

### A message from the Headmaster

Welcome back to school after the half term break. I hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday. The school has been a hive of activity during the half term holiday, thanks to our holiday sports club and a visit from our new gardener. Teachers have been busily planning lots of new activities that will challenge and motivate the children to continue to make good progress for the rest of this term. The staff in Years 1-6 have recently adopted a new Maths Scheme of Work, which we believe will challenge the children in new and exciting ways. The scheme will place a greater level of emphasis on solving 'real life' mathematical problems and the ability to find different ways of doing this. Our Nursery and Reception staff are working on further developments to our outdoor learning in the Early Years, both in terms of resources and in how outdoor provision links to class work.

If you wish to contact me then please visit the school office, send an email to [nandrheadmaster@gmail.com](mailto:nandrheadmaster@gmail.com) or telephone 01274 543162. I will answer your query as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### Dates for the Diary

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Parents Evening (See letter home today)

#### W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Anti-bullying week

Children in Need fundraising activity

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Non-uniform day for Children in Need

#### W/C Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Assessment week



Children interested in our after school sports clubs will have brought letters home about these. Places are currently still available for Hockey (Mondays), Taekwondo (Thursdays) and Football (Fridays.) Please note that the Tuesday club - 'This Girl Can' - has now finished.



Mrs Midgley has spent much of the half term holiday counting the many coins that were collected for the 'Porridge and Pens' Harvest appeal. We are still receiving these pencil cases so if you have not yet returned this pot to school then please do so by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We will be able to confirm the exact final total next week but the current amount is already in excess of £200. Once again, we are stunned at the level of generosity shown by our school community for charitable causes. Thank you so much for your kindness.

Our children should now be in winter uniform. This will be the case until school re-opens after the Easter holiday in April.

Some boys have returned to school sporting haircuts that do not comply with school policy. Where an electric razor is used, these should be no shorter than 'Number 3.' Lined patterns are unacceptable. We also ask that hair length is 'even' so there should not be a big difference in length between the top, back and sides. Mr McIntosh will speak to parents if their child's haircut is a cause for concern.

### Service of Remembrance

All parents are welcome to attend a Service of Remembrance and wreath laying on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This will take place in the Memorial Garden, Heaton Baptist Graveyard at 10.45am. As was the case last year, Titus class have been invited to represent the school at this important event. Mr Silson and Mr McIntosh will also be present to participate.



Poppies are now available from the school office, for a minimum donation of 50p to the Poppy Appeal.

**I HOPE THAT EVERYONE WHO CELEBRATED DIWALI HAD A WONDERFUL TIME!**