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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to one and all. I hope you thoroughly enjoyed the break over the Christmas period.

At our Training Day on Monday, our whole staff team focused on core behaviours that we must expect and develop, both in ourselves and across our student body. Humility, optimism and consistency, we believe, are key to securing great Engagement in Learning and great Teaching and Learning across the academy. As ever, we continue to focus heavily on resilience and 'grit'; the need, desire and ability to choose more difficult work and challenges that stretch and develop our students. Struggling and failing must be embraced and seen as levers for improvement rather than barriers to learning.

Next week sees the opening of the annual Co-op Academies Trust Parent, Student and Staff survey, delivered by a company called Foretel. Last year saw our first survey since joining the Co-op Academies Trust, where we received invaluable feedback from over 30% of our parent body. Over the last 12 months, we have focused on improving the areas for development you identified. You can read of the progress we have made on these areas via the below link, which also identifies the work we have undertaken in response to student feedback. I believe both make for positive reading. Have a great weekend.

<https://priesthorpe.coopacademies.co.uk/stories/parent-student-and-staff-survey-foretel-results/>

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Tuesday 15th January 2019

Y11 Trial Exam Result Day
(Parents Welcome)

Wednesday 16th January

Ski Trip Information Evening
(6pm – School Hall)

Wednesday 23rd January

Geography Field Trip 1

Thursday 24th January

Geography Field Trip 2

Wednesday 30th January

Personal Development Day 2

Thursday 31st January

Y13 Parents' Evening at
Pudsey Grangefield School



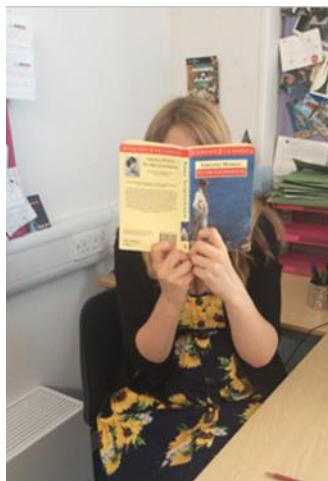
Everybody Reading in Class

Can you guess which staff member is enjoying reading their book?



This weeks recommended read – Mrs Fahy

The Silkworm is a 2014 crime fiction novel by J. K. Rowling, published under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. It is the second novel in the Cormoran Strike series of detective novels and was followed by Career of Evil in 2015. Initially, I was intrigued to see if JK Rowling could write effectively for an adult audience but the interesting protagonist and exciting plot left me desperate to read more of the series. If you loved Harry Potter, you will love this!



Last week's reader was ...

Mrs Welford from our English Department!



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Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too soon than a minute too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 95.8%

Y8 – 95.3%

Y9 – 94.4%

Y10 – 95.3%

Y11 – 93.6%

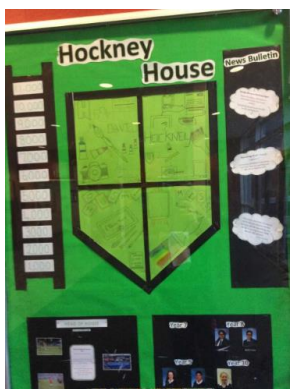
Overall School Attendance

94.9%



House Shield Design Competition

Our House Shield design winners have now been chosen. The winning shields are displayed on the new House notice boards. Ms Bicknell said; "Thank you to all students that took part in helping design your house shield. If you recognise your drawing on the house noticeboard please make sure you collect Merits from you House Leader!"



Our House Leader Board

1st

Hockney – Miss Butterworth

2nd

Jones-Buchanan – Mr. Frost

3rd

Ennis – Miss Gowan

4th

Tomlinson – Miss Stanley

Only 121 points separates 1st and 4th place!

On *Thursday 17th January* all members of **Hockney** House are invited for breakfast in the main hall during break time to celebrate their current 1st place position!

Polite Reminder

Do you need a new/replacement tie? You can buy them from

- Whittakers – Farsley
- Rawcliffes – Bradford

They cost £6 pound each.

Are you going on our Ski Trip in February?

There is a Parent Information Meeting taking place on,

16th January 2019

for our Ski Trip which is taking place in February 2019.

It will be held in our school hall and will start at 6pm.

Any queries / questions please contact Mr Andrews – trip leader.

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