

Dear Parent/Carer

We are almost at the end of a busy autumn term. School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16 December at **1.10 p.m.**

**School reopens in the New Year on Tuesday 3 January 2017.** The school day starts as usual at **8.50 a.m. for all pupils.**

There are some things I would like to bring to your attention:

### **Own Clothes Day**

We will be having an 'own clothes day' on Wednesday 14 December. For just £1 pupils can choose to dress casually or join in the 'spirit of Christmas' by wearing a Christmas jumper or hat or something similar. All money raised will go to CAFOD. **The canteen will also be serving Christmas lunch on the day. Please ensure your child has sufficient funds on his/her account to join us or, for those who bring packed lunches, perhaps a lunch with a Christmas theme!**

### **Uniform**

Please could we remind you that when pupils return to school in January we expect them to be wearing the correct school uniform; jewellery and make-up are not permitted. The school uniform list can be found in the pupil planner (pages 6-7) or on our website. To avoid any confusion regarding appropriate trousers or skirts Headmaster's Schoolwear of New Mills have been advised on which styles are acceptable to the school. In times of severe cold or wet weather pupils should wear a coat to school and during break and lunch times. Zipped tops, hoodies or canvas shoes are not permitted. Boots are not permitted; however **if pupils choose to wear boots on the way to school when weather conditions are poor they must change into their proper school shoes on arrival.**

### **Equipment and Belongings**

Pupils are constantly being reminded to come to school with the right equipment and to take home all of their belongings at the end of the day. All pupils are expected to collect their coats and bags from the cloakrooms and locker areas next week. Any items left behind will go into lost property. If they are not collected in the New Year they will be disposed of. Items clearly labelled will be returned. Lockers should also be cleared; under no circumstances should food be left in them.

Thank you for your support this year. We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours faithfully,



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Deputy Headteacher

