

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you know, due to technical issues last week, the new timetable was not implemented. As the next two weeks have a number of different events taking place, a decision has been taken to delay the new timetable until after the Christmas break. Apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding, patience and continued support.

Please could parents/carers ensure that their child comes to school each day with the correct equipment needed for lessons. We suggest that pupils should have 2 black pens, 2 pencils, a ruler, an eraser, a pencil sharpener, a pair of compasses, a protractor, a scientific calculator and coloured pencils. Having this equipment ready ensures a smooth start to every lesson.

On Wednesday this week Mrs Parker and Mrs L Stead took thirteen Year 7's to visit local care homes. The pupils were spreading Christmas wishes, they had gifts and beautiful handwritten letters and cards for the residents. It was very rewarding to see how warmly the children were welcomed by the elderly who really did appreciate their efforts. What a wonderful way to begin the festive season. Thank you to all involved.



Parents/guardians of pupils who are going on the trip to France next April should have received a letter this week asking them to provide their child's details exactly as they appear on their passport. Please contact school if you haven't received a letter. Mrs Haworth has asked for this information to be provided by **Friday 14th December**, this is also the deadline for the second instalment, the completed medical form and behaviour contract if not already returned.

You should have received a letter home this week sent on behalf of Year 10 who are working on a National Citizen Service project. They are aiming to raise awareness of food poverty in our community by collecting as much food as possible for our local food bank. These items will be delivered before Christmas. Please could any donations be sent into school by Friday 14th December. Thank you in anticipation.



As part of our Christmas Charity Challenge, Rossendale Youth Enterprise and the NCS programme we are doing a sponsored walk for all pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. All monies raised will go to Rossendale Hospice. The sponsored walk will take place on the morning of Tuesday 11th December. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and that they are suitably dressed for cold weather. Pupils need to wear long trousers, layers on the top half including a coat and ideally a water proof, they will also need to wear trainers or walking boots. It might also be a good idea to bring a hat and gloves. They may wish to bring a snack and a drink, which will need to be carried in a rucksack. Please ensure that sponsor forms and any money collected are returned to school by Friday 21st December.

Tax-Free Childcare

Tens of thousands of parents have already joined the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme and are getting up to £2,000 per child per year towards their childcare costs. Please click on the following link for more information www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Read the latest news from across the SEND Partnership:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/lancashire-send-partnership/>

In this edition, we share the new vision, values and strategy for the SEND Partnership. There's also an update from the Parent Carer Forum and reports from recent engagement events. Parents can also access the Local Offer facebook page for more helpful SEND information.

Lancashire County Council have asked us to share the following link where you will be able to find out the primary gritting routes as each winter one of the top queries they receive via their social media channels is from parents who want to know about gritting and snow clearing arrangements for their children's school. Here is the link: www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter



Bert the Bookworm Recommends...

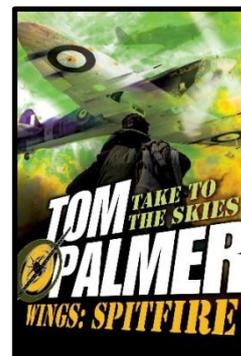
Wings: Spitfire by Tom Palmer

I recommend this book because it is very intense and makes you think what pilots had to do to survive in the World War and to keep their country safe.

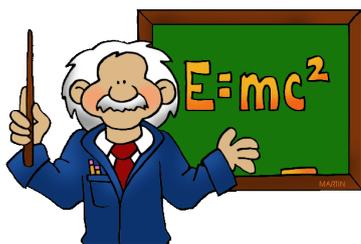
My favourite character is a brave man called Tom Nokes who saves Greg a few times.

The motto to this book is to never give up, even if it is hard to carry on.

Reece Baylem – 7E



Numeracy Question



The answer to last week's numeracy question is approx. 108.

This week's numeracy question is: I have three digits, I am a multiple of 19, I am palindromic, all my digits are even. What number am I?

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs H Stead'.

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher