



12th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 14 Headteacher Update

On Saturday twelve members of staff, including myself, braced the elements in order to run the Tatton 10k to fundraise for our chosen school charity for this year, Mary's Meals. It was a very cold, snowy Saturday morning but for a worthwhile cause. There are pictures on our school Twitter if you would like to take a look. A huge thank you to all who have donated, we have managed to exceed our target of feeding 12 children, 1 for each staff member running. It costs £15.90 to feed a child for a year. If you would like to sponsor us, you are able to do so via the Justgiving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjames2022>

Over the weekend our Expressive Arts faculty have been in school, working with our children to rehearse for our production of Matilda. On Tuesday and Wednesday evening this week we have our two performances as well as a special preview for St Simon's, one of our feeder Primary schools, tomorrow. The amount of time and effort that has gone into ensuring this is a success from both children and staff has been phenomenal. A huge congratulations to all of those involved and we look forward to seeing the full extravaganza.

We have received information about the 2023 programme for Confirmation for the parishes of St Ann's, St Chads and Christ Church. The preparation sessions are all to be held from 7pm to 8.30pm at Christ Church Parish Hall on the following Fridays: 10th March, 24th March, 21st April, 5th May, 19th May, 16th June and 23rd June. There will also be a Retreat Afternoon at Christ Church Parish Hall on Sunday 9th July from 12noon to 4pm. Confirmation itself will be at 7pm on Friday 14th July at Christ Church. Please email the parish directly to register a place.

Stockport Local Authority have asked me to inform parents/carers that eligible families will be receiving a one-off £60 Winter Support Voucher from the council, for the period to 31st March 2023, to help with the cost of energy and other essential living costs. Please look out for an email or letter from SMBC and visit www.stockport.gov.uk/wsv for more information. The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is also running over the holiday period, providing enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for those eligible. Please visit www.stockport.gov.uk/HAF or email the HAF team at HAF@stockport.gov.uk if you have any queries.

A reminder that we are supporting the Stockport and Chelwood Foodbanks during Advent and for those who are able to, we would ask for any contributions listed below. Chelwood Foodbank is a charity that is an emergency service, providing pre-packed food parcels, to support those in financial crisis and food poverty. Stockport Foodbank has 8 centres across Stockport and is looking to help all those going through tough times by giving emergency food parcels which contain enough food for 3 days. They welcome everyone and look to help with a friendly welcome, something to eat and drink as well as signposting to any other agencies whom they think will be of help. The charities are looking for the following items:

- Tinned vegetables (peas and carrots)
- Tinned fruit
- Soap
- UHT milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Biscuits
- Tinned tomatoes
- Christmas treats
- Size 6 nappies
- Pasta sauce



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- Tinned meat
- Shower gel
- Sanitary items
- Baby wipes
- Hair conditioner
- Black bin liners
- Disposable razors
- Disinfectant sprays
- Kitchen roll
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Washing powder
- Sugar
- Tin foil

Children can bring in any donations to their Form Tutor up until 16th December and we will deliver them to the Stockport Foodbank and Chelwood Foodbank. Many thanks in advance for anything you are able to contribute. We appreciate that many families are facing challenging circumstances and there is no obligation for anyone to contribute. Equally should your family require support, please do contact your child's Head of Year who will be able to signpost you. Thank you so much to all of those who have already supported this cause, your donations are greatly valued.

Have a fantastic week and if you need us, you know where we are headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher