



## School Bulletin for Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### End of Term 2

A very busy term is nearing its end and thoughts are turning towards the break. From all the Governors and staff at the school we wish you and your families a peaceful and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



### Great North Bakeoff

On Tuesday the school is holding an inter-house 'Great North Bakeoff'. The Year 7 and 8 students taking part will be given ingredients for cookies and they have been asked to bring their own special ingredient to add to try win the "Bakeoff". Our Year 9 and 10 students will be making scones where the basic scone recipe ingredients are provided and they too will bring in their special ingredient either sweet or savour.

### Year 7 Celebration Awards Assembly

This week saw this assembly take place with some 100 parents and carers joining our young students in celebrating their start at The North School.

### Farm Awards

We held our annual farm awards this week where students were recognised for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the school farm and Young Farmers' club. Everyone who attended was pleased, that after some transport challenges, The High Sheriff of Kent who is a local farmer was able to join them and present the awards. The award winners were:

Young Farmer of the year: Josie Rollings  
Junior Young Farmer of the year: Hollie Richards  
Best newcomer award: Ella Starbrook  
Team player award: Ellie Easton  
Cattle handler of the year: Joseph Maher  
Kent Show award: Kieran Williams  
Outstanding dedication award: Amy Dobson–Godfrey

Please give a thought to the staff and students who come into the Farm over the break, including Christmas Day, to look after the animals.

### The Bulletin

I hope that you have found this weekly Bulletin and the information contained within it of benefit and helps you know what is going on in the school but if you have any suggestions of what other information you would like included please let me know.

## **Message from PE Department**

Trampolining, Netball and Football clubs are cancelled for all year groups next week due to the end of term, but keep an eye out for the new timetable for next term.

## **Calling all Young Writers**

Following the success of four of our students with a writing competition last year - their stories were published in a book which went on sale for family and friends to purchase – we are pleased to announce that there is another competition for which the deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The competition is open to everyone aged 7 – 18 and they are tasked with writing a 100 word mini saga inspired by science fiction such as Stranger Things. It must have a beginning, middle and end and needs to grip the reader's attention and wow them with its fabulousness (yes I know it's not a real word but we like it!) You can use a suggested story starter or write your own, it's up to you.

Entry forms are available from Mrs Spence in AF3 or can be downloaded from the website [www.youngwriters.co.uk](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk) where you can also find lots of ideas and inspiration.

## **Year 9 Immunisations – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Letters will be posted home before the end of this term from the Immunisation Service with regards to Year 9 students having their Meningococcal strains ACWY (Men ACWY) and Tetanus Diphtheria Polio (Td/IPV) immunisations in school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## **School Christmas Break**

Just a reminder that our students are leaving the school at 2.10pm (after period 5) next Wednesday and return to school at 8.40am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## **Easter 2018 Break**

I realise that this is a very early reminder of the dates of the break but am sure that before staff and students return to school on 4<sup>th</sup> January we will find Easter eggs in the shops!

The school closes for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and starting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April for Term 5.

Before then there is a half-term break starting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for one week.

## **Sports Results**

### **Rowing**

- A fantastic effort from our Year 7 and 10 students in the West Kent rowing competition where our Year 7 girls came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

### **Badminton**

- Our Year 10 girls came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Ashford and Shepway Badminton competition which was very creditable as they were mainly playing against Year 11 students from other schools.

### **Basketball**

- **U14:**  
Won 64-43 vs. Northfleet Technology College  
Won 93-75 vs. Canterbury High School
- **Junior Varsity:**  
Won 51-38 vs. Maidstone Warriors (C.I.T Group)

Won 57-38 vs. Hayes School (C.I.T Group)  
Lost 78-50 vs. Whitgift School (C.I.T Group)  
Lost 89-69 vs. Whitgift School (C.I.T Final)  
Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Invitational Tournament

- **Varsity:**

Won 100-78 vs. Havering Sixth Form College  
Lost 82-68 vs. American School of London (Royals Classic Tournament)  
Won 108-39 vs. Woking Blackhawks (Royals Classic Tournament).

### **Netball**

- Year 7 Netball lost against a very strong Homewood side that had 5 Kent players.

### **Dodgeball**

- Year 7 Gladiators Dodgeball came 4<sup>th</sup> in Ashford and Shepway.

Regards,

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