

Headteacher's Update – Friday 24th February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection

Our prayer theme for next week is:

Willpower

Many of us begin Lent full of determination to stick to the targets and promises we have set for ourselves, only to give in to temptation very quickly. We may feel the same at many other times in our lives, when we have goals and challenges that we are working towards.

Lord, help us not to be too hard on ourselves if we fall short. Instead, help us to realise that it is worth starting again or having another try. Refusing to give up is a very good way to strengthen our willpower!

Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

Brodie Holmes (Year 7): Enthusiasm and confidence in reading

Boris Andjelic, Arissa McHugh (Year 10): Excellence in English

Jack Dunn, Isla Hindmoor, Mikey Moran, John Stacey (Year 7): Outstanding effort in the Year 7 points competition

Lucy Appleton, Emilia Beacham, Edie Bridgeman, Lucinda Farrell, Connor Heath, Ava Lawrenson, Grace Tyson, Mollie Yates (Year 9): Representing school at Year 10 Parents 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: 93%

Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

School Production

At the time of writing, we have enjoyed one fantastic performance of 'Narnia: The Musical' in the school hall, with another to follow this evening. I will have more to say next week, but please also look out for the review which expect to appear in local newspapers.

Non-uniform day

Thank you for your support with the non-uniform day before half-term, to support those affected by the devastating and ongoing circumstances in Turkey and Syria. I am delighted to report that a fantastic £1886.99 was raised by the Saint Bede's school family, which has been donated to the CAFOD disaster appeal.

Behaviour in the community

In recent days I have, unfortunately, received several complaints regarding the behaviour of a small number of our pupils in the community after school. The areas of particular concern are:

- Anti-social behaviour on the Number 17 bus
- Anti-social behaviour around the Saltcotes shop and bus stop
- Anti-social behaviour in Booths supermarket

Please could you remind your child that our expectations of their behaviour remain as high in the community as they do on the school site. I know that the vast majority of our pupils are wonderful ambassadors for our school, so please also encourage your child to report any concerns they have about behaviour in the community to a member of staff. Any such information will be handled with sensitivity by the school.

NEU Industrial Action

A reminder that because of industrial action, **school will be closed to Year 10 pupils on Tuesday 28th February.** Pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 will attend school as normal.

A small number of our most vulnerable Year 10 pupils will be invited into school and will be supported to complete the work other pupils will be completing at home. Provision will also be made for a packed lunch to be provided for Year 10 pupils who are entitled to a free school meal. Further details have already been circulated to pupils for whom this applies.

Parental Feedback Survey

A final reminder that our annual Parent & Carer feedback survey will close on Monday 27th February. I would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey by following the link sent separately if you have not already done so.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher