

KINDNESS. RESPECT. INTEGRITY. TEAMWORK



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

18th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our latest and last newsletter of 2018. It has been a very busy end to the term with our students and staff involved in a number of Christmas activities.

The Community Christmas Fayre was very well attended and I extend my thanks to everyone who supported and attended this event.

We joined in with the Save the Children annual fundraising Christmas Jumper Day last Friday to support the 'Make the World Better with a Sweater' campaign. In return for a donation to the charity we donned our brightest, funniest and craziest Christmas jumpers and raised over £250.

A big well done to Year 11 students who have completed 2 weeks of trial exams, and will be receiving their results this week. There are now just 15 school weeks remaining until the start of the summer 2019 GCSE exams.

Don't forget that we break up at the earlier time of 12.10 pm on Friday and school buses will depart at 12.20 pm. I wish everyone a very happy and relaxing Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed on Monday 7th January for the start of the spring term.

Mr T Cartmail
Headteacher.

Community Christmas Fayre



Literacy Inspiring Creativity



During this half term Mr Anderson's Year 10 class have been completing a reading project. Each student received a reading list containing books designed to extend vocabulary and to generally develop their appreciation of some of the many different genres within literature. Some read classics

from Charles Dickens, Jane Austen and Emily Bronte, whilst others chose works from the 20th century by Margaret Atwood, Lewis Carroll and Ian McEwan, amongst many others. Having completed the reading of their chosen book the students were asked to complete a creative project based upon the book and given the opportunity to present their work and discuss the inspiration behind it. The work produced has been fabulous and the project has allowed the students to engage with literature in a more creative way. It has been great to see the students "going the extra mile" and taking clear pride in their work. Well done. Photograph: Macy Lovitt's 'Alice in Wonderland' inspired cake, along with a cake inspired by 'The Beach' created by a Year 10 student who is a little on the shy side and prefers to remain anonymous.



Book Club

The first meeting of the Ebor Academy and Filey Rotary Book Club took place on 13th December. Are you are in Years 9, 10 or 11? Do you love reading? Want to read something different? Wish to have the chance to discuss literature with like-minded people? Then this is for you! The next meeting is taking place on Thursday 31st January, straight after school in the school library.

Filey Lions Over 85's Christmas Lunch

Saturday 8th December saw us host the Filey Lions Over 85's Christmas Lunch which is an annual event on our calendar. 96 invited guests enjoyed a three course Christmas lunch prepared by our caterers, Hutchisons. A special mention to Morgan Richardson, Katrina Brambles, Emily Brambles, Lori Flanagan, Max Short, Libby Naylor, Emily Kirby and Mimi Browne. These students gave up their Saturday to assist the Lions in welcoming and serving the guests, before handing out Christmas presents to them all.



Poppy Appeal 2018

A message of thanks has been received from the Royal British Legion, Filey Branch, to the school, for collecting £83.87 selling poppies for this year's appeal. The district raised an incredible £11,243.85.

Holly Haigh

A big well done to Year 9 student Holly, who recently took part in the British shooting schools pistol championships for the North East and came first in the intermediate individual competition. In doing this she has qualified to compete in the national finals to be held at Stoke Mandeville in January. Good luck Holly, we are looking forward to hearing how you get on.

Immunisations

A reminder to parents of Year 8 girls and all Year 9 students. To give your consent for the vaccinations being offered in school, please go to www.hdft.nhs/immconsent by the beginning of January. If you have not received a letter with the details of the immunisations, please contact reception.

Headteacher Drop-in-Sessions

Drop in sessions are taking place at the following times. It is not necessary to make an appointment, simply turn up and sign in at reception.

- **Friday 11th January** 9.30 – 10.30 am
- **Thursday 24th January** 2.15 – 3.15 pm
- **Tuesday 5th February** 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Other Diary Dates

- **Friday 21st December** – Last day of Autumn term, school closes at 12.10pm
- **Monday 7th January** – First Day of Spring Term
- **Thursday 31st January** – Year 8 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 21st February** - Year 9 Parents Evening & Options Information Evening

St Oswald's Church Filey – Christmas Eve Crib Service

A message from the Vicar of Filey, Reverend Chapman - If you are intending to go to this service on Christmas Eve, please note the new time of 4.00 pm.

