

Principal's Weekly Newsletter

01 December 2017

Dear Parents,

We are coming to that very busy time of year again, and the weather has definitely turned colder this week. There are many things which have been going on in the academy this week, and there are some exciting events ahead.

Mathletics

For the past few weeks Year 5 and 6 pupils have been trialling a new exciting online interactive maths site called 'Mathletics'. We are pleased to now offer this access to all pupils from Years 1 to 6. To launch 'Mathletics' and get the pupils excited we are having an assembly on Monday 4 December, all parents are welcome from 2.45 – 3.10pm.

Choir

All Souls Choir Event

On Sunday 10th December, the school choir will be attending an event at the All Souls Church, Haley Hill. If you would like to support the choir, the service will start at 4.00pm.

Carols

On Monday 18th December, the choir will also be going to Chester Court Retirement Community to sing carols. A separate letter for the children who are in the choir will follow regarding both these events.

Attendance – Weekly Winners

1 st	Maple	99%
2 nd	Ash	99%
3 rd	Elm	98%
4 th	Yew	97%
5 th	Willow	96%
6 th	Holly	96%
7 th	Hawthorn	95%
8 th	Alder	95%
9 th	Lindon	95%
10 th	Birch	93%
11 th	Beech	93%
12 th	Hazel	93%
13 th	Juniper	93%

Our winners, Maple and Ash this week were rewarded with 5 minutes extra playtime on Friday 1 December. Well done!

Y4 School Linked Event

Our Year 4 students have been involved in the 'School Linked Event' this week at The Bankfield Museum along with Greetland Academy. The children had a great time drawing portraits of each other, looking around the WW1 exhibition and building paper towers!

Y3 Class Assembly

Thank you to Hazel class for delivering a lovely class assembly for parents on Wednesday about The Stone Age.

Admission to Primary School

Parents whose children were born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 need to apply for a Primary School place between Monday 20 November 2017 and Friday 15 January 2018. Online applications can be submitted at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions. There will be a Reception Open Evening for parents who are considering sending their child to the academy on Wednesday 13th December. More details of this event will be advertised on our website next week.

Text Messaging

Just to make you aware the text messaging system is a non-monitored service, therefore, if you need to contact school please do so by telephone, email or letter.

School Council

We have spoken to the Year 1 - 6 children in assembly this week about setting up a School Council. Next week we will start the election process. You may wish to encourage your child to have a go at this, if you think it would be of interest to them.

Staffing

Last week, we said farewell to Ms Oliver, our General Administrator. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and the valuable contribution which she made to our academy. We would like to welcome our new General Administrator, Miss Lockey.

Kind Regards,

Emma Hanlon
Principal