



5th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 5 Headteacher Update

I cannot believe we are entering our final week of our half term; this half term has been extremely short but also extremely busy!

I am pleased to share that our Year 11 Parents' Evening, conducted virtually last Thursday, saw a robust turnout. Your active participation in this event is greatly appreciated, and we are thankful for the feedback provided through the parental voice questionnaire distributed by Dr Guscott. Your insights play a crucial role in shaping our school family and enhancing the educational experience for our children. In the upcoming weeks, we will compile and publish the gathered information on our website at the usual address, which can be found [here](#). Thank you for your ongoing support.

As we eagerly approach the much-anticipated week of our school production of "Annie", a final reminder that the performances will be taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by both our talented children and committed staff have been truly commendable, with extra hours spent rehearsing even on Saturday this past weekend. To secure your seats, please remember to purchase your tickets through ParentPay. We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an excellent production.

Over the next few weeks we have three more Year 8 careers breakfasts taking place where pupils will find out about careers in medicine, IT and radio presenting.

This half term I am excited to share with you that our school has not one, but two incredible educational experiences planned. On Friday, 9th February, a group of our children will embark on a ski trip to Italy, while another group will set off on a cultural visit to Berlin on Saturday, 10th February. These experiences are designed to broaden the horizons of our children and enhance their learning beyond the classroom. We ask that you keep all our staff and children in your thoughts and prayers for safe travels.

As we enter the fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, let us draw inspiration from Jesus' ministry, where he tirelessly preached, cured the sick, and drove out demons before moving on to continue this transformative work elsewhere. In the spirit of Jesus' mission, our Catholic school family aims to instil a commitment to service and compassion within our children. Just as Jesus moved from place to place, spreading healing and hope, we encourage our children to be catalysts for positive change in their own spheres of influence. Let us embrace the opportunity to preach the values of empathy, kindness, and understanding, curing the ailments of indifference and ignorance.

I hope you have a lovely half term break when it arrives. Our staff will also be taking a well-deserved break, spending time with their families, and as such will be unavailable via email, thank you in advance for not contacting them. A reminder that school re-opens on 19th February, if you need anything in these final five days, please contact headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully



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all things are possible
Matthew 19:26