



PCJS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM - 22ND OCTOBER 2025

Thought for the Week: "The starting point of all achievement is desire." – Napoleon Hill

Music for the Week: "Proud" – M People

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short but busy week in school. We had our first celebration assembly of the year and voted for our house captains.

Harewood House

Last week, upper school visited Harewood House near Leeds as part of their 'Maafa' project. The house was built from the profits of slavery and the children spent some time learning about the house and the family, exploring their feelings about the house, knowing it's links to slavery.



HDFT Children's Health Service App

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families by Harrogate Foundation Trust, who deliver the Healthy Child programme across the county. It has a map of services for families access in their area, including contact details and opening hours, as well as child development information for parents and referral forms and well-being advice. [Download Our App | HDFT Childrens Health Service](#)

House Point Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received their bronze award: Catherine Howe, Billy Calvert-Snowdon, Harry Welford and Pippa Mitchell.

Achievement Awards

In assembly this morning, we announced the winners of the achievement awards for this half term. These awards recognise those children who uphold the school's values as well as rewarding effort, progress, achievement and dedication to particular areas of the curriculum. Congratulations go to all our award winners who will enjoy a drink and sweet treat at Botham's.

Year 6 'To Care'	Emily Bell
Year 5 'To Care'	Courtney Simpson
Year 4 'To Care'	William Cawthorne
Year 3 'To Care'	Violet Temple
Reading	Ruby Messruther
Languages	Grace Beveridge
Sports	Elliott Ham
STEM	Maisie Brown
Arts	Lola Moody
Humanities	Chloe Palmer
Pickering	Vesper Holliday

House Captains

After learning about democracy a few weeks ago, the children have been busy practising democracy in action by voting for their new house captains. Well done to all the candidates who had to deliver a speech in front of the whole school!

Our new house captains are:

Moors	Emily Bell
Gresley	Harrison Rutland
Keepers	Betsy Hornby
Peredurus	Scarlett Harland

Friends of School Disco

Thank you to the Friends of School who, with help from Mr Usherwood and our school staff, hosted the school disco this week. The children had a wonderful time while raising funds for school.

Road, Bike and Scooter Safety

Please could you take some time this week to remind the children of general road safety, especially when using a bike or scooter. As you are aware, our road crossing patrol is inconsistent at the moment and we have noticed a number of children crossing the busy road without stopping to look. We will also pick this up in assemblies after half term.

Reading Books

Please can you take some time over half term to have a look for any school reading books that may be hiding at home. We are missing quite a large amount from our Reading Den. All school books have either a red or green sticker on the spine or may be stamped with the name of the school.

Friends of School

Our next FoS meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4th November** at **5pm** in Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris' classroom; it would be lovely to see some new faces if you are able to come along.

Children In Need

Wear something spotty on **Friday 14th November** to raise money for Children in Need. All donations can be made through ParentPay.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available to buy at morning breaktime until **Tuesday 11th November**. Please send your child with money in a named envelope if you would like them to donate to this cause.

Netball Competition

Congratulations to Moors House who won the Year 5/6 inter-house netball tournament. The competition was fierce and all children participated well, displaying team work and sportsmanship.

Home Learning Heroes

All children who had completed the required amount of homework this half term had an extra breaktime today as a reward. There are far too many children to name, but thank you to parents for supporting the children's home learning projects.

Special Mentions

Katie Nersessian achieved 2nd place in Kirkby's solo competition on Saturday and also won the Smith-Watkins Primary Player of the Day Trophy. Well done, Katie!



Swimming

On **Wednesday 5th November**, Mrs Devine's class continue with their swimming lessons.

Year 3 and 4 Money Minds Session

This morning, Year 3 and 4 were delighted to welcome Michelle and Amanda from The Yorkshire Building Society, who shared valuable insights on budgeting and getting the most value for money, using party planning as a fun, practical example!



Year 3 Music

On **Monday 3rd November**, it will be the turn of **Mrs Devine's** maths group to have their music lesson. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to school.

Please have a safe and restful half term. We look forward to seeing you all in November. We return to school on **Monday 3rd November**.

Mrs R Hall

Deputy Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress in school. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you to support your child, for example: letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone

"Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility"

*Are you worried about your own or
another child's safety?*

Speak to one of these members of staff.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** is:

Mrs De Barr

The **Deputy DSLs** are: **Mrs Hall** and **Mrs Mintoft**

The **Safeguarding Governor** is: **Mrs Smeaton**

***Anyone can make a referral. If you believe a child
to be at immediate risk, please call 999. If you
believe the situation to be urgent, please call:***

0300 131 2 131

Lunchtime Clubs	
Home Learning drop-in	Monday 12.15 - 12.45
Singing Squad	Tuesday 12.15 - 12.45
Mindful colouring	Wednesday 12.15 - 12.45

After-School Clubs	
Glockenspiel	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Sketching	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Football (Hawkes Health)	Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Gymnastics	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Instrumental	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Dodgeball	Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Well-being and self-care	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm

**Please inform us of any changes to normal collection
arrangements or if your child is not attending a club
this week so that registers can be amended**

	Menu
Monday 	(V) Pizza (VG) Veggie Sausage (VG) Potato Wedges (V) Egg Mayo Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Chocolate Brownie
Tuesday 	Spaghetti Bolognese (VG) Veg Burrito with Rice Tuna Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Cheese & Biscuit
Wednesday 	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding (VG) Vegetable Hot Pot (VG) Mashed Potatoes (V) Cheese Sandwich Tuna Jacket Potato (V) Rice Pudding & Jam
Thursday 	<i>Bonfire Party Lunch</i> Banger in a Bun (Hot Dog) (V) Cheese Whirl (V) Firecracker Wedges Ham Sandwich (VG) Baked Bean Jacket Potato (V) Chocolate Krispie
Friday 	Fish Fingers (V) Veggie Bite Sub (VG) Chips Tuna Sandwich (V) Cheese Jacket Potato (V) Fruit Muffin
	Available Every Day Seasonal Vegetables & Sides Bread Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt