

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a super Autumn break although it feels so long ago now.

As ever, Greystone continues to be at the heart of the community in so many ways: visiting care homes, taking part in Remembrance, welcoming visitors to enhance our curriculum and a very healthy Twitter newsfeed! As ever, if you feel that you or someone you know, would be of benefit to come and speak with our children then please let our Class Teacher know.

A key Academy Focus for this year is attendance. Thus far, we are at the National figure of 96% however aim to be 97% by Christmas. Please support us in this and remember that it is vital your child is in school taking part in our world-class curriculum daily.

I have already seen outstanding work in all classes. Please support your child's learning at home. The curriculum topics this half term are as follows:

- EYFS – Celebrations
- Y1- Toys
- Y2/3 - Earthquakes
- Y3/4- Earthquakes
- Y5- Space
- Y6- The Mayans

It is vital your child's Parent Pay account is kept in credit at all times. Please ensure you check your ParentPay account regularly to avoid any outstanding debt which will be actioned by our finance department.

**Expectations remain high** at Greystone and I thank you for your continued support with this. I look forward to continuing meeting with you in the coming weeks and into 2020. Have a wonderful festive time with precious loved ones.



**Victoria Kirkman  
Principal**

## Newsletter Autumn 2 2019



### Reading Ambassadors

Our new Reading Ambassadors are enjoying their new role of helping to promote a love of reading across the academy. Together, they visited Ripon library to help teachers by selecting books to match our new curriculum topics.



### School Parliament

School Parliament have worked tirelessly alongside Mrs Went and have been excellent role models. They organised a delicious cream tea for local care homes, in which the choir sang delightfully, and have been interviewing and videoing across school for their presentation to Mr Wilson.

More news to follow as these children take on their new and exciting roles!

We recently celebrated **#HelloYellow** to support children and young people's mental health and raised £100. **Children in Need** saw us raising £117 for another hugely worthwhile charity. Thank you for your continued support with our fundraisers.

## Pumpkin Contest

Thank you to everyone for being so creative by designing and carving your pumpkins! Your masterpieces were difficult to judge but congratulations to the winner: Willow Willimott in Y5.

### 'Time to...'

To help promote positive mental health and well-being, we have a weekly session for children to have time to reflect, explore and connect. These sessions include yoga, relaxation techniques, discussions, mindfulness and many more.

*"I'm a worrier. 'Time to...' has helped me to be more positive and have positive thoughts. It helps us join together as a class and be a team."* Year 6 pupil

### Book donation point

Please bring in any unwanted books for our book donation point for our children to read, swap and share. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

### Twitter

Twitter is a great way to see the wonderful things your child is taking part in at school.

@OPA\_Greystone

Please ensure that if you want your child on Twitter that you complete the form.



## Uniform

Please support us in ensuring our robust policy is followed. Your child will be given spare uniform/shoes to wear should they not be in correct attire.

Please ensure you label every item of your child's uniform and PE kit.

## Remembrance 2019

We were incredibly proud to take part in the Ripon Remembrance Service this year. Four of our pupils laid wreaths with another two singing at the Cathedral. More details can be found in the Ripon Gazette.



## Dates for Autumn Term 2

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Sports for Champions sponsored challenge Y1-Y6
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Book Fair
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch and jumpers.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas performance 1 - Harrogate Rd Methodist Chapel 1.30pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas performance 2 - Harrogate Rd Methodist Chapel 1.30pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: End of term

