



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already over half way through the first term of 2019-20. All students have settled well into their routines and we are beginning to look forward to our Christmas activities.

### **School life**

During the Autumn Term we have been looking at This is your life in English. This has involved looking at what we eat and what we wear compared to different periods in History.

We have been looking at Pop Art inspired by Andy Warhol in Art using the students as the subjects. The final masterpieces will be displayed in the Art room but hopefully you have enjoyed the individual pieces that have come home.

We have started guiding reading groups for some students, where they are either reading a text together and then following it up with written work, or listening to a story, looking at the pictures and following up with a discussion. In maths we have been concentrating on number skills, and using and applying these.

In AQA we have started looking at weather and climate around the world. For creative curriculum we are using clay to make either a Nativity, Christmas or winter scene. Another AQA group session is concentrating on physical/team/co-operation games and activities.

A couple of our older students are walking dogs at Stokenchurch Dog Rescue each week, going to the gym and looking at using public transport for citizenship. Others are building on joint citizenship trips accessing parks and then shops together.

### **KiteFest**

We are continuing our fundraising for our annual music festival. We held a Race Night last week and were very pleased to have raised over £300. KiteFest will take place next year on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, so please save the date! For more information on fund raising events, please follow The Friends of Kite Ridge Facebook page.

We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help! easyfundraising is a great website where you can help The Friends of Kite Ridge raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 4,000 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thefriendsofkiteridge/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thefriendsofkiteridge/?utm_campaign=raise-more)

### **Staff news**

Vicky Fraser, our newest member of staff, has settled in to her role as Learning Mentor and is enjoying being part of our busy school.

We said goodbye to Jan Lancaster last week after she did a fantastic job in covering Amy Harrison's maternity leave. Jan has gone to work at Heritage House School and Amy is busy reacquainting herself with life at Kite Ridge.

Following the recent letter home you will be aware that school will be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December as we are being used as a Polling Station. Other dates for your diaries are at the end of this letter as well as on our website.

Best wishes,

*Steven Sneesby*

Headteacher

**Dates for your diary****December**

- 12<sup>th</sup> School closed as being used as a Polling Station
- 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Show
- 19<sup>th</sup> School closes for Christmas break

**January**

- 7<sup>th</sup> School reopens

**February**

- 14<sup>th</sup> School closes for half term break
- 24<sup>th</sup> School reopens