



29th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 3 Headteacher Update

This coming Friday is St James the Lesser's Feast day, the Patron Saint of our school. As I will share in the Celebration of the Word letter, children will be looking at the life of St James during their Form time this week and Mrs Moss will be focusing on St James in each Year group's assembly. The observance of saints' days is important for Catholics and we would like the children to recognise this as well. We believe the saints accompany us. The Catechism reminds us that in our profession of faith we say "I believe... in the communion of saints" because we can learn so much from them, they serve as inspirations and examples for us as we try to live good lives. Let us all think about how we can follow the saints' examples in our lives each day.

Dr Guscott sent out a letter last week to Year 11 parents about the upcoming GCSE and BTEC examinations, which contains important information about exam procedures and regulations. All Year 11 children will receive their personalised timetables this week, and Dr Guscott will also be going through all of this information with them in assembly. The end of examination season may feel a long time away but it will come around quicker than we realise. Therefore, may I take this opportunity to remind you of our Year 11 Leavers' Mass which will be held at Christ Church Heald Green on 26th June at 6 pm, as well as the Year 11 Prom which will be held at Stockport County on 27th June. Tickets for the Prom can be purchased via ParentPay. I ask that you continue to keep all our Year 11s in your thoughts and prayers during this key time of their school career.

Plans are already underway for Curriculum Excellence Week (CEW) which will take place from 12th-18th July. We have a plethora of trips and visits including Germany, London, Duke of Edinburgh, Chester Zoo (Years 7 and 8), and Blackpool Pleasure Beach (Years 7-9). I would encourage you to give your consent and payment via ParentPay for Chester Zoo and Blackpool to secure your child's place. Aside from the various trips and visits, CEW is always an excellent week of activities and staff will be planning a range of interesting and exciting projects for children to complete within subject areas. We will also have a dedicated Careers Day allowing children in Years 7 to 9 to find out more about future career opportunities, whilst our Year 10 children will be on work experience.

Have a great week and if you need anything or have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch at headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Your faithfully

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