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Newsletter Friday November 11th

Christmas Carol Service

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are pleased to announce that this year's Christmas Carol Service will take place in the school's Arts Theatre on Tuesday 6th December. After so much disruption to school events during the past few years due to the pandemic, it is lovely to once again be able to gather on school premises to attend our favourite yearly events.

Before the service and during the intermission, attendees will be able to enjoy 'Christmas in the Quad'. The ticket price includes a drink or a Bratwurst sausage. There will also be a chance to purchase refreshments from the PTFA and to browse the Christmas stalls which will be in the senior dining room. The PTFA extends an invitation to any parents or carers who may wish to run a stall from which they can sell Christmas good/craft items on the evening, to reserve one for a fee of £10 pounds. The proceeds will go to the PTFA funds and stall holders will keep their profits. If you, or friends you know, would like to reserve a stall, please contact school for further details.

Synergy System

During Covid times, we adopted a new school system, namely Synergy, with which pupils and parents are now very familiar. Happily, the system has now developed and this week pupils have been given access to the Synergy Pupil Portal. This allows pupils to access key information about their behaviour, attendance and rewards that they have received. This will allow pupils to monitor their profile in school and to take greater ownership of their progress and learning. In addition, parents will soon be able to download the Synergy Parent App, which will allow easier access to information about your children. Currently, this is in the 'soft launch' stage. It works just as the mobile version of the web app does currently - with the exception of Gateway attachments. These will follow in the next week or so. Notifications are still in development and hopefully a full launch of the App will be available towards the end of this term. The Pupil App will then follow.

Detentions

Please be aware of the following. Pupil's will no longer receive a Stage 4 or 5 detention letter from Monday 14th November, as a Synergy email containing the information will be sent instead. It is important that all parents are therefore signed up to Synergy in order to access this important communication.

Maths Challenge

During Maths Week this week, a number of exciting events have taken place. There was a fabulous atmosphere in our Arts Theatre on Wednesday evening as pupils from our partner primary schools competed in an inter-schools maths competition. Additionally, our pupils have been taking part in a global maths competition called MangaHigh. Remarkably, at one point yesterday we were within the top ten schools in the world. An amazing achievement! One last push over the weekend is now needed to secure the best possible finishing position.

Anti-bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. Please encourage your child to support the project by wearing 'Odd Socks' on Monday. See the attached poster for further details.

The poster features a green background with large black and pink arrows pointing in various directions. At the top, the Anti-Bullying Alliance logo is displayed. The main text reads: 'This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we are holding ODD SOCKS DAY on MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2022'. Below this, it says 'Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!'. A pink arrow points to the text: '#OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek #ReachOut'. At the bottom, it says 'If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ... Any member of staff at All Hallows'. The bottom section features a photo of five diverse young people (three boys and two girls) smiling and playing musical instruments (keyboard, guitar, drums). At the very bottom, there are logos for the Anti-Bullying Alliance (Organiser), Reach Out (Partner), and Andy and O's Socks (Partner).

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ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE ORGANISER

REACH OUT PARTNER

Andy and O's Socks PARTNER

Early closure Friday 18th November 2022 after Achievement Assembly

Could I please remind parents/carers following the achievement assembly, school will be closing early to pupils at 1:30pm. Buses have been arranged to accommodate the early closure.

PTFA Balloon Race

The PTFA have organised a Balloon Race, In Houser prizes are:

1st prize £50 2nd Prize £20 3rd Prize £10

Link direct to Friends of All Hallows fundraiser balloon race

<https://ecoracing.co/cause/friends-of-all-hallows-ptfa-2357/>

Year 9 Vaccination for January.

Intrahealth are due to visit All Hallows on Monday 9th January 2023 to administer Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations to Year 9 pupils.

Please complete the form to **CONSENT** or **REFUSE** the vaccinations by following the link below, which will close at midnight on the 23rd November 2022.

When filling out the form please opt for the YEAR of birth BEFORE the month.

If you have made an error or are unsure whether you have already completed a form, please contact us on the telephone number below.

Please do not attempt to complete another form

Thank you

Link- <https://www.nhsimms.uk/TDIPVACWY/information?Id=119802&Type=TDIPVACWY>

Requests for Holiday Leave of Absence

I have made this request previously, but I feel that following the recent half term break, I must make reference once again to the requirement to submit requests for holiday leave for pupils if they are going on holiday in term time. It is embarrassing for pupils who return from holidays to be asked about 'illness' when clearly they have been on holiday. In the era within which we live, pupils share so much of their experiences on social media, that often other pupils, and then in turn staff, know that holidays have been taken. An open and honest dialogue with school is always the best approach prior to taking pupils on holiday in term time.

A pupil to be proud of!

I believe it is also so important to recognise the positive power of social media too. Overnight, you may have become aware that we have our own media sensation in Edward Clitherow. I urge you to catch up with his exploits which have been well-documented on FaceBook. Yesterday, on his way home from school, he encountered an elderly lady who had fallen and who had been stranded on the ground for a number of hours. Edward took charge of the situation, calling for help and staying with her until she could be made comfortable. His family and our community are proud of his actions and are pleased that he is now justly enjoying his 'five minutes of fame'.

Continued success for past pupil Tia Abrams

Tia Abrams has just recently competed at the 2022 Aerobic Gymnastics British Championships. Once again she excelled coming away with the silver for her individual in a massive category of 50 and silver for her trio routine.



With Tia's continued success this year and has medalled at every competition she has gained selection to compete at elite F.I.G level. This is an amazing achievement her hard work and determination has paid off as she will now have the opportunity to be selected for the European and World Championships next year.

Please follow the link if you would like to see Tia's routine.

<https://youtu.be/KT6AB17WojA>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Horrocks'.

Mr C Horrocks

Headteacher