

### COVID-19 Update

We are continuing to do our COVID-19 testing in school, twice a week for all students and staff members.

A big **THANK YOU** to all those students to have participated in taking their lateral flow tests and for washing their hands every morning at the school entrance. This has really helped to keep us all safe and well.

### School Council

Our School Council meeting was held this term with our three School Councillors chairing the meeting.

Suggestions from students to further improve the school included:

More bookcases so that books are more visible for students to use, outdoor play equipment, chairs in Time Out areas, netting to cover the whole of the outdoor area, indoor exercise equipment, more educational trips and suggestions for our dinner menu.

We will do everything we can to implement these great ideas and suggestions, the book cases have already been ordered 😊

### Message from the Head Teacher

We've had a busy term with lots of hard work and some fantastic exam results for our older students. Even though we were not able to hold our usual Open Afternoon this year, our Awards Ceremony still took place 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 money for this very worthwhile cause.

On the whole students have achieved well this term, with many students either earning gold and silver awards each week or gaining all their stickers!

With regards to COVID-19, we ask that all parents and carers notify us immediately if your child or any member of your household comes into contact with anyone with COVID-19 or displays any symptoms.

I am always available to any parent or carer wishing to discuss any aspect of their child's time with us, please just ask.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.

Keep safe and well,

Patricia Peake,  
Headteacher.

### Anti-bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying week students took part in lessons which educated them about the different forms of bullying, why people bully others and what they can do if it is happening to them or to someone else.

As part of the 'One Kind Word' competition students thought about their fellow students and staff and used adjectives to describe what they like about them.

Students also wore odd socks to symbolise that just because someone is different in any way, no one has a right to bully them.



### I'm a Student! Get Me Out of Here!

In November, staff and students had to face their fears as we were visited by Anya from Zoolab UK who provided a fun and educational workshop for us all. It certainly was all creatures great and small as we learnt about various creepy crawlies and reptiles.

Our first encounter was with a large cockroach named Humphrey. While many of the staff and students were initially apprehensive about holding him, the vast majority found that he was similar to a scaly hamster and actually quite cute. We learnt that cockroaches were alive with the dinosaurs and that he could survive a fall from a great height!

There was a sigh of relief when we found that we weren't allowed to handle the Chilean Rose tarantula, despite her being very beautiful, she was very delicate so we could only see her through the tank. Anya also brought us her giant snail called Gary, her tortoise Shelley and the beautiful royal python called Prince. Prince seemed to enjoy the attention at first but the excitement might have got a bit too much for him as he started to curl himself in knots!

Everyone enjoyed the unique experience and staff were very proud of all the pupils who participated and had the courage to be in the same room as these interesting and amazing creatures!



### Forest School

Despite the cooler weather, pupils have continued to enjoy their Forest School activities and this term have been shown how to responsibly build a fire and toasted bread and marshmallows. The students are very enthusiastic and are learning many practical skills as well as learning to work really well as a team!



### Remembrance Day

In November all of our pupils took part in a two minute silence for Remembrance Day followed by a visit to the memorial at Oliver's Mount where they were able to see the poppy wreaths.



### The High Sheriff for North Yorkshire pays a visit to Cambian Scarborough School

The new High Sheriff of North Yorkshire, Venetia Wrigley, visited us in November to gain an insight into how our school supports young people to improve their whole wellbeing and achieve academic outcomes. Our students were very polite and sociable with one or two of them likening Venetia to the Queen. Venetia gave the students a history lesson as to why she has the title of High Sheriff and the responsibilities of the role. She was very impressed with our school and its mission to support young people to be happy and helping them to improve their social, emotional and mental health difficulties as well as achieving well academically.



On Friday 19th November students and staff took part in a sponsored walk for Children in Need. There were two different walks, one for the more adventurous students at Goathland near Whitby and for the other one students walked from school to the South Bay Beach covering a distance of six and a half miles!

Everyone enjoyed the day and the weather was beautiful. So far we've received an amazing £100 in sponsorship money – there's still time if you haven't sent yours in yet – we will happily pass it on to this very worthy charity.

### Dates for your Diary

School closes at **12 noon** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 for the Christmas holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

School closes at 3pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 for the half term holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

School closes at **12 noon** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 for the Easter holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

School is closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 for the May bank holiday.

School closes at 3pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for the half term holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

School closes at **12 noon** on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 for the summer holidays.

### School Policies

All school policies are available from reception.

### Staffing News

We have new starter Andy Marshall who joined us in November as our new Pastoral Lead.

All the staff wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year!

*Merry Christmas*