



# Newsletter

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Hello Families,

Happy New Year to you all! We have had a brilliant first week back and it has been great to welcome our young people back into school after the Christmas break. It has been fantastic to see pupils so engaged in their learning and excited to tell us about what they have been learning. This afternoon's assembly was brilliant and the quality of work that was selected for the Proud Wall by class teams was sensational.

Other highlights include seeing our Key Stage 2 classes, Barn Owls and Tawny Owls, begin their swimming lessons today and they absolutely loved it! It was great to hear from pupils about how much they had enjoyed it and the fun that they had during their session.

### 'I can lead' Unified Leaders Award – Upper School Enrichment

During Enrichment choices this week, Year 9 pupils were given the opportunity to begin the 'I can lead' unified leaders award. Pupils began this course on Wednesday and were introduced to the programme of study that they will be covering over the next 10 weeks. They focused on skills and qualities that makes a good leader through a number of fun tasks. A fantastic start, well done! The coaches leading the course were so impressed with our pupils and excited to work with our pupils over the next few months.

### Young Voices

Our school choir went to the Sheffield Arena on Tuesday to take part in the Young Voices concert with over 5000 other young people to help form an extremely large school choir. Our school choir have been busy rehearsing their songs on Friday afternoons for a number of weeks now and their commitment to this was shown with their performance along with the many other schools there. This was a fantastic evening with pupils really enjoying the experience. A massive thank you to Mrs Ellison for organising this amazing opportunity and also to our other staff who kindly gave up their own time to support the event on Tuesday evening!

### Pupil absence

Just a reminder that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school can you please let school know the reason for the absence by 9.00am or as soon as practically possible by calling the school office on 01709 864978. Parents/carers can call and leave a voicemail on the pupil absence line and this will be picked up by the admin team and recorded appropriately, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!



### Dates for your diary

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day in school for pupils prior to Half Term holiday
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School INSET Day (Just for staff)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed – Half Term Holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens to all pupils