

Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL

Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



Newsletter 4

14 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

This week is a busy week in the working life of the school and the following news items may assist families with plans and arrangements.

Thursday 16 November: This is our Children in Need day and is a non-uniform day for all pupils. Miss Lee has led the £5.00 challenge and a number of events have been planned for the day. This is a big day in the life of the school and over the years the school community has raised many tens of thousands of pounds for charities. I very much look forward to seeing Pudsey Bear sat on my office chair!

On the evening, on Thursday, our Year 11 pupils who took their GCSE examinations in 2023, return for their presentation evening. We very much look forward to seeing them back in school along with Stuart Pearce our guest for the evening. The event starts at 6.30pm in the sports hall.

Inset Day 3: Friday 17 November is a staff training day, as such, school will be closed to pupils.

Christmas Hampers: Miss Lee will be contacting families ahead of our annual collection for Christmas hampers. This year, school is looking to create 50 hampers which will be distributed to families from our school community. Thank you, in advance, for your continued generous support here.

Remembrance Day: Last Friday, the school held a Remembrance Day event with all pupils and staff observing a two minute silence across the school. Well done to all the pupils from the uniformed organisations for their support with the ceremony held in the quiet quad. Thank you, also, to Mr Lancaster for his opening remarks and Mary Elizabeth Frye and John Maxwell Edmonds for the readings. The Last Post was played by William Spiers.

Senior Prefects: Following selection interviews held in school last month, the following Year 11 pupils have been chosen to represent the pupil body:

- Head Boy: Hari Hazarhun.
- Head Girl: Penny Parkin.
- Senior Prefects: Ethan Lindley, Libby Thornton, Jayden Wilson, Thomas Hunter, Amelia Wilson, Darcy Hyett, Aaron Joys and Emily Thompson.

We wish them every success with their new leadership roles.

WKC World Kick Boxing/Karate: Very well done to Reuben Burnham, in Year 8 and Ben Browning, in Year 9, who recently represented Team England at a world championship competition in Orlando, Florida. Both boys got through to the finals. Extremely well done!

School Uniform Shop: The vintage rail for uniform recycling that is supported by families donating unwanted uniform has raised £890. This money will go to charity. Do please continue to gift pupil uniform as and when your child has finished with it. Thank you.

New All-Weather Pitch Planning Application: The school is looking to build a new floodlit all-weather pitch on the rugby field at the back of school. This facility will benefit pupils and also the local community. It will be placed on the old rugby pitch which is often too waterlogged to use. If you are interested, the planning applications are available for comment. It can be found on the Wakefield Council planning applications website page followed by the school's postcode: WF2 7EL.

Key Stage 3 Inter-Form Maths Quiz: Each term, the maths department host an inter-form maths quiz for Key Stage 3 tutor groups. It is a live, interactive quiz with a variety of fun and challenging maths questions. With a live leaderboard, you can hear the buzz and cheers around the school as all 27 tutor groups compete to win.

This term's winners were Mrs Greenfield's tutor group, 8K2! 8K1, Mrs Thomson, came in second place and 8S2, Miss Smith, came in third place. The highest placed Year 7 tutor group were 7S7, Miss Dye. Congratulations to these tutor groups!

The next round takes place before the February half-term in 2024.

Headteacher Update: Last month, I informed the governing body of my intention to retire as headteacher at the school. This will be with effect from August 2024, by which time I will have been in post for 19 years. Before becoming headteacher at Kettlethorpe High School, I was also a head of an inner-city school in Leeds.

Having also spent time prior to this at Kettlethorpe High School teaching and as a deputy headteacher to Brian Tapson, I will end my career having worked with the school community for 27 years. It has been a privilege to be associated with what is one of the best schools in the local district.

Having provided the governing body with my early notice, national adverts have been placed to recruit the next headteacher for the school. We will keep families updated on progress made to secure the school's next headteacher.

Thank you for your continued support for the work of the school.
Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

- Thursday 16 November 2023: Children in Need Day (non-uniform)
- Thursday 16 November 2023: Presentation Evening
- Friday 17 November 2023: INSET day, school closed to pupils
- Monday 20 November 2023: Year 11 Photo
- Monday 04 December 2023-Friday 15 December 2023: Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)
- Tuesday 12 December 2023-Thursday 14 December 2023: Performing Arts Performance

‘The best way to predict is to create it.’