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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Welcome back again to another newsletter that will begin with a few short notices from myself and raise awareness of activities that are taking place in our community.

The first being the Santa Fun Run organised by one of our sponsored CNS charities - Katherine House Hospice.

# **Year 10 PTC – First with On-Line Bookings**



So far so good with our preparations for this week's Year 10 PTC. Parents and cares will be asked to provide feedback on their experience of the PTC as they leave the event. We wish to find out if improvements to the bookings, locations and information provided are better and how to improve further for future PTCs. A final decision on whether we continue to use on-line bookings will be made next week.

### Anti-Bullying Newsletter and NeverAlone@CNS

Many thanks for the communication we have received in the past week about our anti-bullying work at CNS. It is good that this receives such a national profile in all schools and colleges - and to be reminded of the challenge and the possible solutions we can all develop together.

# In The Event of Severe Weather

Weather conditions placed last Thursday's Year 13 PTC under threat and so we were glad that it ran as planned. Nevertheless it reminds us of the need to familiarise ourselves of the protocols if severe weather were to affect the opening or closing of the school. Decisions are based on both a risk assessment of the site and whether or not the various bus services are affected. We know that families need as much notice as possible of closures and therefore we shall continue to provide immediate communication via In Touch and our website, in addition to the traditional announcements on local radio.

## National Road Safety Week

Starting today is the National Road Safety Week (18 – 24 November 2019). The website is well worth a look but also drawing your attention to the new 20mph speed limits that now exist within parts of the town centre. This is of course a very complex matter but we remain as interested as ever in ensuring our students can travel to and from school with reduced risks of road accidents and the damaging effects of car emissions.



#### Team Anna

You may recall that we did a special fundraiser for an amazing little girl called Anna Drysdale.

The day brought out the very best in us all and we were delighted to contribute a major sum towards the cost of her treatment.

Team Anna is a group of people who work alongside Anna's family to continue to raise money. Team Anna will be appearing at the various Christmas Fayres this year – including our own at CNS on Friday 29 November.

On Sunday 15 December they are also holding a Festive Fun Day in the Town Hall to include carol singing, craft activities for younger children and a visit from Father Christmas. Everyone in the community is



invited and we hope it will be



another occasion where Anna and her family can feel the love and support of their entire community.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a chocolate tombola. We are therefore encouraging our students to contribute chocolate for the stall. This could be anything from a *Freddo* to a box of *Lindt Lindor* — or even *Milk Tray*! When it comes to chocolate it never really matters and so anything that you or your children wish to contribute would be massively appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Doherty, Headteacher