

9 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an Advent Term like no other. Our community has had to adapt to new systems and routines, and our pupils, with your support, have demonstrated exceptional resilience, cooperation and consideration for others. We want to honour and celebrate the efforts they have made through the events of the last week of term; we will hold celebratory rewards and awards assemblies, host Christmas Lunch, stage a covid-secure version of our traditional Christmas Karaoke, run a special STM Christmas Quiz, and celebrate the season of Christmas with a Christmas Liturgy led by our Chaplaincy Team. Our pupils have been wonderful this term and we are determined to make this festive season as enjoyable as possible for them.

Here is an outline of what we have planned for the last week of term, the week beginning 14 December 2020. Please note the arrangements for the last day of term on 18 December 2020.

Tuesday 15th December

- Winners of Form Christmas Door Competition announced

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day

- A non-uniform day when pupils can come to school in their Christmas jumpers/outfits
- Donation of £1 in support of FOSTM – Friends of St Thomas More (our PTA)
- Break – pupils bring own food, only drinks available to purchase
- Lunch - Christmas Lunch at a cost of £2.50 (school meals via parent pay)

Thursday 17th December - Awards and Rewards Assemblies

- Awards Assemblies will be held in bubbles
- Pupils in all years will be presented with awards based on the achievement points (or credits) that they have received this term
- KS4 and KS3 subject awards will be presented in these assemblies
- Parents will be notified of awards by text message on the day

Friday 18th December - Christmas Liturgy, Christmas Quiz and Christmas Karaoke

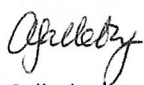
- Christmas Liturgy with pupils based in form rooms
- Brunch with substantial hot snacks available, 30 minutes per bubble between 10am and 11am
- Christmas Karaoke
- 12.30pm – End of day, school closes for Christmas Holidays (Train departs at 12.54pm)

Return to school – Monday 4th January 2021

School re-opens to all pupils on Monday 4 January 2021. Further details will follow in the End of Term Letter from Mr Redfern.

Thank you for your support in what has been a challenging year for us and for you. We wish you and your loved ones a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Your faithfully



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