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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw to the close of the Autumn term, we would like to outline what the last week of term will hold in terms of additional events to look forward to for pupils, parents and staff.

On Tuesday we have our Annual Community party where we open the doors to our invited guests. They will be well looked after by a number of our pupils from across all year groups. I am sure that there will be a carol or two, bingo, party food and even a visit from Santa himself.

Wednesday is going to be our busiest day. On Wednesday morning we have our termly Eucharist, led by the Reverend Dave Tolhurst. Pupils and staff work together to reflect on the season of Christmas and what this means to us today. Wednesday also sees Christmas lunch served as the main hot meal of the day. The kitchens will also be serving our usual staple favourites such as paninis, sandwiches and pasta.

On Wednesday evening we have our Christmas concert where our pupils perform a selection of songs and carols in a musical extravaganza. Doors open for this event at 5.30p.m. for a 6.00p.m. start.

On Our last day of term, Friday 22 December, we have our Christmas Jumper day. Pupils can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper, Christmas accessories (such as a hat, earrings or necklace) or all of the aforementioned! Pupils are still expected to be wearing the rest of their school uniform in the usual way. On Friday afternoon we will have our Christmas celebrations with pupils in the afternoon; we will finish for the end of term at the normal school finishing time of 3.00 p.m.



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I am sure that everyone is ready for a break and a good rest over the festive period. School will re-open on 8 January (breakfast club from 7.45 a.m. as usual).

I would like to leave you with this verse from the Bible:

John 14:27 - *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid".*

I hope that by reflecting on this verse, our pupils can begin to understand what really matters at this time of year; and what the true meaning of Christmas is all about.

I hope that you and your family have a joyous and peaceful Christmas. We wish you all the best in the New Year.

Yours faithfully

David Airey.

Headteacher



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