

Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher's Update – Friday 16th December 2022

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Elliot Dacre (Year 7): Excellent Achievement - Public Speaking

Elise Heron (Year 7): Outstanding Achievement - Performing in Sleeping Beauty

Bella Horsley (Year 8), Edie Bridgeman, Elliott Hatton, Molly Parkin, Jason Sandford-Jones (Year 9):

Contribution to Catholic School Life - Respect Ambassador

Shannon Ferguson (Year 9): Excellent Contribution in R.E.

Troy Bradoo, Elliott Hatton, Abigail Wild (Year 9): Outstanding Contribution - Fundraising for Royal British Legion

Dan Burgon, Elena Duffill, Adam Jones, Ava Lawrenson, Arissa McHugh, Grace Tyson (Year 9) - Representing School at Careers Evening

Attendance Update

Please see below our whole-school attendance level for the current week and the academic year overall, which you can compare to the attendance level of your child in Class Charts.

Whole-school attendance this week: 87%

Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

Carol Service

Thank you to the many parents/carers, grandparents and other friends of the school who were able to join us for our Carol Service on Wednesday. It was a truly joyous occasion, befitting the beautiful surroundings of St. Peter's RC Church. Thank you also to Mr Warrington, Mr Barnett, Mrs Boylan and Mrs King for preparing our musicians, singers and readers to perform at such an exceptional standard.

Christmas Liturgies

On Tuesday 20th December, the last day of term, we will be joined by our Priest Chaplain, Father John Millar, for a series of year group Christmas liturgies. Year 11 will have their liturgy on Monday due to the annual bowling trip on Tuesday.

'Christmas Jumper' Day

A reminder that Tuesday 20th December will also be our annual 'Christmas Jumper' non-uniform day to raise money for CAFOD. Expectations regarding clothing and appearance on the day were set out in my earlier letter and are as follows:

- Pupils should be dressed professionally and appropriately for children in a school environment, and appropriately for attending the Christmas liturgy.
- Inappropriate dress would include clothing where the midriff is displayed.
- Skirts must be an appropriate length, as with school uniform.
- The usual standards regarding hair, jewellery and make-up will continue to apply. This includes false tans, false eyelashes, nail varnish and false/acrylic nails which are all not permitted.

We ask that all pupils give a minimum donation of £1 via ParentPay for CAFOD, who work to support people living in poverty across the world.

Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Bea Smith (7 Haydock), who has won our Christmas Card competition. Bea's clever design, using pebbles from the beach as part of her Nativity scene, is being used as our official school Christmas card this year.

Class Charts

With effect from the beginning of the new term in January, we will be increasing the amount of information we share with parents/carers via Class Charts. This will include records of behaviour incidents and, where required, the setting of detentions. It is therefore essential that all parents/carers activate and regularly access their Class Charts account. If you have experienced any technical difficulties in accessing Class Charts or would like to receive a new invitation to activate your account, please let us know by emailing remotesupport@stbedeslytham.lancs.sch.uk.

End of Term

A reminder that Saint Bede's will close for the Christmas break at 1.00pm on Tuesday 20th December. The school buses have been rearranged for the earlier time. School will re-open for all pupils at 8.55am on Wednesday 4th January.

My end of term letter and our Christmas newsletter will be issued next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher