any donations to support this project can be handed in at reception. Thank you.

**Behaviour in the Community:** As a school we have some super pupils who have never let themselves or their families and school down. We have recently had reports from parents and the community about poor pupil behaviour near to Asda and when crossing busy roads. Do please talk to your children to reinforce expectations around positive behaviour in the community and the need to be safe and vigilant when crossing busy roads over the winter period. Thank you for your support here.

**Parent/Carer contact information:** The school works hard to ensure all pupil records and contact details are accurate and up to date. The new GDPR protocols now make it harder for the school to collect personal information. Can all families please inform the school office, directly, of any changes to telephone numbers, email addresses and house moves as soon as is possible. This will then assist if contact needs to be made in an emergency. Thank you for your support here.

**Holidays in term-time:** Please be aware that from September 2019, we will be fining parents/carers who decide to take term-time holidays. Any holiday booked after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 of the academic year 2019-20 will be subject to this fine, in line with local council rules.

**Uniform:** Please ensure that your child is in full uniform, as per our uniform policy. A separate letter will be sent out to parents/carers regarding school skirts and acrylic nails, this week.

#### **Success to Share:**

**English Schools' Basketball:** Congratulations to Reuben Johnson, Finn Morgan, Matt Johnston, Seb Griffiths, Connor Bedford, Kyaw Thiha, Adam Canadine and Zack Goodwin (all Year 11) on travelling to Newcastle to play basketball in the English Schools' Cup recently. Unfortunately, we lost 73-55, but with the absence of two of our starting players, the boys were a credit to the school.

**Ice Skating:** Billy French, Year 11, took part in the British Champions ice skating with his partner and won a silver medal. Also, Holly Perkins, Year 10, competed in Cardiff with the ice skating group, Amici, and won silver medals. Well done to you both!

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA):** Congratulations to Josh Geary, a former Year 11 pupil, who took part in the RYLA scheme for one week recently during our long, hot summer. Josh was one of 50 young people engaging in physical and mental challenges in the Yorkshire Dales. If any current Year 11 pupils are interested in taking part in RYLA in July 2019, all details will be provided in January. A fantastic and exciting possibility not to be missed!

#### **Dates for the Diary:**

<b>Tuesday 18 December 2018:</b>	Christmas Concert (7pm)
<b>Wednesday 19 December 2018:</b>	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 21 December 2018:</b>	School closes for Christmas break at 1.15pm
<b>Monday 7 January 2019:</b>	Back to school for the new term, 8.40am.

Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher