



14th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 10 Headteacher Update

It is hard to believe that we are already starting the third week of our second half term. I want to begin by thanking all parents and carers for their continued support. A special thank you to those parents who attended our Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening. I am pleased to pass on that 94% of families were represented. The parent school partnership is extremely important for us all at St James'.

Last week Mrs Birch led our school Family through Remembrance assemblies, and we observed a very moving two-minute silence in our prayer garden and school, whilst two of our children played the last post. Yesterday we celebrated Remembrance Sunday, as we remember those who have given their lives through war, in service of our country, we need to keep in mind that the world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten. As the Lord commanded the apostles to 'Do this in memory of me', we pray that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed; and to our fallen we say 'We will remember them'.

On Thursday this week we welcome our class of 2022 back to school for the final time for Prize Evening. This is a formal end to their time at St James' where there will be prize winners for individual subjects, overarching awards and all children will be able to collect their examination certificates. I know you will join me in congratulating our leavers on their achievements and continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they journey through the next stages of their educational or working lives.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Hazlewood, our Lay Chaplain, who moves on to a new role. We wish her well in her new adventure and thank her for all she has done to contribute to the faith life of our school.

As a reminder from my letter last week; the St James' Equality Group are having a big drive on pre-loved uniform. As such, they have set up a Uniform Exchange. This is a small stock of pre-loved uniform items that are free for children to take and keep. The aim is to support our children, reduce unnecessary waste and to save money. If you are in a position to donate, would like to take up this offer, or if you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact the lead for our Equality Group Miss Condrón via email h.condron@stjamescheadle.co.uk.

I hope you have a lovely week, if you need anything please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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