



3rd October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 5 Headteacher Update

I cannot believe that we are already in October and that we only have three weeks left of this half term. We had another fantastic set of events in school last week for Year 7 with retreats to Savio and their Chromebook collection event last Thursday. We are really looking forward to continuing their welcome with our Mass for our Year 7 on Thursday of this week at Our Lady and the Apostles Church in Edgeley at 6pm. It is always a joyous occasion when we gather in faith as a school family.

On Wednesday last week Fr Tony from Christ Church, Heald Green, came and celebrated our lunchtime Mass and this week we have Fr Sharrocks from St Peter's, Hazel Grove. We are so grateful to our priests giving up their time to celebrate Mass with our St James' family. In the Catholic Church, October is a month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. Pope Francis summed the rosary up when he said "In the Rosary we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may guide us to an ever closer union with her Son Jesus.... indeed, in the Rosary while we repeat the Hail Mary we meditate on the Mysteries, on the events of Christ's life, so as to know and love him ever better. The Rosary is an effective means for opening ourselves to God, for it helps us to overcome egotism and to bring peace to hearts, in the family, in society and in the world." As we journey through this Marian month, our children will be having an assembly on the theme of the rosary and this will allow them to reflect on this important tradition that can bring much needed time for reflection and prayer. Children will be praying the rosary together as a Form group throughout the month of October.

From 10th to 14th October Stockport is holding a Careers week-long event. Stockport LA have produced a fantastic digital prospectus featuring all the local colleges, sixth forms and training providers. They have two evening events coming up talking about routes at 16+ and 18. For more information please click this [link](#). I would encourage those in Key Stage 4 to begin this process of thinking about these next steps as early as possible so as to make well informed choices.

It is wonderful to see so many children cycling to school and taking advantage of being able to use our secure bike store. I would however encourage children to lock their bikes up so as to ensure they cannot be removed by anyone else. Road safety is also important and I would ask that children be encouraged to wear helmets when cycling to school.

On Wednesday Red week we have staff training taking place after school. Therefore unfortunately, homework club will not run afterschool on a Wednesday during Red week. All other days it will run as normal.

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

Yours faithfully

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