



DAY OF ACTION

You should have already received notification by letter via your son or daughter about the proposed strike by members of NUT, NASUWT, UNISON, UNITE and GBM on **Wednesday 30 November**. School will be closed to pupils that day with the exception of Year 11 pupils who are sitting trial exams in PE, Single Award ICT and Biology.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Do you enjoy reading? If so, you must pay a visit to our Book Fair which is being held in the Library from the 23rd - 30th November. Not an event to be missed! The fair will be open at break and lunchtimes in order for pupils to browse or purchase any books, stationery or posters. Pupils in Years 7 and 8 will hopefully be given an opportunity to see what's on offer during their English lessons. Each pupil visiting the fair will be entered into a draw and the five pupils whose names are drawn out will be given a £5 voucher to purchase a book from the fair. The draw will take place on Tuesday 29th November so that the winners will have time to chose their book. Please encourage your child to support the Book Fair, as any commission earned will go towards purchasing new books for the library. Don't forget Christmas is just around the corner so why not buy some early Christmas presents?

OLIVER!

Rehearsals are well under way for the production in February and the team have begun to think about costumes to make sure that everyone looks in character. Could you please have a look around and see if you have any of the following items that you could donate:

Flat caps for Fagan's gang

Boys dark coloured long trousers (old school pants would be great)

Long dark coloured skirts for the girls

Shawls for the girls

Other requests will follow but thank-you in anticipation of your support and response. Please send any item to the Drama department. Thank you.

BUDDING WRITERS

A group of budding Year 9 writers enjoyed a Lancashire Festival Celebration at Lostock Hall Library this week. Pupils got the chance to meet local author, Keris Stainton, who had a book in the Top 10 of the Lancashire Book of the Year Award earlier this year, "Della Says OMG" and who has a book on the long-list for this year's award, "Jessie Hearts NYC". Pupils developed their skills in planning stories, building characters and writing interesting openings. Watch this space...the next JK Rowling is amongst us!

**REMINDER!! YEARS 7, 9 AND 11 PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS
MUST BE RETURNED BY THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations and well done to the following pupils:-

Mrs Archibald would like to nominate **Jacob Westray** in 7K who dressed up a Pudsey in a bear suit and spent the whole day collecting money for Children in Need. He has personally raised well over £50.

Also, Mrs Bradley would like to nominate **Jordan Greenwood** (9K) who has made a massive improvement with his punctuality. He was a regular visitor to the 'lates' table last year, but has only been late on one occasion this year. Well done and keep up the improvement, Jordan.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Mrs Parker would like to say a big thank-you to all the pupils who helped make and sell cakes for Children in Need. We made an amazing £820 in total. Well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Mon 28 Year 11 Trial Exams (Week 1)

Wed 30 Day of Action – see above

DECEMBER

Thurs 1 Full Governors' Meeting

Year 10 DTP Vaccinations

Mon 5 Year 11 Trial Exams (Week 2)

Clothes Show visit

Tues 6 STEM Challenge at Ashton

Wed 7 Year 9 Engineering Taster Session

Sat 10/Sun 11 Christmas Markets visit

Wed 14 Christmas Concert

Thurs 15 Senior Citizens' Party 2pm - 4pm

Fri 16 Year 11 Prefect trip

Close for Christmas 12.30pm

JANUARY

Tues 3 School reopens 8.40am

Tues 10 Year 10 Parents' Evening