



Service Pupils' Champion

Supporting Service Children in North Yorkshire

**HMS
HEROES**
"TOGETHER AS ONE"



Cluster Meeting HMS Heroes RAF Leeming Primary School

5.5.15

Present:

From RAF Leeming PS:

Lizzie, Caitlin, Courtney, Isabel, Matthew, Callum , Mrs Davis

From Bedale High School:

Taryn, Megan, Bethany, Mrs Holie

Annabel Hall

Apologies:

Bedale Primary School, Aiskew Leeming Bar School, Mowbray School

- **Wherever Home Is Drama Workshop.** Isobel gave feedback to the students from Bedale High School about the drama day which RAF Leeming Primary School pupils saw a few weeks ago. She explained that it covers issues like moving house and school, mum and dad splitting up, and that the message is 'don't run away from problems because they get bigger' and felt that it was a good way to explain how it feels to move to those who don't have to move. The group had a discussion about how schools help us move in and move on and RAF Leeming PS showed us their welcome and goodbye booklets. These ideas may be tried by Bedale High School. Annabel said that if time and money allow the play may be shown at Bedale High School to Year 7s and other schools' Year 6s. The play is also planned to be put on YouTube- watch this space.



- **Thorpe Perrow HMS Heroes Garden Plaque.** Annabel showed the group the draft template for the plaque Heroes designed for our plot at Thorpe Perrow. The decisions we made today about the different options are:
 - **It will be made of granite**
 - **It will be rectangular**
 - **The rose design should be replaced by the rose of Yorkshire design**
 - **It should include the words 'Bedale Area'**
 - **It should be positioned at an angle**

Annabel will take these changes back to the stone mason to draw a final template and cost it.

- **Armed Forces Day Badge Competition.** Annabel told the group that we had 129 entries to the badge competition and the winner was selected by Kenn Hart, Armed Forces Day Organiser, Nickie and Annabel. The winning design was shown. RAF Leeming would like 60 badges to sell and Bedale High School will take 25. Annabel reminded the group about AFD to be held on Saturday 27 June 10am-4pm Ripon Market Square with activities and stalls including an HMS Heroes stand. Please publicise this among your groups.
- **VE Day.** This Friday is the 70th anniversary of VE Day and we are marking it by having tea with the residents of Benkhill Lodge Residential Home who will be sharing their memories of VE Day. 15 students from Bedale High School are attending.
- **Wednesday 20 May.** This is a special service at St Gregory's Church Bedale to commemorate the 6 men of Bedale who died during 2015. All local schools have been invited to this and so far nearly 100 pupils from different schools will be attending. Please be at St Gregory's Church at 11.45am for a 12pm service which will last approx. 45 minutes.
- **AOB:** Bedale students told the group about their forthcoming trip to Lightwater Valley and their plans for a weekend residential in September.
- The meeting ended with us watching Act 2 of *Wherever Home Is*

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 30 June at Bedale High School. This will be chaired by Taryn. Items to discuss to be sent to Annabel.

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