

22 November 2016

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- **Eleanor Gower** (10S) who performed in the Bradley Festival at Grimsby Town Hall at the weekend. She won all of her three singing classes and won in three of her speech/drama classes, two of which were won with honours. Eleanor was invited to perform at the Festival Concert at which local MPs and dignitaries were present. At the concert she was also presented with awards for the 'most promising singer' and 'outstanding speech performance'.
- Tashan-Rose Stockdale (7C), Helena Kurczewska (7S), Gabriella Perry (7S), Nathan Storr (7S), Eliza Taylor (7T), Ellie Chambers, Ellie Rainbow and Alicia Otter who have recently attained their **Bronze Merit Awards**.
- Madeleine Cawkwell (7S), Eden Scotney-Spencer (7S) and Laura Jeanes (7T) who are the first Y7 pupils to gain the **Silver Merit Award** (for 40 merits) this year.

As you will be aware we were successful in gaining funding from the government under the **Priority Schools Building Project**. They met with us at the beginning of this month on-site and we received a basic design brief last week. They are funding a sports hall and a fitness suite and we are hoping to begin building in Summer 2017, which is great news.

We are also currently looking at the possibility of using the funds many of you helped raise to build a swimming pool and are awaiting quotes. We then intend to meet with all donors to discuss these plans.

The **Christmas Celebration**, organised by the Middle School Prefects, is on Thursday 8 December at 7.00 pm in the school hall. Our **Carol Concert** is then on Tuesday 13 December at 7.00 pm in the school hall.

**Tickets**, priced £6 for adults and £4 for concessions, are on sale for both events at the school office from Monday 28 November. If you would like to attend both the Christmas Celebration and the Carol Concert, there is a discounted rate of £10 for adults and £6 for concessions. Entrance is by ticket only for both events with light refreshments included in the price. We do hope you will join us for at least one of the evenings in what promises to be a great start to the festive season.



#### COUNTY HOCKEY STAR

Congratulations to **Toby Toyne** (7S) who has been selected for the county hockey squad.



You will be aware that we encourage pupils to keep hydrated by drinking water regularly throughout the day. They are able to have clear bottles of water with them and there is filtered water available in the canteen. **Fizzy drinks and energy drinks**, however, are **not allowed** (except in Norbury House) as they can be detrimental to focus in lessons.

**Christmas Dinner** will be served on Thursday 15 December. For £3.50 there is a choice between the traditional turkey dinner with a pudding (Christmas pudding or chocolate mousse), or the vegetarian alternative, nut roast, with the same choice of puddings. Mince pies, crackers and squash will also be provided. Pupils will eat in three sittings: Spanning at 12.00 pm, Travers at 12.30 pm and Cecil at 1.00 pm. Please note that *only* Christmas dinner will be available from the canteen on that day and there will be no break sales. Pupils not wishing to have Christmas dinner should bring a packed lunch. Please can you complete the choices form (attached) and return it to the school office, with your payment, by Friday 9 December.

Finally some reminders:

- **Sixth Form Open Evening** is on Thursday 1 December, starting with talks in the hall at 6.00 pm.
- Our **Christmas Fayre** is on Sunday 4 December, 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the school hall. Raffle tickets have been distributed today. Thank you for your contributions thus far for tombola and raffle prizes

Best wishes

*A. Francis*

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Headteacher

