

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term has arrived! Where has the time gone? As I reflect on the Autumn Term I am so pleased with how our new cohort of Year 7 students have settled into their classes and the routines of secondary school. Equally the vast majority of students transitioned well into new classes and are settled accessing their various curriculum courses.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend and help us celebrate our Christmas Fair and Christmas service at St. John's Church, Hartford. Many of you spoke to me after the service sharing how much you enjoyed listening to the students. It means a lot to the staff and I to receive such positive feedback.

Last week also saw Sixth Form organise a Rudolph dash. This was a charity event, with Sixth Form supporting St. Luke's Hospice, Winsford. The original plan of running around the school track had to be modified due to the weather conditions, so laps of the gym were completed. The effort of the students, as always, was first class. At this moment in time a total of £465 has been raised, with more funds to come in. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a child, it will make a difference.

School has recently invested in 2 MUGA pitches (Multi Use Games Area) which the students are enjoying. It means P.E. and lunchbreak football can take place outside 'mud free'. With regards to Health and Safety it is recommended that students accessing this area should wear astro turf type footwear. This reduces, significantly the risk of slipping, falling and injury. School will need to ask parents to provide this footwear for their child to avoid risk of injury. Possibly an opportunity for a last Christmas gift?

We are gradually moving away from paper systems in school. Much of the information that was shared via letters has been moved onto the school website <http://www.greenbankschool.org/>

Examples include term dates, curriculum coverage, key policies, events and Home Newsletters. It is worth checking the site for information on a regular basis.

Attached to this letter is an attendance certificate for your child for the Autumn Term. There are clear links between a child's attendance at school and the progress they make. The minimum attendance rate school aims for is 95%. Where a child's attendance falls below this a separate letter of notification is sent and shared with schools Education Welfare Officer.

For those students who have an attendance record of 95% and above- Well Done.

It just leaves me to wish you a Merry Christmas and New Year as we welcome in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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