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Headteacher's Update

Since our students returned to school in September we have been determined to minimise the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on learning. The staff have set out to deliver the full curriculum within the restrictions that have been imposed, and we have applied the same principle to our Christmas activities by looking for ways events can go ahead wherever possible. You have responded magnificently to our Christmas Hamper Appeal to support local people who are struggling to put food on the table. Karen and Helen from The People's Pantry were overwhelmed by the number of boxes of food awaiting collection this week. It is great to know that support is there in the local community, if you need it please do contact them. We will continue our support next year as this is one of our House Charities for 2020/21.

You can also see how students contributed to save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day whilst enjoying a traditional Christmas lunch. The catering team have done an amazing job in maintaining a full meal service this term in a COVID-safe environment and Christmas Lunch was the most popular ever! The students have also been able to reflect on the meaning of Christmas this week when we welcomed Revd. Pinchbeck to each of our Christmas assemblies. Last week the students received awards from subject teachers for their hard work and the Tutor Groups with the highest attendance, best behaviour and most E-Praise points were rewarded with chocolates to share. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have collectively read 9,897,167 words this term in 223 books. Many have received rewards for reading with special awards for the highest number of words and books read and successful quizzes. Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays and if you are looking for a stocking filler, try the teenage fiction section of a local bookshop or online store.

I am sure many of us will be glad to see 2020 come to an end. It has certainly been a totally unpredictable and challenging year but it has also created some moments I will never forget. We were so lucky to have scheduled Hairspray for February and not later in the year, sitting in the hall watching those amazing performances feels like it was so long ago! Year 11 students leaving with two days notice, with exams cancelled, forced us to plan a leavers assembly over night! At the start of lockdown there were days when we only had 5 students in school, this number steadily increased as the weeks passed and these students will never forget their experience working in such a different way. Mrs Oldfield had an idea that we could make a few face visors for care home staff. We made over 2000, with staff, students, parents and the local community coming together to support our efforts. The response from those receiving the visors was amazing and it showed how desperate for PPE care workers were at that time.

Since students have returned to school the challenges have continued, but thankfully we have not had to ask anyone to self-isolate in recent weeks. I am sure we will continue to face further challenges in 2021 but I am confident that our staff and students will rise to that challenge. If COVID has shown anything it is how a community can pull together to support each other, whether that is making PPE, collecting for the People's Pantry or supporting learning at home and in school. The support of parents is crucial and it is even more important that we work together for the benefit of our students especially those who are finding life harder as a result of the current situation. I would like to thank you all and hope you enjoy this newsletter packed with pictures of happy students. I have also included important information on how to claim additional benefit payments from ERYC and the procedure for notifying me of positive COVID cases over the holidays. I wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming all our students back to school on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Mr Richard Harrison
Headteacher



The Market Weighton School Christmas Appeal

In the lead up to Christmas students have been collecting food items, toiletries and gifts to create hampers to donate to the Peoples Pantry Foodbank. These food hampers will be given out over the festive period to help struggling families enjoy Christmas a little more. Tutor groups collected items and created the hampers with the target of having 19 hampers, one from each Tutor Group. Parents have been so generous many groups were able to make up two or three hampers. Staff have also got on board and contributed to the group hampers or like our admin team created their own. In addition items have been left in a large crate in reception which was also almost full!

The People's Pantry was established in March 2018, to fight food poverty and reduce food waste in Market Weighton, Pocklington, Holme on Spalding Moor and the surrounding areas of the East Riding of Yorkshire. The People's Pantry's aim is to help support local individuals and families who are struggling to put food on their table and, at the same time, reduce the amount of surplus food going to waste. If you are struggling financially, know of someone who is, or are self-isolating and can't get to the shops and need some help please contact them on:

Market Weighton 07495 303538

Pocklington 07740 998581

Holme on Spalding Moor 01430 626728

or email: [peoplespantry3@gmail](mailto:peoplespantry3@gmail.com)

Karen Berry and Helen Slater, volunteers with The Peoples Pantry came into school to collect all the hampers and thank the students for their generosity.



A time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas

Christmas Assemblies have been a little different this year as we have not been able to use All Saints Church for our 9 Lessons of Christmas Service for the public or our students. We can't have group singing inside either, so no carols and with no audiences allowed we have not been able to put on the usual Christmas Concert.

But it is important that our students reflect on the meaning of Christmas and how they might consider others less fortunate, so we made sure they could still experience the '9 Lessons Service' accompanied by performances from our best musicians and singers.

Some of our regular performers are in Year 11 so this will be their last Christmas at TMWS. They did not disappoint! Amazing performances from Alex, Hannah, Florence, Joe and Alanna along with Ruby, Vivi, Matty, Cameron, Grace. Students from each Year Group were selected to read the 'Lessons' and showed great courage in reading in front of their peers, something most of us would find difficult. Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck spoke to students about how God gave us Jesus to live among us and spread his word and why it is important to give gifts as well as receive them.

Mr Poulston is busy editing a version for Facebook to be released next week in time for Christmas.







Support for children eligible for Free School Meals: East Riding Winter Grant Scheme

In November the government announced it would support the provision of additional funding for families where children are eligible for Free School Meals over the Christmas school holiday. The government have asked councils to include this with its Winter Grant Scheme as it is part of the wider financial support programme to help families during this very difficult time. This also means that help may be available for families facing financial struggles who do not currently claim free school meals.

If you or your child (including those in Post-16 education) are eligible for the Winter Grant Scheme, you will need to complete an online claim form by visiting <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/housing/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-support/coronavirus-benefits-and-financial-support/>. Once your application has been validated and approved, the relevant funding will be transferred to your bank account by BACS.

If you live outside the East Riding boundary, your 'home' council has made arrangements for you and you should contact them for further information.

For more information, criteria of the grants and how to apply, families should go to <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/housing/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-support/coronavirus-benefits-and-financial-support/>. If you are unable to complete the application, please call the Council on 01482 393939 and an advisor will be able to help.

3 Steps To Safety
Prevent. Notice. Act.

Your **East Riding**... creating a **safe place to live, work, shop, learn, play, invest and visit**

Request a test - nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or call **119**.

1 Prevent
Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly
Respect social distancing

2 Notice
Be aware of COVID-19 symptoms

3 Act
Get tested ASAP if you have symptoms
Stay home if advised to self-isolate

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Carol Singing at Northgate House

It has been a tough year for residents of care homes so in an effort to bring a little Christmas joy a group of staff and Year 11 students have visited Northgate Care Home in Market Weighton to sing for the residents who came to their doors and windows to listen.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

Well done to all our students who have completed Duke of Edinburgh Awards. This week we presented Year 11 students with their Bronze Awards which most had completed before the lockdown with many of the group having now almost completed the Silver Award. Well done to:

Vivi, Ray

Florence

Mark

Ruby

Lucy

Alex

Bethany



Elizabeth, Grace and Joe also received their Bronze Awards this week.



Save the Children

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



It has become a school tradition to coincide our School Christmas Dinner day with Christmas Jumper Day and we were determined not to let COVID stop us this year! The catering team are now working longer hours to deliver a split lunch every day which has allowed us to serve Christmas Dinner in 5 distinct 'bubble' Year Group sittings. Some students wore their favourite Christmas jumpers and donated £1 to Save the Children raising £145



As ever Clare Narborough and her fantastic team have delivered the goods with a tasty, freshly cooked traditional Christmas dinner that was enjoyed by all.



Staying Safe over Christmas

We have seen COVID cases drop significantly in the local area in the last few weeks and I am sure you all want to keep it that way! We all need to do our best to follow the guidance over the Christmas holidays to keep everyone safe as we start 2021.

This year East Riding of Yorkshire Council are encouraging everyone to agree a Christmas Household Plan by encouraging everyone to think about:

- 1) Who you will meet? Who is in your Christmas bubble?
- 2) How often will you meet?
- 3) In what setting? (Can you meet online? Or go to whoever has the most space?)
- 4) For how long each time?

And to agree what you will do on each of these occasions to minimise the risk of infecting each other such as:

- a. Maximising spacing between people
- b. Ensuring enough ventilation
- c. Using face masks if it feels comfortable
- d. Making sure hands, objects and surfaces are regularly cleaned
- e. Planning your activities so that you limit those that have a higher risk of spreading the virus.

Please visit <https://covid19.eastriding.gov.uk/christmas/> to create your own Christmas household plan.

Notification of positive COVID-19 cases over Christmas

Headteacher's have been asked to continue to support the national test and trace system over the school holidays. If your child has symptoms during the holidays you must still organise a test and report that result to the school if it is positive. If the symptoms have presented within 48 hours of the end of term, ie on Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 December please contact me immediately you get a positive test result via E-Praise or e-mail rharrison@tmws.co.uk. This will mean that anyone who is considered a contact will be requested to self-isolate for 10 days from the time of the contact.

It is equally important that you contact me if your child develops symptoms and tests positive later in the holidays, as they will not be able to return at the start of term until the 10 day isolation period is completed. Also if they have had social contact with friends they too may need to self isolate at the start of term.

It has been announced this week that schools will be able to access rapid testing kits in January but the details of how these will be administered are not yet clear. I will write again about this when we have more information next term.

I will be available via E-Praise throughout the holidays if you have any questions, Please do not expect an immediate response however as I will only be checking messages at set times each day.

Richard Harrison

Headteacher

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- 3 Act**
Get tested
Self-isolate

#TogetherEastRiding
EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
Request a test

Icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram are also present.

We must keep on protecting each other.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

Students Produce Seasonal Celebrations Board

Some year 9 students have been working hard researching seasonal celebrations and traditions. The group looked into the history of Advent which runs in the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas. Students then explored why we have Christmas trees, and, why people put candles on them.

They investigated the story behind the Christmas cracker and learnt that the most expensive crackers cost £4 million pounds for a set of 6!

Students also covered the history and the science of fireworks. They investigated the different types, Catherine Wheels, Rockets and Screammers to name a few.

In the classroom their work was put into a very colourful and seasonal display with hints of autumn and winter. How long do you think the candy canes will last.....



Students involved in the project; Declan, Ashleigh, & Joe

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Students who have had a piece of work chosen for the "wall of excellence" are published in our newsletters. Their work is then displayed on a dedicated noticeboard in school to showcase their achievements. As a reward, these students will be credited with £2.00 on their School Gateway account. Parents receive a letter home to highlight how well they are doing. Please encourage your child to produce their best possible work and hopefully their hard



Logan Cox
Jennifer Wilson
Zach Leeman
Harriet Wilson
Emily Ashton
Ella Walker
Annie Hudson
Ethan Craven

The last time

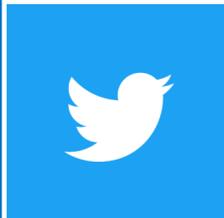
One man killed, everyone at war,
War recruiters knocking at my door.
Saying goodbye to my family,
Knowing it might be the last time.

⚠ One of the worlds biggest crimes. ⚠
Bombs dropping like raindrops,
I left my farm and my sheep
A thick green mist on the sludge,
Coughing ... Spluttering ... Choking ...
This is war ...

Review of the Year



 CATCH IT Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.	 BIN IT Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.	 KILL IT Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.
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Social Media Reminder

TMWS now has both Twitter and Facebook pages, please like and follow us to get our web updates straight to your phone.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term	7 September to 18 December
Spring Term	4 January to 26 March
Staff Training Day	4 January
Half Term	15 February to 19 February
Easter	29 March to 9 April
Summer Term	12 April to 26 July
Staff Training Day	12 April
Half Term	31 May to 4 June
Staff Training (<i>Students not in</i>)	26 July

To note students are not in school on staff training days.



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