



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year! I do hope that you have all had a good start to 2020. The children have settled well to their learning. It was great to begin the term with Pyjama Day! We all enjoyed reading and getting into reading activities like buddying up with other children we would not normally work with.



The children enjoyed the visit from author Andy Seed who spoke about how he writes and what inspires him.

We continue to focus on developing Reading through the school, especially looking at reading stamina, fluency and the deeper skills of inference and deduction. We are also working hard to build up children's understanding and use of vocabulary.

Once again, it was fantastic to be involved in **Young Voices** and nearly 100 pupils from CwR travelled to Sheffield to take part in this annual event. This was a great success and a wonderful experience to sing in a massed choir of about 4000 voices!



## Young Leaders 2020

We have now also launched the new cohort of Young Leaders who will be working on new projects that will develop their leadership skills and "be the change they want to see". We have been thrilled to see the impact this project has had on the pupils at school. This was the first time we have been involved and it has already had a positive impact on our community and on the young people taking part.

Two pupils from the first cohort have taken the opportunity to use their leadership skills from the programme to make a difference to other people in their community - all off their own back! Ava's mum picks up the story:

*"I wanted to share with you something Ava did before Christmas which was her idea and I believe she was empowered to do by the skills and lessons she learnt from Young Leaders.*

*I am a nurse on an elderly ward at York Hospital and Ava expressed concern that Santa wouldn't make it around the wards at Christmas meaning the patients wouldn't have a gift to open on Christmas morning. She wanted to put together 30 stockings for the patients to try and make their Christmas in hospital that little bit brighter. Ava also helped me wrap 30 blankets which were donated by the hospital charity.*

*We spent Christmas Eve wrapping blankets and packing the stockings with a traditional orange, chocolates, a Turnocks tea cake each and miniature body washes/lotions/shampoos. We took them onto the ward and Ava handed them over to my ward sister who thanked Ava for her kindness and care to those in less fortunate circumstances at Christmas.*

*Please see the attached pictures. Ava wanted me to share this with you, as did I as I am super proud of her thoughtfulness showing herself as a bright young leader in our community. May I thank you for bringing the young leader award and opportunity into school, it's been a privilege that Ava was selected to take part and I'm sure it has impacted all of those children involved."*

Another of our Young Leaders, Martha, has also taken the initiative and organised fundraising for the community. She and her family made a Christmas Hamper and donated it to a family in need through a sponsorship charity called Besom York. Martha took a lead in this and used her skills as a young leader! Fantastic!



## **New Houses**

As you will know, we held elections just after the General Election and our new House Captains were appointed just before the end of last term. Their first leadership job was to help with the Open Evening. This week, we have informed all the children which house they are in and they met their House Captain in a special assembly held on Wednesday afternoon. These are our four House captains:

Leeman House: Millicent Tymens

Wilberforce House: Olivia Gwilliam Lopez

Johnson House: James Murray

Harrison House: Alfie Bennett

We are excited by the opportunities to develop leadership and encourage a stronger sense of belonging through this new house system. We are linking DoJos and other rewards to house points and we will be running inter house competitions too. At the end of the academic year, the winning house will be announced!

## **Open Evening**

We arranged an opportunity for any parents and carers of children who might be looking to start in Nursery or FS2 in September to attend an Open Evening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. This was a really successful evening with about 45 parents attending. Our four new House Captains showed groups around the school and did a fantastic job representing the school and talking about the experiences and opportunities we give to children. This was their first official engagement!

## **Ofsted Parent View**

CwR is now in the Ofsted window, which means we could get an inspection soon. We have been preparing for this and there is lots to celebrate as we continue to develop the curriculum which is now the main focus for Ofsted when they visit a school.

Your views during an inspection are a vital part of the way a school is measured and judged. Ofsted gather the views of parents and carers through the Parent View website. So far we have 42 responses on this website and we would like to have many more so please can I ask you to complete the simple questionnaire and share your views on our school?

Please log on to: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

To help you complete this survey, I sent out a Parent View Guide document last term. There are some new questions this year and I have attached this Guide again and please use it to help you as you complete the survey. A copy of this Guide is on our new website as well. Thanks once again for all your support.

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