



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

1ST DECEMBER 2023

Word of the week - Hope

Worship Theme of the week - Advent

Core value of the week - Respect/tolerance  
of different beliefs

Biblical reference of the week - Micah 5:2

Well, the Winter weather certainly arrived this week! The children look very smart with their jumpers on as part of their uniform and I know last year when the student senior leadership team suggested it, they would make a sensible addition. Even though it has been cold, we have still had lots of sporting fixtures and a great deal of warmth inside the building. Students continue to display impeccable manners and kindness to each other, a member of the public stopped me on Tuesday morning to say how superbly behaved all our children are and what a credit to their families they are. We had a visitor on Thursday who was doing some work with our maths and DT teams, and he said they are the best-behaved children he has seen. The children really do make us proud every day. Thank you to those parents who attended the PSHE information event hosted by Miss Hammill this week, we hope you found it useful. I met with the Parent Leadership Group this week too and they have some great ideas moving forward and will contribute to this newsletter. They will have a section in this newsletter from time to time, please do support them, they are a conduit to hear your views, ideas and feedback. Advent starts today and I hope that the children embrace our House advent challenge and as we go through each day in the month, let us all reflect on the positive things we have in life.

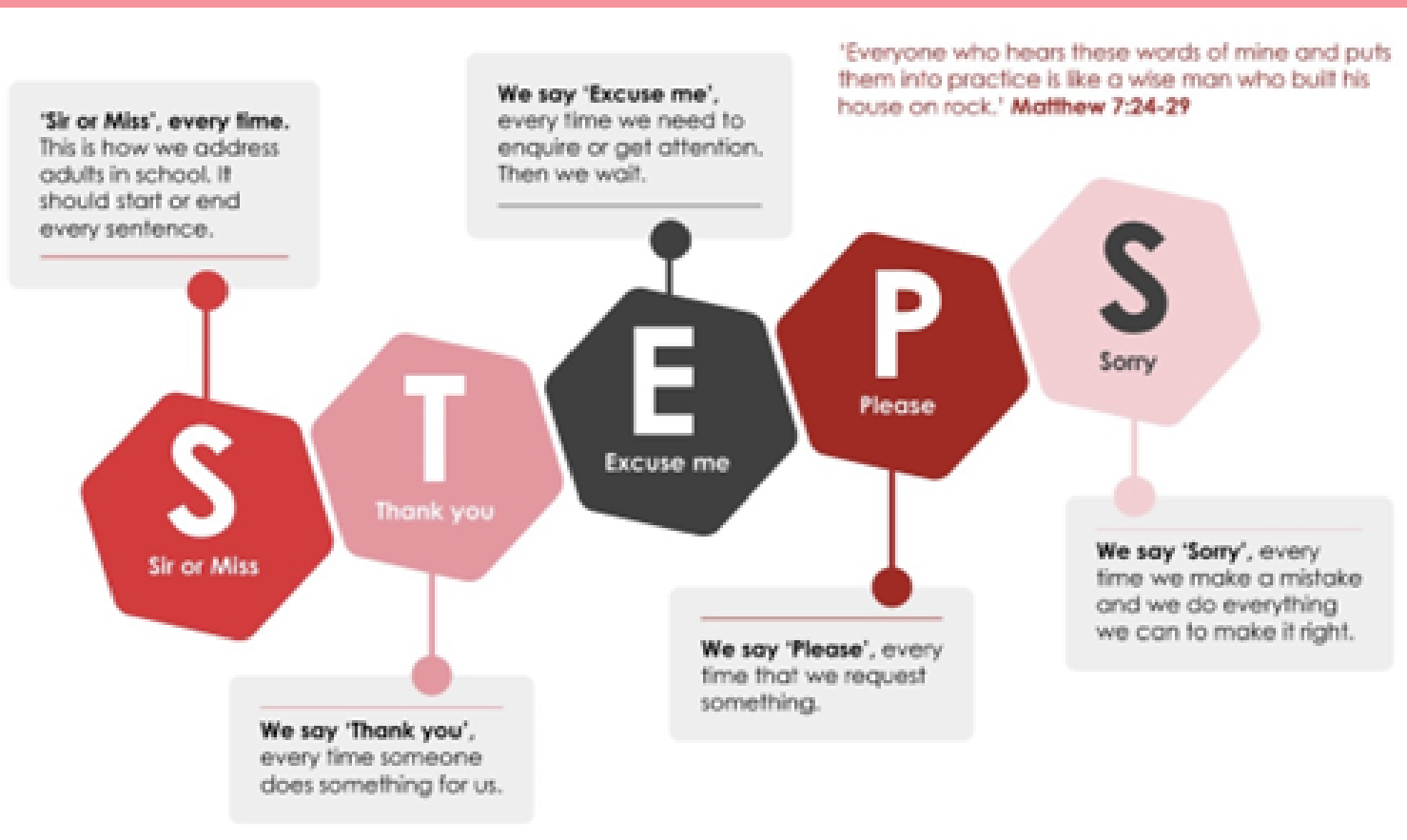
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# STEPS



Part of the work we do around teaching great behaviour and manners is to focus on our STEPS. We pride ourselves on using good manners and I constantly hear from members of the public and visitors to the school about how polite and respectful our children are, and what beautiful manners they have. Every week in form time we focus on one of the letters and think about how we can display our manners. Next week we focus on our children saying 'Sorry' when they have made a mistake. We all do this; I make mistakes every day. By saying sorry, we reflect on how we have made people feel through our actions and can live out our values of empathy and honesty at the same time.



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# CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

I am delighted to inform you that tickets are selling fast! The concert will be held at St Edward's Church on Wednesday 20th December from 7pm. Our children will be singing and playing, and they will be supported by the Barnsley Metropolitan Brass Band. Some of the monies raised from ticket sales will be donated to the church and to our charity partner BIADS.

Here is the link to the Eventbrite site to buy your tickets. Any children who are performing do not need to buy a ticket but their family members, like all the audience will.

[Christmas Carol Tickets here](#)



## JÓLABÓKAFLÓÐ (YO-LA-BOK-A-FLOT)

Our amazing English department are going to run a Jólabókaflóð in the final week before we break for Christmas. This is an Icelandic Christmas tradition, which translates as 'Christmas book flood'. On Christmas Eve, people exchange gifts of books and then read them straight away, sat in front of the fire, eating chocolate or drinking hot chocolate. We love reading here at TASE and recognise the importance it plays in imagination as well as understanding the English language. In that week we will be hiding wrapped books all over school and encouraging children to find them and then read them over the coming Christmas break. If you would like to donate any suitable books, please do bring them in to school for us before next Friday.





# GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM ROARS ON TO FURTHER SUCCESS

Well done to our Y7/Y8 girls' football team who have progressed to the fourth round of the National cup with a 2-1 win against Outwood Valley School. Goals were scored by Amelie and Maisie. Well done all of you.



## STUDENT WORK

Our children are so proud of the work they produce, they really demonstrate academic excellence and I love sharing examples. Here are some below from French and our brand new Design Technology department.

l'avenir j'aimerais être  
artist parce que c'est pa  
l'aimerais mieux travailler  
médecin car j'adore les scie  
c'est bien payé. D'autre  
is je n'aimerais pas travail  
licière car c'est dangereux. Aussi, je pen  
ue des autres chats à fouetter! Ce que  
l'âme le plus est des animaux donc  
vais être vétérinaire!

ans ma famille ma mère est Mo  
physique je dirais que vraiment  
c'est mon truc! Cependant mo  
t pompier je considère que c  
ascinant. En général ma fam  
l'inspire tout le jours.

n ce que me concerne, j'ai  
e voyager à l'étranger et  
ne nouvelle langue, ma  
voudrais continuer m  
je détesterais être m



many and sisters I	✓	✓
what other are called.		✓

onstrate your knowledge by writing about yo  
this up.

ma famille il ya q  
Il ya moi, ma mère, mon f  
Mon frère s'appelle  
douze ans. Je su  
qui s'appelle Pi  
e qui s'appelle l  
rois. Fa mère Tu  
douze.

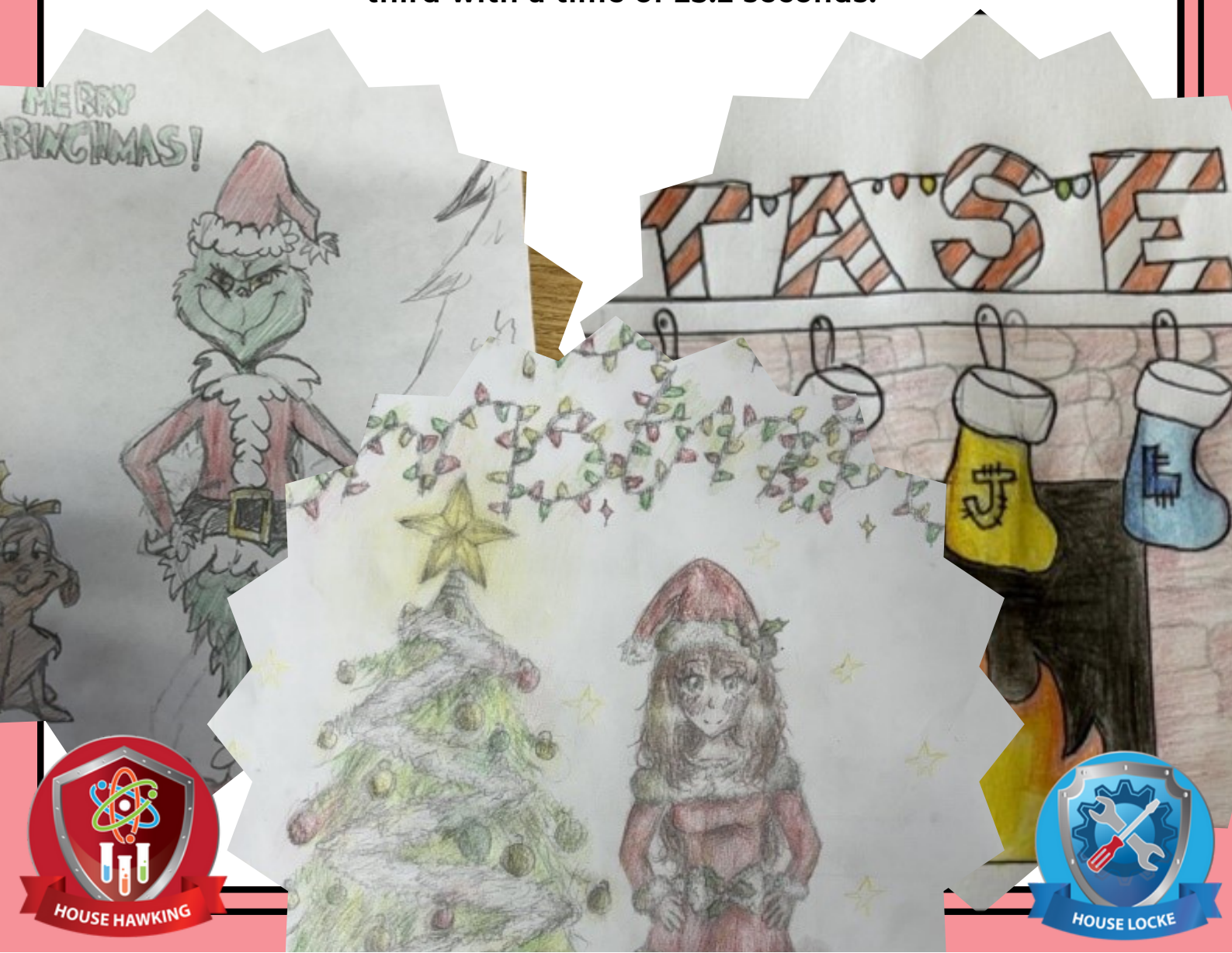




# HOUSE ACTIVITIES

It has been a bumper House week and we are running a Christmas card competition where the winning design will be made into next year's school Christmas card. Our first few entries are below, please encourage your children to have a go and to pass their designs to Mrs Pearson. We had our first staff challenge this week too, an obstacle course on the yard for all staff to take part in. It was fiercely competitive and involved getting their body through a hoop 10 times, ten keep uppies with a tennis racquet and a shot into a House coloured bucket.

It was brilliant to see the staff getting involved and all the children cheering them on. The PE teacher in me meant I had to have a go too, even though my knee was not happy about it! Well done to Mr Dyer who came first for House Hawking in a time of 17.7 seconds, Mrs Gilmore (House Johnson) was 2nd with a time of 24.8 seconds and Mr Wilson (House Hawking) came third with a time of 25.2 seconds.





# BARNSLEY- LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

Please see below for local labour market information, which is a useful tool to help research jobs in the local area that are in demand, understand the skills required for certain roles and the demand for future employment.

## Barnsley at a glance

for week commencing 13th November

### Top Five Occupations

- Care Workers and Home Carers
- Sales Related Occupations
- Cleaners and Domestic
- Warehouse Operatives
- Customer Service Occupations

### Top Five Recruiting Employers



Average  
Advertised  
Salary



## Skills & Employability

### In Demand Base Line Skills



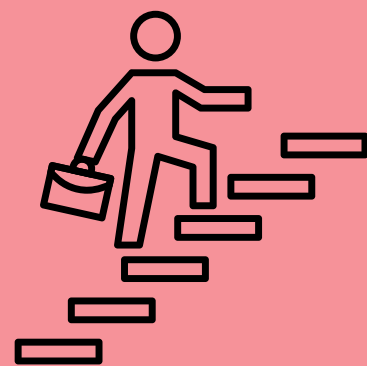
### In Demand Specialist Skills



Barnsley – the place  
of possibilities.



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Metropolitan Borough Council







## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Monday 4th December**

Sheffield University Campus visit – Trinity Scholars

### **Tuesday 5th December**

Flu Spray for all children administered

### **Wednesday 6th December**

Y8/9 Basketball vs Kirk Balk away

### **Thursday 7th**

December Y7/8 Cricket tournament at Kirk Balk

