



17th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 7 Headteacher Update

I cannot believe we are in our final week of half term. This week we have lots going on at school. On Monday at 6pm our Parental Forum takes place. All information has previously been sent by Dr Guscott and is available [here](#). On Monday Camps International are delivering their parent presentation, for anyone with children in Year 11, 10 or 9, at 6.30pm in the Main Hall, again all information is available [here](#). Our Expressive Arts Theatre trip to watch Blood Brothers at the Lowry Theatre, takes place on Tuesday evening and looks set to be a fantastic event. The children should arrive back at school at 11pm. On Wednesday, our Year Nine Rugby League Trip takes place with a visit to Leigh Sports Village to watch a Rugby League World Cup match, the children should arrive back at school at approximately 10pm. On Thursday our Careers Convention takes place for our Year 10 and 11 children. This event is in school from 6 – 8pm in the Main Hall and full details sent previously can be found [here](#). Finally, on Friday our historians in Years 9 and 10 depart for their trip to the Western Front and return on Monday. As you can see, a busy week! Please keep all our children and staff in your thoughts and prayers.

The Gospel yesterday begins with a clear statement that is very relevant for us today; “Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.” Perhaps in the same way as preparing to run a marathon, a life of prayer takes time, discipline, practise, patience and perseverance. It does not just happen by itself. We can talk about prayer, we can read about prayer and we can even watch others pray, but unless we make a start ourselves, we will never learn to pray. Sometimes maintaining a regular prayer life can be difficult, even frustrating at times. It can feel as if our prayers are not being heard or answered which can often be disheartening. This October during Form time and morning prayer, staff and children have placed a greater focus on praying The Rosary, I would ask that you speak to your child and encourage them to continue this through the half term break.

I hope you have a fantastic week and an extra special half term break when it comes. Thank you for your continued support throughout this half term. Our staff will be taking a well-deserved break over half term and as such will be unavailable via email for that week, thank you in advance for not contacting them. If you need anything this week, please do not hesitate to get in touch headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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