Our Ref. MMc /DMB 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A common comment this week from pupils has been ‘It is Friday already, hasn’t the week gone quickly?’ I think we all feel the same at the moment. Perhaps it is because there have been a lot of celebrations- Halloween, Bonfire Night, Thanks Giving (on Residential), a visit to Chester Zoo, visits to local College’s by Sixth Form…..

Chester Zoo: Key Stage 3 were lucky enough to be able to visit Chester Zoo on Tuesday. We were so lucky with the weather. The pupils had a wonderful time and the feedback from staff was equally positive in terms of the conduct and behaviour of pupils. The photographs from the visits are being used to make a display in school and support the work pupils have completed as part of the JASS Award, a self-guided way to encourage, capture and celebrate personal achievement.

Thank you to Eloise for organising the trip and to staff for their support in making sure the whole day was such a success.



Reading is a very important part of what school does. It allows pupils to develop their literacy skills and access the full curriculum. School has a well establish phonics scheme- ‘Read, Write, Inc’ and has invested in **Accelerated Reader** to build on the progress pupils make. Accelerated Reader motivates students to read more through engaging quizzes, goal setting, and personalized recommendations. As students increase their reading volume, they develop greater reading stamina, word recognition, and language comprehension skills. Within the Accelerated reader package, a reading programme- **MyOn** is present. MyOn is an online library that can be accessed at home as well as in school. Students have their own login in the front of their home books so that they can access reading at home or in residential. We are running a termly reward system to encourage students to read more both in school and at home, where MyOn can be accessed using the login information in the home books.

**School Events**

**Thursday 5th December**: School Winter Fair. 1:00pm- 2:30pm. *If you plan to take your child home after the Fair, please let a member of the office team know so we can inform taxis.*

**Wednesday 11th December**: Parent/ Carer coffee morning. 9:15am-11:15am. Please e-mail our Family Liaison Advisor- Kate [katec@greenbank.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:katec@greenbank.cheshire.sch.uk)

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**

**Head Teacher**