

CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Christmas Newsletter 2009



Dear Parent, Guardian or Carer,

As we near the end of a very busy term it seems appropriate that we take time to reflect on all that has happened since September.

- Our move to vertical tutoring has gone really smoothly.
- Our promise to deliver mentoring for ALL students is being delivered.
- Our 3g pitch has opened and has provided us with a magnificent facility for our students and the wider community.
- Our LYJA team was chosen as the media team for the largest educational conference in Europe.
- Some year 11 students have been receiving their booster lessons to help raise achievement in English and Maths.

Of course many other exciting things have happened and we have many things to look forward to in the New Year not least:

- A new curriculum model from June 2010 that will allow far more choice of options subjects for students.
- A range of learning conferences for year 11 students to help them with their preparations for their GCSEs.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Jerram, Mr. Wicklen, and Mrs. Wills we want to thank them for all their hard work at Cherry and wish them well for the future. I know both staff and students are very tired and are looking forward to their Christmas break and spending time with their families. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful, peaceful holiday.

Ed Fitzpatrick

SCAMPTON HOUSE

Aren't We BRILLIANT RED again!

After two consecutive years of finishing fourth in the house competition, Scampton House started this school year with a real desire to make this year's competition a four-house event. Our objective is victory and the whole house will tell you that the N in SCAMPTON stands for "Never fourth again!"

As a direct result, the pupils have responded brilliantly, both individually and collectively, by seeking out the merits that currently place us in first place by a considerable distance.

As Head of House I have also been collating a weekly diary of all the good things that the house achieves. Don't forget, Scampton, to claim your merit if you get a 'mention' here! Here is just a selection from that diary for terms one and two:-

- ✚ Lucy Parker played flute in senior prizegiving and gave a short speech and, as a result, she was pupil of the week.
- ✚ Members of RSP did a great assembly on the theme of 'Friends'.
- ✚ Callum Smith and Alex Caunt scored the two goals that sank RP School. Ryan Yates and Joshua Wright also scored for year 7.
- ✚ Ellena Houlden, Jordan Little, David Leffler from year 9 and Jamie Bradley from year 8 were successful with their applications to LYJA.
- ✚ Our keen gardeners, Leigh Catlin, Sam Storey, Brandon Barker, Jordan

Little and Lara-May Wiswould have been helping Mrs Pearson to create a flowerbed in the middle of the school roundabout.

- ✚ A highly entertaining and active assembly was delivered by Mr Pearce and members of RPC - George Swann, Lauren Espin, Shaun Lewis, Jodie Botham, Jorji Wright and Natalie Coulter.
- ✚ Chris Walker (RBS) took part in a Midlands area boxing final, losing narrowly on points to an opponent who had previously stopped all of his previous opponents.
- ✚ Scampton House won the Year 7, 9 and 11 inter-house football.
- ✚ Scampton House won the year 8 and 9 inter-house netball.
- ✚ KS3 SID Day raised £336.63 in aid of LifeStraws, £114.99 from Scampton House!
- ✚ Callum Smith was selected to play County rugby.
- ✚ Jorji Wright won a £25 WH Smith gift voucher in the annual Lions Club Peace Poster competition.
- ✚ Our girl footballers - Lauren Adams, Devon Moore, Jodie Botham and Amie Wood - represent the school in two victories over Branston.
- ✚ Devon Moore won a national Irish dancing event in Wolverhampton.
- ✚ James Hughes was made pupil of the week for his fundraising efforts on Children in Need day.
- ✚ A magnificent fifty shoeboxes were made up by Billie-Marie Arnold, Hannah Espin, Jessica Lee, Hayley Beth Hodson and Katie Ashcroft for the annual shoebox appeal.

Yes, I think we are 'Brilliant RED' again! I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Mr Brewer

GCSE TIMETABLE FOR YEARS 9, 10 AND 11

Below is the timetable for GCSE Modular exams for next term. These are real GCSE examinations and therefore count towards their final grades.

Year 9

2nd March mathematics

Year 10

14th January science

18th January history

Year 11

14th January resits science

14th January resits biology

14th January GCE law

18th January resits science

18th January resits chemistry

20th January science

2nd March resits mathematics (module 3)

Mrs C Roden-Davies

CONINGSBY HOUSE NEWS

The Christmas term always seems to be a whole school year in itself, welcoming back students from their summer break to watching them organise Christmas celebrations.

The year 7s settled in very quickly, mainly thanks to the positive response from senior students in their respective vertical forms. I hope that all students are now beginning to reap the rewards of the new system and use the mentoring sessions, with tutors to help them strive to 'be their best'.

Students in the house have shown their generosity on a number of occasions this term, raising £174 on Children in Need day and £111 during the 'Life Straws' day. They are continuing to thin out the contents of your food cupboards by bringing in much needed items for the Nomad Trust.

We have had many students from the house as the school's 'student of the week'. One group, though, has not yet formally been recognised, and that is 7WR. Mrs Warnock's class, with the overall supervision from Miss Sayle and Mrs Grant, were the first vertical tutor group to deliver a whole school assembly. They delivered a strong message on "Light and Dark" with an illuminating introduction from Luke Wiles in Morse code.

One 'shining light' for me has been Mr Wicklen, who leaves us this Christmas. As form tutor for 7WK and 8WK, and now YWK, he continues to show a huge amount of dedication and inspiration. I am truly grateful for all his hard work and commitment to the house as a whole.

Have an enjoyable and safe Christmas, Coningsby students, and I look forward to seeing you in 2010.

Mr Muir

THE CHERRY EATERS

Lunch menu for terms 3 and 4 2010.

Week 1

Monday

Chicken tikka masala and naan bread £1.20
Vegetable rice 50p.

Macaroni cheese with tomatoes £1.20.

Tuesday

Spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread
£1.20.

Cream of broccoli soup and bread roll
£1.20.

Wednesday

Steak and vegetable pie £1.20.

Vegemince shepherd's pie £1.20.

Thursday

Lamb moussaka £1.20.

Vegetable pasta bake £1.20.

Friday

Battered fish fillet £1.20.

Week 2

Monday

Tuna, sweet corn and pasta bake £1.20.

Quorn sausage - toad in the hole and onion
gravy £1.20

Tuesday

Sizzling sausage and rice £1.20.

Vegemince spaghetti bolognese and garlic
bread £1.20.

Wednesday

Minced beef lasagne £1.20.

Quorn and mushroom pie £1.20.

Thursday

Quiche Lorraine £1.20.

Vegetable curry and naan bread £1.20.

Vegetable rice 50p.

Friday

Battered fish fillet £1.20.

BARCELONA TRIP

All are on target with raising money towards this trip. We have arranged to do some supermarket bag packing, help with the school Christmas concert and have fantastic raffle prizes. Muchas gracias to those who gave prizes. We are in the process of choosing a little hotel near the Nou Camp, too! Bad news on the refunds - we have now bought the air tickets (see the website for flight details), so there is little room for refunds, should you withdraw. Be aware next payments are due in January. And finally, the four teachers accompanying the trip are Mrs Camm, Mr Beesley, Miss Fogg and Miss Lewis.

Should you have changed your mind, there are two places available. See any of the above teachers if you want to go.

Happy festive season!

Mrs C Camm

WADDINGTON HOUSE NEWS

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all staff and students in Waddington house. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks as acting Head of Waddington and the support I have received from all members of the team has been brilliant. This is definitely a very strong house team and it has been a pleasure to work with you all so far!

At the time of writing, it is year 11 trial exams and this is an extremely important time. These exams are a vital step towards the real thing. I wish our year 11s all the best in these exams.

The vertical tutor groups in the house appear to be working well and there has been some excellent teamwork on display both in form time and in house assemblies, where so far GSV, GRD and GDV have delivered excellent assemblies.

Inter house dodge-ball is taking place in the last week of term. I am looking forward to seeing Waddington represented by all year groups. It is essential that we take part in all inter-house competitions and achieve as many points for the house as possible.

I would like to finish by wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Believing is Achieving.

L Beesley
Acting Head of Waddington House

U14 BASKETBALL

The U14 basketball team played a school from Chesterfield on Tuesday December 8th. There were a number of newcomers from year seven who played particularly well, despite playing a side that was a lot older. They include Ewan Murray, Bradley Robinson, Kieran Salmon and Ashley Last. Lewis Paulson in year eight made some excellent runs, enabling Max Cawthorne and Tony Hanson to score some good baskets. Zoe Last and Tori Lalka also contributed to the outcome of the game and they both worked hard to gain possession of the ball. This team still has a lot of hard work to do to improve, but if they keep training they will get better. I would also like to thank Kieran Salmon for scoring as well as playing. The final score was 21-21. Well done.

Don't forget basketball training is Thursday lunchtime!

CALLING ALL CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS. THE LINCOLN CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS WILL BE ON THURSDAY JANUARY 7th.

ANY PUPILS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING NEED TO SEE MR DILKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PSHEE

A good start has been made to PSHEE this term. After two lessons introducing them to careers education, the new year 7 students have been looking at personal aspects of their lives, as they approach their teenage years. They started off by getting to know each other and now are in the middle of thinking about responsibilities, assertiveness, options and choices, and moods and feelings. Half the students have also had sessions on puberty (for the boys) and periods (for the girls) and the other half will be having these sessions in the New Year.

Year 8 students have started on 'The Real game' which is a role-play scheme of work, in which each student is allocated a job or profession. So far, they have looked at their ideas about jobs, their ambitions for the future and how the different jobs vary. They, too, have had two careers lessons.

In year 9, students have been concentrating on health so far this term. They have had sessions on healthy eating, the effects of alcohol, and relationships and contraception. Two of the groups have also had talks from our local police community support officer, Jackie Parker, about the dangers of alcohol. Year 9, too, have had two careers lessons.

Year 10 students started off with two careers lessons and then embarked on a series of sessions based on the 'Lifeschool' programme. So far, there have been sessions on alcohol, bullying, crime,

finance, parenting and relationships. Not all students will have had all these sessions yet, however, as they are run on a 'carousel' basis.

Year 11 students have all benefited from outside speakers and all are already on their second subject area. One group has finished the programme run by local magistrates from Lincoln Magistrates' Courts, which included a very interesting visit to the courts, during which the students took part in a mock trial, as well as observing a real court in action.

A second group has been concentrating on health. Here there have been sessions on alcohol, given again by PCSO Jackie Parker, and on HIV/AIDS and relationships and contraception, given by speakers from 'Positive Health' in Lincoln.

A third group has been concentrating on safety. This module has included a talk on 'risky behaviour', again given by 'Positive Health'; a session on road safety, given by Terry Gunn of Lincolnshire Road Safety'; and a talk on hygiene, given by Jackie Oxby, our local environmental health officer.

The final group has been concentrating on careers so far and all groups have just changed to their second module.

One final point of relevance to PSHEE: on Tuesday 2nd December, which was World Aids Day, all our students were allowed to attend school in non school uniform. For this privilege, they paid £1.00 and all the proceeds raised went to 'Positive Health' in Lincoln, who do a magnificent job, not only to educate young people about HIV and AIDS, but also to help those in our community who are affected by it.

CITIZENSHIP

The major event in the citizenship department this term has been an extremely successful example of 'active citizenship'. On Friday 20th November all year 11 students were involved in a huge fund raising event for 'Children in Need

Day'. The students had been working on organizing their stalls and activities during citizenship lessons throughout the term. They had been writing letters and emails to various people to acquire the necessary equipment; raising money to buy ingredients, prizes and refreshments; and persuading staff and students to take part in all sorts of uncomfortable experiences. On the day itself there was a magnificent range of stalls and activities, all set up in the main hall, the sports hall and outside. The experiences on offer ranged from a climbing wall to chest, back and leg waxing; throwing water filled balloons at 'willing' victims to football skill games; and chocolate fountains to nail painting and face painting. All the students from the other four years took part, along with a lot of members of staff and, at the end of the event, a superb total of nearly £700 was raised for 'Children in Need'. Many congratulations are due to all the year 11 students (and to the other students who spent their money so willingly) and thanks also go to all parents, friends and relatives who helped the year 11 to achieve such a great total. Well done to all!

SHOE BOX APPEAL

One other charity event has also been very successful this term. After a tremendous effort from a lot of staff and students, we managed to donate fifty Christmas shoe boxes, filled with toys, presents, toiletries, stationery and small items of clothing, for children in parts of Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. The boxes were also accompanied by a cheque for £90.00. Again, many thanks to all who took part in any way.

Finally, please don't forget our Christmas appeal for the Nomad Trust in Lincoln. Any tinned food, non-perishable food items, toiletries, etc. would be gratefully received.

C Pearce
(Senior Teacher)

“Merry Christmas to you all from everyone at Buddies”

The Monday lunchtime peer mentoring has gone from strength to strength this year. The year 7 pupils have settled in very well and made new friendships.

On the last Monday before breaking up for Christmas we shall be having our annual Christmas party for all the pupils who have made the mentoring programme a success.

Buddies will continue again, each Monday lunchtime, after Christmas, through until Easter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Dobbs, Mrs Guirgis, Trish McDonnell

MESSAGE FOR YEAR 8

A new system will be starting for you in the curriculum in June. It is not only year 9 that will have the opportunity to choose their option courses.

- Look at the website.
- Watch out for option news in the New Year.

*Mrs C Roden-Davies
Deputy Headteacher*

CRANWELL HOUSE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Cranwell's Head of House from 4th January 2010. Mr Flowers has given many years of excellent service to Cranwell house and I wish him every success in his new role.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Mr J Radcliffe

TERM DATES AND TRAINING DAYS

Term two

Monday 2nd November 2009
Thursday 17th December 2009

Staff training day

Friday 18th December 2009

End of term two break

Monday 21st December 2009
Friday 1st January 2010

Staff training day

Monday 4th January 2010

Term three

Tuesday 5th January 2010
Friday 12th February 2010

End of term three break

Monday 15th February 2010
Friday 19th February 2010

Term four

Monday 22nd February 2010
Thursday 1st April 2010

End of term four break

Friday 2nd April 2010
Friday 16th April 2010

Staff training day

Monday 19th April 2010

Term five

Tuesday 20th April 2010
Friday 28th May 2010

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2010

End of term five break

Monday 31st May 2010
Friday 4th June 2010

Term six

Monday 7th June 2010
Wednesday 21st July 2010

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 5th
JANUARY (WEEK 2)**