



8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Autumn Term Week 9 Headteacher Update**

As we begin the second week of half term two, in some ways I cannot believe that we have only been back a week, last week seemed to absolutely fly by! I hope you managed to enjoy the fireworks on Friday with your families.

This week we have two main events taking place after school. Our Year 11 Apprenticeship Evening taking place on Thursday, the evening will run from 6 – 7pm. Full information has been sent by Mrs Ashworth our careers advisor. Taking place this evening at 6pm is our Parental Forum, this event is on site and all parents are welcome to attend. If you require any additional information please contact Dr Guscott, our Deputy Headteacher, at [s.guscott@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:s.guscott@stjamesheadle.co.uk).

I am pleased to report that the Full Governing Board met last Thursday and have ratified the school holidays for 2022/23. These follow the Stockport Local Authority term dates. Please note that I will not authorise absence for any holidays taken outside of these dates. The ratified term dates are available on our website and can be found here: <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/term-dates/>

Year 11 now have their revision plans in preparation for their mock examinations. These have been handed to your child and also emailed to you as parents. Please do ensure that your child follows their revision plan and ask them to speak to their teacher if they have any questions or difficulties.

This week Mrs Birch will be delivering remembrance assemblies in memory of Armistice Day. There are poppies available for children to purchase to support the Royal British Legion. This is an important part of our role in educating and developing global Catholic citizens to ensure they have a strong understanding of the impact of world-wide events.

It is fitting that yesterday's readings challenge us to remember that all we have come from God and that we must be willing to give back. In the first reading, a widow shares what little she has with Elijah, and she is rewarded with abundance. The psalm praises God for his generosity and mercy and in the second reading St Paul tells us that Jesus offered himself for our salvation once and for all. In the Gospel, Jesus observes the poor widow who generously gives what little she has to the treasury. Thank you so much for all the donations that we have received for our school charity this year, Christian Aid. If you are able, we would be delighted if you donate via ParentPay to this worthwhile cause. A reminder that our Faith Prefects will also be organising a collection for our local food banks and we thank you in advance for your generous donations.

I hope you have a fantastic week, if you need us you know where we are  
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Yours faithfully

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