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Headteacher's News

Dear Parent/Carer

As we start the final week of this term, I would like to remind you that the final event of the year is the School Christmas Concert which is on this Wednesday 14th December at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased from our Music department priced at £1.50.



Remember to look out for the Geordie Grinch!

End of Term Arrangements

School will close to students on **Friday 16th December** at 12.45pm and reopen on **Tuesday 3rd January 2012** at 8.40am.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Carole Owen

Headteacher

TERM DATES 2011/2012

Tuesday 3rd January
School re-opens to students

Friday 10th February
School closes for half term

Tuesday 21st February
School re-opens to students

Friday 30th March
School closes for Spring Break

Tuesday 17th April
School re-opens to students

Monday 7th May
School closed for May Day

Friday 1st June
School closed for half term

Monday 11th June
School re-opens to students

Thursday 19th July
School closes for summer

INSET DAYS

Monday 20th February 2012
Monday 16th April 2012
Friday 29th June 2012

School Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served in the Dining Hall on **Wednesday 14th December**.

Priced at £2 for a meal deal it includes a turkey dinner, a choice of desserts and either a bottle of water or a cuplet.





Olympic Fact of The Week

In 1964, Soviet gymnast Larissa Latynina won 6 medals for the third time in a row. She is also the Olympic athlete with the most medals (18) and the most medals in individual events (14).



Festive Science Fact of The Week

In the run up to Christmas, 6 million rolls of sellotape are sold. That rolls out to 369,000km which is 55 times the length of the River Nile.



Olympic Winner Visit

On **Tuesday 6th December** Year 10 students were paid a visit from a guest speaker to give them a motivational talk. His name was Mark Eccleston and he is the Halton Disability Sports Officer. Mark was an aspiring rugby player who had a terrible accident when he was 16. He jumped onto a pile of his friends and unfortunately landed on the back of his neck, resulting in his spinal cord being severed. Mark has been in a wheelchair ever since but he has not allowed this to change his determination to be the best he can be at sport. Mark was a silver medal winner at Tennis in the Paralympic Games in Atlanta. He has achieved many accolades during his sporting career and has captained Great Britain in wheelchair rugby for several years.



Mark spoke to the Year 10 students about the determination he needed to achieve his success and how he could have very easily given up following his accident. He spoke of how facing adversity makes you a stronger person and how you shouldn't give up the minute something becomes a little difficult or uncomfortable to face, but work through it and show determination to succeed and not be beaten.

Kenya Fundraising Evening—9th December



Friday proved to be a fantastic success, well supported by staff, parents, students and friends. Donations were greatly received from Governors and local businesses. There was an array of raffle prizes—thanks goes especially to Marks & Spencers, Valet Solutions, June's Driving School, S&S Hair Salon, CK2 Hair salon, Sapphire Beauty, Widnes Golf Club, Bonds Florist and 'The Four Topped Oak'. Other prizes were donated from parents and staff. Live music and entertainment were provided by 'Conquer Rio' a

band made up of from Performing Arts students from Warrington.

Once we have counted the total money raised, we will inform you in a future newsletter. Your continued support in for this cause is very much appreciated.

J Flavin
Deputy Headteacher

