



*GCSE Examinations start in **122** days*

Dear Parent/Guardian

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term at Fearn; I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. Thank you to the parents who ensure their children attend every day in full correct school uniform and equipped ready for lessons. There is full guidance on our website which clearly states the expectations we have with regards uniform.

Year 9

As you will be aware Year 9 have now started their GCSE courses and many pupils have changed classes and teachers. This has therefore had an impact on the schedule for Year 9 exams, reports and parents' evening and the events scheduled in the school calendar are no longer relevant.

- Year 9 exams will be postponed until they have completed more of their GCSE courses.
- Year 9 will receive a progress report based on their work and progress made during the Spring Term. This will be sent home after the Easter holidays.
- Progress Evening for Year 9 Parents/Guardians will take place on Wednesday 8th May.

As Year 9 have already started their GCSE courses the options' evening and options' assembly have been cancelled.

As you know, Fearn is the lead school in the We Are Reading Initiative. With the funding we have received from being involved, we are delighted to announce that the author Tom Palmer will be visiting school next Thursday afternoon. He will be speaking to Year 7 and Year 8 about creative writing, his journey to being an author and also running a Q&A and book signing session. For those children who have ordered books, please remember to bring in your £6 to Mrs Humphries in the library. If you would like to know more about Tom, then please follow this link to his website www.tompalmer.co.uk



Thank you to all those parents of pupils who are going on the French trip, for paying the second instalment in December. I would like to remind you also that the final payment is due by January 26th. We would be grateful if this could be paid before this date so that we can pay the travel company in good time. There are also still quite a few medical forms and behaviour contracts outstanding and these should be handed in as soon as possible. There will be a meeting for parents in February with further details of the trip. You will receive a letter about this shortly.



Art News

- Year 9 Enrichment Session every Monday 3pm to 4pm
- Year 11 Enrichment Session every Thursday 3pm to 5pm

Year 9 designed and made clay angels before the Christmas break. The chosen designs will replace the clay poppies that previous Year 7 pupils have made for the past four years for the Centenary. The angels will be made by the new Year

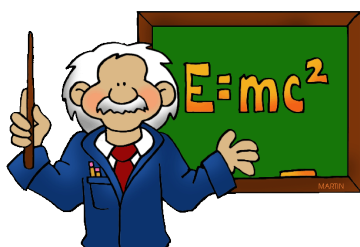
7 pupils in September. It is hoped that some of our pupils will gift some to the local care homes and sell some to raise funds for the Hospice. The winners of the angel designs are: Brooke McCann, Aiden Jordan and Scarlett Clawson, they will each receive a certificate and prize. Well done to them for creating unique angels. Year 7 are invited to design a new mural for the entrance to art. Pupils should see Mrs Whiteley for a large piece of paper and further instructions. There will be prizes.

Lancashire SEND Partnership invite parents and carers to meet with local professionals who work with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. There are 3 drop-in sessions on Monday 14th January at The Maden Centre, Bacup. Please see the attached poster which provides more information. Register online at [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for 'Lancashire SEND Partnership' or call the local SEND office on 01254 220553.

Parents, carers and young people - keep up to date with events taking place across Lancashire for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

<https://www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer/>

Numeracy Question



The answer to the last numeracy question is 121.

This week's numeracy question is: In my train compartment, half the passengers are smoking. The number reading the newspaper is 3 more than the number using mobile phones. I am in a carriage using my mobile, two of the smokers are reading a paper and no-one else is doing more than one thing. What is the minimum number of passengers?

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

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

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher