



22nd May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 6 Headteacher Update

I cannot believe the final week of half term is upon us. I hope your child has had a fantastic half term and enjoyed all of the opportunities that have been afforded to them due to the hard work of staff.

A reminder that our GCSE examinations continue this week. Please can I ask that you continue to keep all of our Year 11 children in your thoughts and prayers.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday Miss Hewson, along with several staff, led our Duke of Edinburgh Silver final expedition. The children were once again an absolute credit to their school and their families. These kinds of events do not happen by chance so a huge thank you to all staff involved, but in particular Miss Hewson.

Yesterday the "Seventh Sunday of Easter" is the Sunday which falls between the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Yesterday's Gospel reading is the beginning of a prayer, sometimes called Jesus' 'High-Priestly Prayer', which appears at the conclusion of the Last Supper just before Jesus is arrested in the garden. It is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus in the Gospel. It unfolds in three main sections: Jesus prays for himself (Jn 17:1-5), then for his apostles who have been closely associated with him during his mission (Jn 17: 6-19) and finally for the unity of future disciples (Jn 20-26). He prays for his disciples, present and future, who will face opposition and for those who will welcome his Word. We are called and challenged to be the face and voice of Jesus in a world that cries out for hope, peace, equality and justice. Let us take up that challenge, especially this week.

A reminder about the CEW trips to Chester Zoo and Blackpool Pleasure Beach. The letter can be found [here](#). Please be aware that **anyone who misses the deadline will not be able to attend the trips and this deadline cannot be extended.**

Have a super week and a lovely half term break when it comes. Our staff will also be taking a well-deserved break too, spending time with their families, and as such will be unavailable via email, thank you in advance for not contacting them. If you need anything in these final five days, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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