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# Headteacher Newsletter

## Fundraising

Huge thanks for all of your support this term with fundraising. Firstly, our Christmas Fayre and Tombolas at concerts have raised almost £1500. We are currently raising money for key stage one playground equipment and thanks to your generosity we are well on our way to achieving our goal.

School events and pupil's projects have also raised money for lots of worthwhile causes. We had a very successful Macmillan Coffee morning, collected harvest produce for CARE, Christmas Jumper day in support of Save the Children, Year Five and Six sold books and T-shirts in Freshney Place in support of the Red Cross and Help for Heroes, Year 2 helped raise money for Lincolnshire Wildlife Park and Year 4 designed and sold Christmas cards in aid of War Child. Projects really are a great way for our pupils to make a real difference in our community and beyond.



## A word from the head...

It certainly has been a very eventful term. My first term at the helm of the Yarborough Academy ship has been an absolute joy. This term's projects have been inspirational for our wonderful pupils from helping aliens to find their way home to using Lego to find out what is awesome about Grimsby. Our staff team work so very hard to provide the best opportunities for our pupils.

It has also been an eventful term for our school building too, with the first phase of our roof work now completed. This has included uncovering the skylights in the roof, which now let lots of lovely natural light into our corridors. Our bid for phase two of the roof has now been submitted so keep your fingers crossed!

Lastly a huge thank you for all of your support, from learning Christmas concert lines to supporting our events and exhibitions, we really do appreciate you! Have a very Merry Christmas and see you in 2018!

Mrs. Albery

**Staffing Update...** As you may know Mrs. Toyne is currently on maternity leave after safely welcoming a beautiful baby girl into her family. We are saying goodbye and thank you to Miss Anderson as she leaves to join another school for promotion and Mr. Middlemiss will be coming out of the office and joining the Year 5 team as a teaching assistant in January.

## Our Sporting Achievements...

Mr. Payne has certainly made sure we've put our new Yarborough Academy sports kit to good use! We have competed in lots of events this term including: Semi-Finals of New Age Kurling Tournament, a team of pupils attended and won the KS2 School Sports Partnership Badminton Competition (see right), we won the Year 4/5 Welhome Trophy Football tournament, we have also qualified for the next round of the Ramsdens 7-aside Football Tournament and we competed in the Year 5/6 sports hall athletics competition. We also now have a team of eights sports ambassadors to help promote sport and healthy lifestyles across the academy.



## Our amazing results...

As you may have seen in the press the 2017 school league tables have now been released using last year's KS2 SATs data. You can view ours by using this link: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/138542>

We have done amazingly well and our results mean that our wonderful school is in the top 20% of the country for progress!

## Our caring community...

We have worked hard this term on caring for ourselves and others. Kate Margaron has been working with pupils and staff using Relax Kids and Calm Club to teach us about Mindfulness. We have had themes of the week focusing on Mental Health, Honesty, Online Safety (including a brilliant Brain Builder Challenge) Integrity and Looking after our Teeth (which included us all getting a toothbrush to take home!). As always we pride ourselves on being an Antibullying community. This year's Antibullying day included everyone designing a pebble to celebrate the fact that we are 'All different, all equal'. These are going to be used for a special piece of artwork in the Spring.



## Keeping in touch...

Don't forget to use our website ([www.yarboroughacademy.co.uk](http://www.yarboroughacademy.co.uk)) if you need any information about school or any weekly class newsletters. You can access the form to fill in for Pupil Premium Funding too. We have revamped the Key Stage Notice boards for up to date information about projects. We also use Twitter so don't forget to follow your child's class if you haven't already!

Could you please make sure that the office has your up to date mobile phone number so we can text you if we need to. Don't forget if you have any questions we are always happy to help.

