



December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

School will finish for the Christmas break on **Friday, 22 December at 12.35pm**. The school bus will be here at 12.35pm to take the students home early.

On the last day of term we will have our annual **Santa Dash** with all profits going to St Catherine's Hospice. This will be a non-uniform day with a Christmas theme – Santa suits, Christmas jumpers or hats, antlers and tinsel are all encouraged. There will also be Christmas activities, a cake stall, face painting and a gift stall. Students are invited to bring sufficient funds to support the event. The morning will finish with a Whole School Assembly, Attendance Raffle and Christmas songs.

All students are expected to attend on Friday, 22nd December. Any student who is absent must be able to provide medical evidence; failure to do so will result in consequences when we return to school after the holiday.

The **"Cracking Christmas" disco** taking place on Thursday, 21 December from 5.00 – 8.00pm is a sell out. If your child is attending please make arrangements for their safe return home at the end of the evening.

This year we have continued to focus on rewarding students for excellent attendance/punctuality, outstanding behaviour and homework completion. I am delighted that we have seen further progress in these key areas of school life; incidents of poor behaviour are now very few and far between and attendance and punctuality compare very favourably with national figures. The quality and consistency of homework completed this term has been really encouraging. I would like to congratulate all of our students on this excellent achievement and thank you for your support as without this we could not continue our progress as a school.

We return from the Christmas holiday on **Monday, 8 January at 8.40am**. Please ensure that your child has full school uniform in readiness for the new term. For clarification with regard to uniform please consult the Parents' Section of the school website. I draw your attention to the fact that closely or partially shaved heads, wedge or v-cuts, distinctive lines or tramlines and unnatural colours are not acceptable.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher



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