

## Headteacher's Introduction

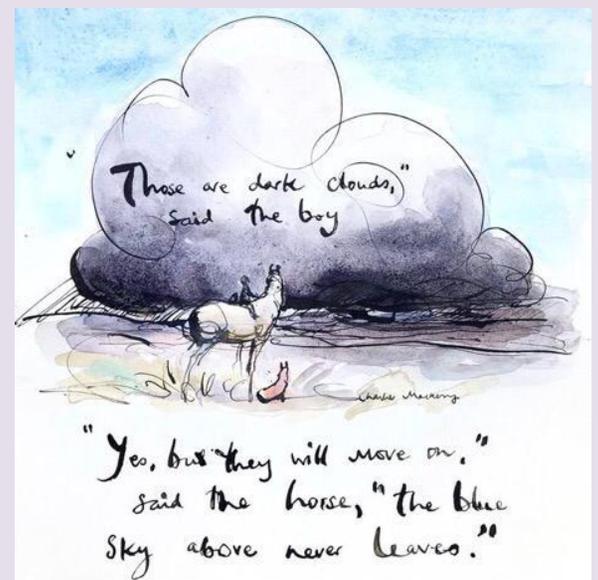
Dear Parent / Carer

This time two years ago, I was writing in the Nidd News about a challenging week weather-wise. Then it was more snow than we had seen for a long time. This year, Pateley Bridge weather has been reported well beyond the Nidd News as last weekend's severe flood warning hit the national news!

Fortunately, the flood defences held, the bridge was reopened and most of Team Nidderdale have been able to attend at school all week. We were pleased to find that our chickens had not floated away and our roof repairs held firm. However, we are mindful that some families have had to deal with damage to property or difficulties with livestock and hope that these issues are quickly resolved.

The recent extreme weather is a reminder to us all of the importance of looking after the environment. That is why I am very pleased that our Connecting Classrooms Kenyan link project, funded by the British Council, includes a focus on our environment and will allow for some exciting tree and wild flower planting projects linking schools across the Dale with local families and landowners together with partners in Kenya. We will look forward to updating you further as our plans develop.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



## **Year 11 Revision Timetable**

The revised timetable for school revision sessions can be found on the school website – [click here](#).

**Enjoy  
half  
term**

## **Forthcoming events**

- w/c 24 Feb – Y11 Mock GCSE Exams
- 27 February – 6pm – French Trip Parents' Information Evening
- 28 February – Y9 Options Form Return deadline
- 3 March – Royal Armouries Visit
- 5 March – World Book Day
- 5 March - Y7 Parents' Evening
- 9 March – Y7/8 Experience University Visit
- 12 March – Oliver Twist , Leeds Playhouse visit

### KS3 News

Thomas Howard and three other scouts from Masham scouts completed an unaccompanied (but supervised by check points) 10 mile walk from Kirby Malzeard to Lofthouse on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Their team came second and the boys did brilliantly - what an achievement! Well done!

**New Y7 Book Club meets on Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15 in the Library.**



### Nidderlicious

Please note that to cover the full cost of take away cartons, from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February a charge of 10p will be added to all meals bought in a cardboard carton. Students are regularly reminded that they should buy their food on a plate with proper cutlery if they are remaining in the dining hall - this is a more environmentally friendly, cost effective and civilised way to enjoy the Nidderlicious dining experience!

### Say Goodbye

Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Ada who has worked at the school for over 10 years, most recently as a learning mentor. She has provided care, support, guidance and a willingness to listen to young people in 1:1 sessions, in class and up a variety of mountains! We will miss her enormously. However, we are delighted that next half term Mrs Midgley will be joining us in a similar role, bringing a wealth of Youth Work experience with her. After Easter Mrs Warner will also be joining our pastoral team, having spent many years supporting young people through the North Yorkshire Pupil Referral Service.

### Craft Spring Fair - Pateley Bridge, Memorial Hall

- Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. 10am to 3pm. Clever crafters, brilliant bakers, and skillful stitchers will showcase their handcrafted food, artwork, and gifts. Discover local businesses you might not be familiar with, learn more about how their products are made, and the inspiration behind them. FREE entry to the event, with a tearoom raising money for the Memorial Hall.

### Pateley Bridge Town Council information

We have been asked to inform you that following flooding caused by Storm Ciara the footpath from Pateley to Glasshouses is closed and the emergency closure now includes the section from Harefield Hotel to Castlestead due to safety reasons. The emergency closure will be followed by a 6 month closure.

### KS4 News

Thank you to Maz from the Self Esteem team who came in to talk to year 11 about looking after their mental health and how to manage exam stress  
@\_selfesteemteam #mentalhealth #removethestigma

### Free Archery event for 11 - 15 Year olds - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February

This complimentary event is being offered by Lost Earth Adventures – if you wish to attend please ring to book on a first come first served basis. The event is being offered to the school as we are the closest school to the activity centre. It will be taught by qualified instructors in a controlled environment. Please call the office on 01904 500094 or email [info@lostearthadventures.co.uk](mailto:info@lostearthadventures.co.uk) to book. See more about Lost Earth Adventures at:

<https://www.lostearthadventures.co.uk/>

### Lockers

Students are reminded that the white open lockers outside the dining hall should only be used at lunchtime and assembly time. All students are allocated with their own locker in school, which should be used for storing belongings at all other times. From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February any items left on the corridor will be removed to lost property.

### GCSE Drama

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, our Year 10 GCSE drama group were invited to Skipton Mart Theatre to attend the dress rehearsal for Little Shop of Horrors, performed by Craven College students. We were very impressed by the professionalism of the show, which included some fine comic performances, superb singing, fantastic live music and even an enormous animated people-eating plant!

