

15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

*GCSE Examinations start in 59 days*

Dear Parent/Guardian

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday last week with lots of different activities during the day. Pupils were encouraged to take part in the 'design a book token' competition, 'try to find out the favourite books of staff' and there was also a cake sale in the library. We raised £58.60 which has gone to Book Aid International, a wonderful charity that supports schools and libraries in the most deprived areas of the world. We also had several members of staff who dressed up!



Please could parents/guardians ensure that their child comes to school each day with the correct equipment needed for lessons. We suggest that pupils should have at least 2 pens, 2 pencils, a ruler and an eraser. Having this equipment ready ensures a smooth start to every lesson. Please can parents/guardians also ensure that their child brings their planner to school every day and that this is checked daily and signed weekly by parents/guardians.

Year 10 pupils experienced an interview with an employer to prepare them for the world of work. Local businesses ReFresco, Alternative Futures, Nelson and Colne College, Cherry Tree Lodge Residential Care Home, the Department of Work and Pensions, Burnley FC in the Community, the Armed Forces, Transport Training Academy and Tufties Hair and Beauty attended. To make the experience as realistic as possible the interviews were held in the school Conference Room, pupils checked in at a reception desk, waited in a separate room with other candidates before being called into the Conference Room to face questions from different businesses and training providers. The businesses thoroughly enjoyed speaking to our pupils, some of them let the nerves get to them initially but still impressed the businesses with their skills and personalities. Well done Year 10! Thank you to Mrs Bollard-Wilkes and Mrs Grenaghan for organising the event.



On Wednesday evening we welcomed Miss McKay, the Assistant Headteacher from Water Primary School, to help us with our programme of staff training. She came to speak to us about the Key Stage 2 Curriculum, in particular how the teaching of spelling, punctuation and grammar is delivered to pupils in Year 6. We hope to

continue working with our primary colleagues so that we can raise standards in literacy at Key Stage 3 through building on the progress made at primary school.



**Stacksteads Cricket Club** – Do you want to play cricket in 2019?

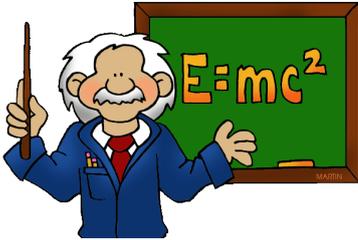
Anyone with any level of experience or ability is welcome to attend winter practice sessions with Stacksteads CC at Accrington and Rossendale College on Fridays from 6.25pm – 7.55pm.

[www.stacksteadscricketclub.co.uk](http://www.stacksteadscricketclub.co.uk)

## Water Village Band Open Day Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 3pm

Water Village Band are holding an open event and would like as many people as possible to go along and see what they have to offer. You will be able to have a look around their bandroom, explore an exhibition of the band's history in Water village and have a go with one of their bright, shiny, brass instruments. [www.waterband.co.uk](http://www.waterband.co.uk) The Bandroom, 1036-1038 Burnley Road East. ☎ 07816 765474

### Numeracy Question



The answer to last week's numeracy question is 195 – 11000011.

This week's numeracy question is: The number 2005 is the sum of a sequence of five consecutive positive integers. What is the smallest of these integers?

I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

Mrs H Stead  
Headteacher