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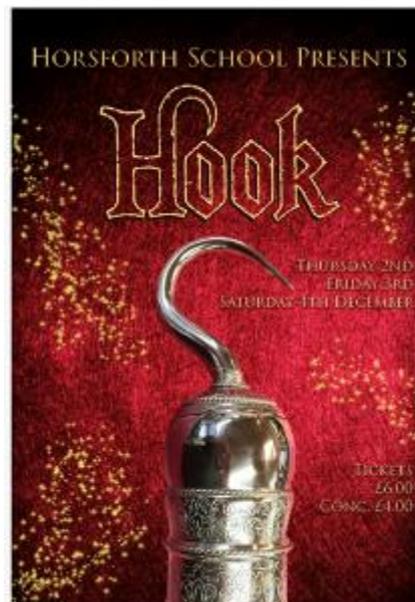
26th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

We are really looking forward to our production next week, tickets are limited so please buy ahead for the specific date (Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th of December at 7.00pm) and these can be purchased outside the library at break (£6 adult, £4 child).

We do ask everyone who comes to please **bring and wear a mask** entering the building and finding your seat, we do not need you to wear a mask whilst watching the performance.



Anyone who may be wishing to be more distant from others to sit on the balcony sections to the left of the main hall well.

I have a few updates, and as always, some reminders (apologies for repetition).

Engineering Visit - New school building site

The engineering department in collaboration with Morgan Sindall have been invited to site visits around the new school building. The site manager greeted the students and provided full PPE to them for their visit. It

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was an excellent experience to see engineering in the 'real world', opening the students' eyes to a wide variety of careers in the engineering sector. We are looking forward to going back in January to see what progress has been made.



Training day 29th November

Just a reminder that Monday is a training day for staff and the school is shut to all students who should not attend.

Choc Fest and Extended Break time Reward

I am delighted that so many of our students have obtained an overall average Attitude to Learning score of 5 or above. This means that they are bringing their personal best to school, engaging and making the most of their lessons.

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As a reward and celebration for those students with an ATL score of 5+ with no more than 10 negative behaviour points there will be an extended break time the w/c 6th December where students will enjoy hot chocolate or milkshakes and chocolate treats.



School Parliament

Last week was the launch of our School Parliament. Student representatives from each year group chose their area of specialism for the year and each committee began some initial discussions before our first round of meetings later in the half term.

Well done to our younger students for getting involved and our older students for being so supportive. We will provide updates and feedback on the work of our Student Parliament throughout the year!



Last Day of Term

As advertised on our calendar, the 17th December is an early finish for all students. Students will leave school at 12.20pm on this day and school closes for all students by 12.30pm.

This day will be a mixture of Christmas festivities and assemblies, and we will be allowing students to wear a festive jumper for charity. It will be a £1 donation to wear a festive jumper that day and all proceeds will go to one of our school charities, Zarach, which supports bed poverty in Leeds.

Students will need to wear their normal uniform, but the jumper can be a Christmas jumper, a winter jumper, plain wool jumper, bright jumper, wooly jumper, slogan jumper etc.

Lost Property

We have a significant amount of unclaimed lost property at School (particularly items left in lockers after maintenance work was carried out in the last half term holidays). Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient space to store these items.

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Please ask your son/daughter to check if they are missing any clothing items (such as coats, PE kit, water bottles, etc.) and if so to come to the Facilities Office either before or after School to claim. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of or taken to a charity shop by the end of term (17th December 2021).

Lateral Flow Tests

Thank you so much for your support in continuing to perform lateral flow tests at home.

The link to reporting results to the NHS is here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. The link to report results to us is here: <https://forms.gle/RKzCqrFhzDS4CFK87> (please also call or email the school if you test positive).

Sports Fixtures

Year 7 boys' football

Leeds Schools cup 3rd round

Horsforth 4 – 0 Holy Trinity Academy. Player of the match - Harry

The team now progress to the quarter finals against TBC.

Year 8 boys' football

Leeds Schools cup 2nd round

Temple Moor 3 – 1 Horsforth. Player of the match - Olly

Year 11 boys' football

Leeds Schools cup 3rd round

Cardinal Heenan 1 – 3 Horsforth. Player of the match – Olly

The team now progress to the quarter finals to play Morley Academy at home

Girls netball

Year 8: Gateways 3 – 1 Horsforth. Player of the match - Amy and Olivia

Year 9: Gateways 13 -4 Horsforth. Player of the match - Katie

Leeds Schools Athletics Association (LSAA) Cross country

Under 13 Girls

Daphne - 15th Place

Under 13 Boys

Ben - 2nd place

Luca - 10th place

Noah - 31st place

George - 36th place

Fantastic effort all around and thank you to all students who represent us as a school!

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Possible Snow

As we get closer to the festive period the weather is getting colder and we are prepared for any extreme weather.

If we do get heavy snow I will always attempt to keep the school open and rather than close the school, we will try to do a delayed opening.

This allows staff who live a distance from school to navigate in safely after roads have been plowed and gritted. Whilst the majority of students walk to school only a handful of staff are able to do this so staff getting into school safely is one of my major considerations.

If the weather is leading to unsafe conditions and it is forecast to be significant and sustained I may call a snow day and you will be notified via text, we will post on the Leeds City Council school closure page and also post a pop up on our website.

Remote Learning

If we do call a snow day then remote learning will be set and where staff are able (not stuck in cars etc.) there will be a live element as we did during lockdown.

I know some students may be disappointed by this but so much learning has been disrupted by COVID we need to make the most of every day.

All students have their Google Classroom codes, logins and passwords so please feel free to double check, these are issued by the class teacher and how the learning is set and monitored.

Thank you again for your positive feedback and messages of support, it's always great to share with staff. As a staff we always nominate for a 'Star of the Week' award. If you would like to nominate a member of staff please email info@horsforthschool.org with SOTW in the subject header.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher