

Our Ref. MMc / JMCM

16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today sees the Autumn Term draw to a close. Pupils have had the opportunity to experience a range of Christmas activities this week. The cold weather meant it was unsafe to walk to St. John's church to hold our Carol concert. A real disappointment for everyone. However, Dimitri, one of the Ministers, was able to come to Greenbank to help deliver a modified concert / assembly. My thanks to St. John's Church.

One of the highlights of the week must have been the school Christmas Lunch - a whole school thank you to Jenni and the kitchen team for providing us with such a wonderful lunch. As a token of our appreciation pupils presented some small gifts for the ladies to enjoy.

Today saw sixth form organise the annual 'Elf Run'. This is a fund raising event in support of St. Luke's Hospice, Winsford. Pupils completed laps of the school gym in attempt to complete as many laps as they could in 5 minutes. Whilst we are still counting the money raised, I am confident we will break the £400 mark. All funds raised will go direct to St. Luke's this afternoon - thank you everyone who was able to sponsor a pupil.

Residential pupils have had an equally exciting week with a group visiting the local cinema in Northwich and 3 groups travelling to Stoke-on-Trent to see the pantomime 'Peter Pan'.

Pupils across school have worked really hard this term and I hope they can work equally hard during the Christmas break in relaxing and recharging their batteries ready for the Spring Term. The last few weeks have been very challenging as a significant number of pupils and staff have succumbed to seasonal illness. My thanks to staff who have shown great flexibility in providing support, covering for absent staff. Pupil attendance at school is extremely important, as I am sure you will agree. Attending school is a whole school priority. If the attendance of a pupil falls below 90% you may receive a letter from school highlighting the concern with the offer of support to boost attendance. Although there are options to issue fixed penalty notices for persistent absence I would much rather work with families in the first instance.

School closes for pupils on **Friday 16th December, 2022** and will re-open on **Wednesday 4th January, 2023**.

May I wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year.
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Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Head teacher



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