

Dear Parent/Guardian

We bid farewell today to Mrs Hoggett and Mrs Panteli. Mrs Hoggett has worked in the Humanities Department teaching geography for the last six months and Mrs Panteli, Deputy Headteacher leaves school after 12 years' service at Fearn. We wish them both well for the future.

We are holding a Presentation Assembly this morning before we finish for Christmas and a number of ex-Year 11 pupils have been invited so that they can be presented with their GCSE certificates. We look forward to hearing how they have settled into the next stages of their lives and as always, we encourage them to keep in touch. There are also a number of other awards to be presented to pupils who have been outstanding so far this academic year. Well done to the pupils who will receive awards you thoroughly deserve them, you are excellent role models.

The academy conversion to join Star Academies is set to take place in April 2019. The statutory consultation has been completed, with overwhelming support for the conversion amongst parents, staff and the wider community. Further details will be shared in the New Year, with drop-in sessions available for parents to chat further to the conversion team. Specialists from Star have already begun working in school with us to continue on our school improvement journey and we are enjoying working together to improve standards, initially focusing on maths and English.

Selected KS3 and KS4 pupils enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment on Wednesday as a reward for their hard work and positive attitude to learning. Staff performed in an 'elf' play and the '12 days of Christmas'. A group of Year 11s performed a selection of songs including 'Shopping Mall Santa', 'A Fairytale in New York' and some songs from Blood Brothers. Autumn Derbyshire and Lizzie Mawson also sang beautifully and the afternoon was rounded off with a staff dvd performance of 'Stay Another Day'. Needless to say it was a fun-packed treat for all involved.



The Premier League Enterprise Challenge group were invited back to Burnley FC following on from their success in last year's challenge. On Saturday 8th December they attended Burnley v Brighton Hove Albion in the hospitality section. Thankfully they watched a much-needed win!

Last Friday our wonderful prefects enjoyed their Christmas dinner in style. They came to the dining hall earlier than normal and enjoyed a super lunch provided by Mrs Cosgrif and the team in the kitchen. The tables were decorated by Mrs Lucas and lunch was served by the Senior Leadership Team. This was a special thank you to recognise what they do daily to support their peers and younger pupils around school.





Some of our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils took a Drama trip to The Opera House in Manchester on Thursday to see the pantomime Cinderella with Mrs McCulloch and Mrs Humphries. There was ice cream, some terrible jokes and two ugly step-sisters that really matched their name. A great time was had by all, oh no it wasn't... oh yes it was...

Due to Year 9 starting GCSE content in January, their internal exams will be rescheduled for a later date. We will inform Year 9 and their parents of this once the new date has been confirmed.

Parents/carers of Year 11 pupils are invited to come into school on Thursday 10th January between 3pm and 4pm. We are holding a drop-in session following the mock results event and there will be representatives from all of the local colleges present to offer advice. This is such an important time for your child in Year 11 and it would be very much appreciated if you could attend this event as your support is crucial to their success. There is also a parents' evening for Year 11 on Tuesday 22nd January from 4.30pm to 6.30pm and you will be receiving a letter about this on our return in January. Again this is an important date and if you are not able to attend it would be really helpful if you were to contact school to arrange another time to come in. Thank you for your continued support.

We have been asked to let parents/carers know that the lollipop lady who is usually on the crossing at the bottom of Booth Road, Waterfoot has retired. A replacement has been advertised for but to date no one has applied so unfortunately, on our return in January please be aware there will not be anyone to cross pupils at that point should they need it.

Lancashire SEND Partnership have asked us to help promote the re-development of the Local Offer by sharing this link with parents/carers and young people. Have your say by clicking this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdl6nHnGxMYZBvqDPeLwZkjuhCIWRCpx1smHDVBF0UVzyuM9Q/formResponse>



Bert the Bookworm Recommends...

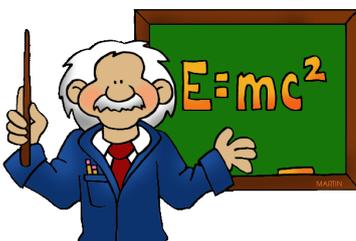
Crow Girl Returns by Kate Cann

I recommend this story, it is very good. It was about a girl called Lilly and she got bullied but when she went to a Halloween party, loads of crows helped her. So, people call her 'crow girl'.

Morgan Herbert-Leigh 7A



Numeracy Question



The answer to last week's numeracy question is 108cm^2 .

This week's numeracy question is: A social club has a weekly raffle with exactly 999 tickets (1-999). The 6 winning numbers are displayed, each of the digits on a separate card. If numbers below 100 do not need zeros in front and 6's can be used as 9's, what is the least number of cards needed to show all possible winning numbers?

Thank you for your continuing support. I hope you have a fantastic Christmas and enjoy some well-deserved family time together.



Mrs H Stead
Headteacher

Merry Christmas



Instead of sending internal Christmas cards, the following staff have donated money to the Youth Enterprise Challenge for Rossendale Hospice and have raised a grand total of **£88.10**

Mrs E Haworth, Mrs T Ward, Mrs K Burridge, Miss T Boswell, Mrs L Mitchell, Mrs H Stead, Mr S Mayoh, Ms N Sestanovic, Mrs J Craig, Mrs C Grever, Mrs K Warburton, Mrs C Holden-Locke, Mr M Gibbons, Mrs J Marcroft, Mrs S Duckworth, Mrs S Barker, Mrs R Sinclair, Mrs D Thompson and Mrs E McCulloch.

**“MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL OF THE STAFF AT FEARNIS”**