

8 November 2016

Dear Parents

In the **Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition**, Louie Laverack (7T) came 2nd, Keane Saunders (7T) came 3rd and Henry Porter-Robinson (7T) was Highly Commended. Well done.

Congratulations also to:

- **Rebecca Millward (8T)** who has attained her **Silver Merit Award**.
- The following pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards**:

Lauren Collingwood (7C)	Harriet Santus (7S)	Bo Howard (8S)
Nathaniel Freeman (7C)	Emily Otter (7T)	Harrison McDonald (8S)
Georgie Johnson (7C)	Laila Broadbridge (8C)	Harry Carter (8T)
Eloise Lane (7S)	Laura Dexter (8S)	
- **Sam Edwards (12T)** who broke two county records at the Boston Indoor Series archery competition at the weekend.

The colder weather prompts me to remind you of our arrangements during **poor weather conditions**. If it is necessary for the school to be closed before pupils leave home in the morning, I will put a message on the intranet and also try to email all parents. In addition, notices should be broadcast on Lincs FM, 102.2 FM (and on their website). Should it be necessary to close part-way through a day, due to deteriorating weather, it is important that children are able either to gain access to their own home or to wait at a friend's or neighbour's house. We would be grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements now and make sure your child knows the plan. We will liaise closely with the bus companies regarding road conditions and arrange return transport for pupils at the appropriate time. If, on the day concerned, it is not possible for your child to gain access to your home or a friend's, we would, of course, look after them until alternative arrangements can be made with you. I know that there will be occasions when circumstances change and messages need to be communicated to pupils, but is helpful if these can be kept to a minimum, as it is difficult for the office to deal with a large number of individual messages for pupils when we are also trying to co-ordinate bus arrangements and liaise with local schools. We are keen that arrangements run as smoothly as possible, so that pupils' safety is assured.

Our **Y8 Ski trip to Italy** for the **current Y7** will be leaving on the 27 January 2018 and returning on the 3 February 2018, costing £810. Letters were sent to all parents of Y7 pupils requesting the completion of a consent form and a non-refundable deposit of £75 to secure a place.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING – THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is from 6.00 – 9.00 pm on 1 December. This is an opportunity for parents and Y11 pupils to learn more about the various courses on offer. The evening begins at 6.00 pm with talks from senior staff and students. It is then followed at 7.00 pm by time to visit departments where there will be short presentations and the opportunity to discuss courses with subject staff.

I heard this week that a pupil has unfortunately been suffering from **head lice**. In order to reduce the possibility of further infestation, please will you check your own son/daughter's hair and treat it if necessary. Lice are not fussy about hair length or cleanliness but they do spread extremely easily within a family or a class so it is very important that all members of the family are checked.

Last week a pupil handed in some **tablets** they found on the playing fields. Could I remind you that if your child is taking medication for any illness it should be handed in to Reception on a daily basis.

The Friends of the School are running a **chocolate tombola at the Alford Extravaganza** on Friday 2 December between 4.00 and 8.00 pm in the Manor House. Chocolate donations for this would be much appreciated and should be handed in to the school office.

We are looking to appoint additional **exam invigilators**. If you are interested in receiving further information about these posts please contact us at vacancies@queenelizabeths.co.uk.

Finally some reminders:

- The **Christmas Fayre** this year is on **Sunday 4 December**, from 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the school hall. All donations would be much appreciated and should be taken to the school office.
- The deadline to submit orders for School Sports Fleece Jackets is this **Friday 11 November**. An order form was attached to last week's letter.

Best wishes

A. Francis

Miss A Francis
Headteacher

House Cooking Competition



The **House Cooking Final** took place last week. The winner was Ashleigh Ponder (13S) with Laura Thackray (8C) in second place and Florence Baxter (9T) third. Laura and Florence went through to the Future Chef Finals last Friday and against stiff competition Florence was placed third. Congratulations to all participants in this competition.