

December 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

As 2015 comes to an end, on behalf of the students, staff and Governors we would like to thank you for your continued support this term. Major improvements have taken place and we are confident that the school will continue to grow as we move into 2016.

Student Highlights

Students continue to represent our school really well, both in the community as well as in specific events. Our Badminton, Ambassadors for Sport and Athletics Teams have continued to represent the school showing great team spirit. Staff and students have taken part in the Children in Need events and raised money for this special cause. Students attended the Remembrance Memorial Service at Undercliffe Cemetery and paid respect for those who have given their lives for their country, and a minutes silence was held in school. To mark the festive season our students and staff took part in our annual Candlelight Concert at Holy Trinity Church in Idle. Finally, the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Challenge has been another huge success with 213 boxes being sent to children in Romania.

Improving Communication

We would like to remind parents and carers about the new Communication Strategy which can be found on the school website under the 'Communication' tab. This gives parents and carers direct email contacts to all areas of the school. We have also re-launched our monthly school newsletter, Hanson News. This contains the latest news and information so you can read about our successes throughout the year; this is located on the school website under 'news'.

End of Term Arrangements

School will close early on Friday 18th December at 12.10pm for students. Lunch for those students on free school meals will be available from the canteen. School will re-open at the usual time on Monday 4th January 2016. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of attendance during this time as learning will continue as normal. Legal obligations still apply for your child's attendance. We also remind you of our uniform expectations, please ensure that black shoes/pumps and lanyards are worn, journals are up to date and correct equipment is brought to school.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support this term.

Yours faithfully



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