



13th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 14 Headteacher Update

Firstly, a huge thank you to all those who have contributed to our school charity this year, Christian Aid, we have had a fantastic response and have already raised over £800. The children have been working hard in school to organise fundraising events ranging from cake sales to penalty shoot outs and guess the sweets in the jar. We have also had lots of contributions via ParentPay. Our fundraising events will continue right the way through the year, and we know that our children will continue to display our school values of Family, Faith and Excellence. As part of our Advent activities, we have also been collecting for The Wellspring, Chelwood Foodbank and local refugee families, you have been so generous in your support of this, thank you. We are still accepting donations and full information is listed in last week's letter.

Wednesday 15th December is our Christmas showcase. The children and staff have been working so hard to pull this together and it is of particular importance this year. Unfortunately, following advice from the Local Authority and Public Health England, this event is unable to go ahead in person. However, it will be uploaded to our website later this week so that you can enjoy it at a time that is suitable to you. Having heard the choir practising at lunchtimes I know that this will be an exceptional performance.

A reminder that our Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 13th January from 4pm to 7pm. Following feedback from our Year 10 Parents' Evening we will now be using SchoolCloud to aid the virtual evening. This should help to keep to stricter timings and should also make the process of booking appointments easier. Dr Guscott will be writing to all parents/carers with children in Year 9 with full details.

Finally, as we begin to approach the end of term, I want to remind all families that our high standards continue all the way through to the final school day of 2021. On the last day there will be an opportunity for a reflection on the true meaning of Christmas, several Christmas activities and the opportunity to spend time as a Form group. School will finish on Wednesday 22nd December at 12.15pm and the buses have been booked for this time.

I hope you have a great week and if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher