

Dear Parent/Guardian

The end of term is fast approaching and for information here is a brief outline of notable end of term arrangements:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Charity challenge - Christmas jumper day; donations please of at least £1.00. KS3 & KS4 Rewards – PM.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Celebration Assembly at 11.20am; **school finishes at 12.20pm** for Christmas break. Some ex-Year 11 pupils who left last summer will be returning to collect their certificates and special awards. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with the rest of the school. I am sure they will inspire us all to go further, faster, higher. Following assembly pupils can pick up a quick lunch before they leave. Rosso are not able to provide a school bus at this time, if your child has a pass it can be used on their buses between the named stops.

At the recent Full Governors meeting Ms Styles and Mr Harris were re-elected as Chair of Governors and Vice-Chair of Governors respectively for the next twelve months. We thank them and indeed all of the governors for the level of commitment and support they willingly give to us here at Fearn.

For your information please find attached the school holiday pattern for 2019-2020 which has recently been agreed.

Please ensure that your child attends school in FULL uniform. Shoes are to be plain black school shoes (canvas shoes and trainers are NOT allowed). Nail varnish / gel nails are not allowed. Please refer to the school website for FULL guidance on specific uniform requirements.

#### **FREE TO GOOD HOME.....**

The real Christmas tree we have in reception will sadly be surplus from 21st December and if anyone would like it or know a good home where it would be welcomed could they contact the school reception as soon as possible. Mrs Parker can arrange to have the tree delivered locally. This will be on a first come, first served basis.



On Monday this week as a reward for working hard in Accelerated Reader, a selection of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils were treated to lunch and bowling at MFA Bowl in Burnley. They had a great time. Thank you to Mrs Humphries and Mrs Haworth for organising the trip.

On Tuesday this week Years 7, 8 and 9 completed a sponsored walk which was organised by the Youth Enterprise Challenge team and the rest of Year 10 as part of the project for the NCS Challenge. All funds raised will go to Rossendale Hospice. The pupils were taken on a five mile walk from school up to Lee Quarry and back. It was great for all of the pupils to contribute by either taking part or for the Year 10 pupils who supervised and assisted with the younger pupils by supporting them when they felt tired. On the whole it was a huge success and we will look to do this again later in the year and hopefully be able to include Year 11 too! A big thank you must go to Mrs Jackson and Mr Gibbons for their expertise. They were incredibly supportive to the Year 10s and instrumental in the smooth-running of the event. Please could you ensure that any sponsor money is collected by your child and brought into school by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. There is a prize for the Form that raises the most amount of money.



On Wednesday this week a group of pupils were again out in the local community spreading Christmas cheer. This time they were visiting the elderly at Deerplay Rest Home. Residents had their day brightened by the visit where pupils chatted with them, delivered presents and cards and sang some Christmas songs. A great time was had by all! A big thank you to Mrs Parker and Mrs L Stead for organising this.

Yesterday the Gideons came in to school to deliver an assembly to our Year 7 pupils during which they told the pupils about their association and Christian beliefs. Pupils were also offered the opportunity to receive a free 'New Testament and Psalms' of their own to keep. Our pupils were extremely well behaved and well-mannered during the assembly.

Year 11 parents please note that GCSE mock results day is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Parents are invited in from 3pm to 4pm and there will be representatives from all of the local colleges present to discuss your child's results. Your support as always would be very much appreciated.

We have been asked to let you know about a new resource for parents and their children who have undertaken Bikeability training. The [Participants Hub](#) is a webpage offering advice and information as well as discount offers aimed at supporting families to continue cycling together. [The Bikeability Trust](#) has developed this initial page and will be continuing to add new information, guidance and offers on a regular basis.

Please find attached to this newsletter the second autumn edition of the 'We Are Reading' newsletter. It is packed full of reports of literacy activities which have been taking place throughout the Lancashire borough recently.



A representative for Macmillan came into school this week to do a whole school assembly which gave pupils a real insight as to how funds raised are used and why it is so important to keep supporting this excellent cause.



### **Bert the Bookworm Recommends...**

#### **I Have No Secrets by Penny Joelson**

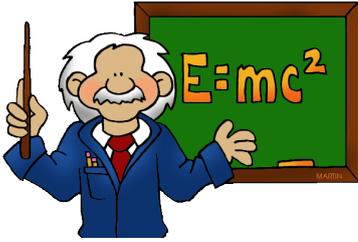
Jemma has a disability where she can't move or speak, so some people tell her their secrets. Dan told her a secret. Dan is Sarah's boyfriend and he has fooled everyone with his charm but Jemma isn't. Jemma sees what Dan is really like, but how do you catch a murderer when you can't speak?

I loved this book.

**Leah Bishop – 8A**



## Numeracy Question



The answer to last week's numeracy question is 646.

This week's numeracy question is: A regular hexagon of area  $72\text{cm}^2$  has three equilateral triangles with sides the same length as the hexagon added to alternate sides. The resulting shape is an equilateral triangle. What is the new area?

I hope that you have a pleasant weekend.

Mrs H Stead  
Headteacher