

### St. Cecilia's Day Care

St. Cecilia's Day Care in Eastfield provides fun, stimulating activities and companionship to elderly people to banish loneliness and provide happy times.

This term some of our year 10 students have been spending time with the elderly people at St. Cecilia's Day Care Centre.

This is part of the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

All the students have been enjoying this new experience, they clearly like going and enjoy socialising, playing games and doing art and craft activities with the people they meet there.

During these visits the students have shown exemplary behaviour and have been keen to help the staff there with whatever they need.

We are particularly proud of these students and the positive example they have set for our school.

Well done!

### Message from the Headteacher

We've had a busy term with lots of hard work and some fantastic exam results for our older students. Our Awards Ceremony took place during our Open Afternoon and I am pleased to say that there were numerous certificates to be given out to our students.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored walk for Children In Need and helped to raise £40.70 for this very worthwhile cause, the team spirit demonstrated by students was very commendable despite the poor weather.

On the whole student behaviour has been very good this term, with many students earning gold and silver awards each week.

My door is always open to any parent or carer wishing to discuss any aspect of their child's time with us, please feel free to call or pop in at any time.

*Wishing you a very happy Christmas  
& all the best for 2020!*

### St. Mark's Church Trip

In November, as part of our religious education, our key stage 2 and 3 students went on a school trip to visit St. Mark's Church on Green Lane in Newby.

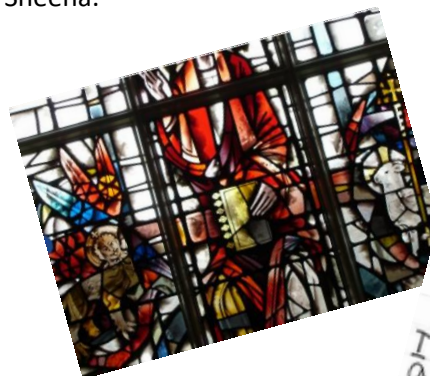
The children were a little apprehensive and some of them had never been to a church before.

When we arrived a lady vicar called Reverend Sheena Moray gave us a very warm welcome, she was very kind and made everyone feel at ease.

Sheena gave us a tour around the church, she talked about the various features of the church, and she explained what they were all used for and their significance.

The children took part in a range of activities which included singing 'Halo' by pop star Beyoncé, writing on a star and placing their star on a prayer tree. The children were even allowed to ring the church bell!

By the end of the visit the children all felt happy and comfortable about being in a church and when we got back to school the children all wrote THANK YOU letters to Sheena.



Dear Sheena,  
Thank you so much. I love church so much it makes my RA. I thank you so much.  
I liked the stained glass window it was beautiful.  
I also enjoyed the bell and being able to ring it.

### Modern Foreign Languages

As part of our MFL curriculum, students took part in a French themed day where they learnt some French language and enjoyed a three-course meal together, they tasted a variety of foods including French onion soup, brioche, brie, beef bourguignon and chocolate profiteroles. Students also took part in a quiz about the French culture.



### Anti-Bullying Week

In connection with Anti-bullying week, 11th to 15<sup>th</sup> November, students watched an interactive Powerpoint learning about whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone because together, we can challenge bullying. This is a collective responsibility involving schools and settings, children and young people, parents and carers. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with working together. Students were each given a wristband to wear with the motto 'Change Starts Here'.

### Children In Need Sponsored Walk

In October the children took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for this worthwhile cause. The children walked around Goathland and the whole group worked as a team to read their map and navigate to their destination.

They had to cross a shallow and fast flowing stream, some of the children took place on a rock to help the others cross, whilst giggling and trying not to lose their balance. Thankfully everyone made it to the other side with dry feet! Half way round we stopped for a picnic, all the children were happy despite the weather being rainy and cold and later team spirit was high whilst encouraging each other to keep going!

### Children In Need Day

In order to highlight 'Children in Need' on Friday 15 November, students came to school wearing something yellow or spotty. They baked cakes and took part in a live Annual Duck Race Sweepstake where they had already chosen a duck's name out of a hat before the race. Names included were William Drakespeare and Hugh Quackman!

### Remembrance Day

To mark the commemoration of Remembrance Day, students made poppies as part of their Forest School activities. They needed to identify an Alder tree, cut down branches and use red and black wool to form a poppy shape. These were then displayed on the outside of the school. Students also visited the War Memorial at Oliver's Mount in Scarborough to see the wreaths from a service on the previous day.



### Year to Date Attendance – Whole School

Present: 83%

Authorised Absence: 6%

Unauthorised Absence: 11%

Well done to all our students with good attendance this term despite the winter colds and flu. *Please call us if your child is unable to come to school so we can mark their absence from school correctly in the register.*

### Behaviour Targets

Congratulations to all those students who received Gold and Silver awards this term for achieving their educational and behaviour targets!

### Road Safety

As part of Road Safety week, 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November, students have been learning about safe and healthy journeys as well as stepping up to use roads safely when crossing. They designed posters and enjoyed an interactive practical road safety activity.



### Dates for your Diary

School closes at **12noon** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for the Christmas holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

School closes at 3pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for half term.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

School closes at **12noon** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 for the Easter holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

School is closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for the May Day bank holiday.

School closes at 3pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 for half term.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

School closes at **12noon** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 for the summer holidays.

### Staffing News

During this term we've already said goodbye to our much loved Instructor Ellen, who made the very difficult decision to start a new career with the Police Force. Our lovely Learning Support Assistant Steph will not be returning after the Christmas Holidays, she has a great new job to go to in the New Year but I'm sure she'll pop in and visit us. We wish both Ellen and Steph all the best in their new careers! We have been very fortunate to find and appoint a new teacher, Sophie, who will start with us in January and will make a fantastic new addition to the teaching team here.

### School Policies

Copies of all Scarborough School policies are available from the school office.

### Christmas Holidays

All the staff here wish you a happy Christmas holiday and a great New Year, we look forward to welcoming back all of our students in 2020!