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Bedale Cluster Meeting 30.6.15

Meeting held at Bedale High School and chaired by Taryn

Present:

Taryn, Jess, Chloe and Megan and Mrs Hoile from Bedale High School

Oliver and Ashley and Mrs Howe from Aiskew Leeming Bar PS

Alexander and Emma and Mrs Howard from Bedale Primary School

George Tyson NYCC

Annabel Hall

Apologies: RAF Leeming Primary School

The meeting started with lunch (thank you for the great cookies, Taryn!) and a spaghetti and marshmallow challenge!



- **Thorpe Perrow HMS Heroes Garden.** Annabel has been to the stone mason again and has a completed design proof with the requirements agreed at the last meeting. The quote for this is £84 which we now need to raise as a group. We discussed various ideas and decided on a Saturday bag pack at the Co-op in Bedale. *[I have spoken to the co-op and unfortunately they only allow one group of bag-packers per month and all slots are taken up this year so I have booked us in for **Saturday 9 January 10am.** We can discuss how we will divide up the day at the next meeting but please put this date in your diaries!]*
- **November Service Pupils' Event at Ripon Cathedral.** Schools have already been written to about this year's big event for Service Children which is taking place on Friday 6 November. More details to follow but schools will be asked to do some artwork for an exhibition at Ripon Cathedral in November and the art will be on display at the Station Gallery, Richmond, in December. This is an exciting way for Service Pupils and members of HMS Heroes to have public recognition. Please protect this date!
- **Armed Forces Day.** So far we have raised £388 from the sale of badges. Please continue to sell any you have and return the money raised to me. A cheque is being presented to the RBL by the Hero who designed the badge at the end of this term. Next year Nickie and Annabel are planning an AFD fun event for all schools across the county on Friday 24 June 2016. Details in due course.
- **Ambassadors.** Annabel gave an update on this scheme which has met for the first time and a second meeting is on 9 July. This is for older Year 9+. We are aiming to get some of these young people to the Youth Voice Summit in October to represent Service Pupils.
- **Schools gave a summary to George of what they have been up to this year:**
- **Bedale High School:** trips have been done this year to Forbidden Corner, York Dungeons, and Lightwater Valley (Sat). Heroes visited Benkhill Lodge Residential Home on VE Day to talk to veterans and all schools attended a memorial event at St Gregory's Church in Bedale to mark the centenaries of the deaths of Bedale men. We learnt about the famous soldier Jack Cornwall who came from Bedale and died at the Battle of

Jutland having lied about his age when he signed up. Bedale High School are planning a residential weekend in the autumn term at a PGL centre.

- **Bedale Primary School:** Heroes have been poppy selling with the RBL, trips to the Post Office sorting office, forest schools activities and last week had a great day at the Toby Carvery in Darlington where they tasted, cooked and experimented with vegetables! Bedale PS's HMS Heroes are holding a social gathering at the Riverside Club on Tuesday 14 July for parents and friends of HMS Heroes.
- **Aiskew Leeming Bar:** the club continues to meet approx. half termly and has joint meetings with the Dales School. Last week we made a feelings tree which is now on display in the school.

Plans for Next Year/Dates for the diary:

- Ripon Cathedral Service 6 November
- Visit to Flight Control at RAF Leeming- AH to organise
- Bag packing at the co-op 9 January

Dates of Next Cluster Meetings:

Friday 25 September 12.30pm. AH to ask RAF Leeming if they will host.

Thursday 3 December 12.30pm at the Station Gallery, Richmond (to look at the exhibition).

Suggestions:

Mrs Howard suggests that for schools planning the group's timetable a letter goes out to parents asking for a generic consent for photos which lasts the term. This saves a letter having to go out every time there is an event.

Thank you for coming and have a great summer holiday!

Annabel Hall

Service Pupils' Champion

