Wednesday 12th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of this term, with Christmas fast approaching, I would like to draw your attention to a number of events which are happening in our final week:

Monday 17th December 2018

Mass will be celebrated at St Hugh of Lincoln Church at 10am. All are welcome. Please ensure that students bring coats with them in preparation for inclement weather.

The Choir will be singing at John Lewis, Trafford Centre at 2pm. Again, all welcome.

Tuesday 18th December 2018

Christmas dinner for staff and students. Free to children on free school meals and £2.30 to all others. Christmas Jumper Day for CAFOD – students can wear a Christmas jumper for a minimum £1 donation. Students must wear school uniform along with their jumper.

Wednesday 19th December 2018

The Choir will be singing at a Carol Service at St Antony's, Trafford Park at 12pm. You are welcome to join us there

Thursday 20th December 2018

Normal school day.

Friday 21st December 2018

Non uniform day for students (£1 for CAFOD/PTA). It is important to note that school will close early on this day at approx. 12:45pm and that school buses after school will not run.

It has been a wonderful term at St Antony's, with so much to celebrate. Our ski trip heads off on Saturday and we wish them a safe and fun holiday. We want our children to have lots of extra-curricular opportunities and have been pleased this year to be able to offer three new lunchtime clubs: Art & Craft Club with Mrs Scholes on a Monday in Room 4, CCC on a Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs Raftery in Computer Room 5 and a Drama Club on Wednesday (and Thursday after school) with Ms Dean. The CCF and Debate Mate continue to flourish and there is still time for students to join in with DoE (see Mr Johnson). The PE department also contribute greatly with many sporting activities. We were delighted to raise over £1000 for Francis House as part of a Dragons' Den competition. Thank you to all those parents who supported us. Last month we hosted Clare Martin, the HR Director of Jardine Motor Co.

who gives talks as part of an organisation called Speakers for Schools. She spoke inspirationally to our Year 10s about her journey, the opportunities within her industry and the challenges she has faced as a female in a predominantly male business. We are looking forward to her returning next year and in the meantime coming back to do some work with smaller groups of students. Our Book Club continues to flourish and have read 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' by JK Rowling. They will be meeting after school on 19th December 2018 to discuss this book/play script and are already looking forward to Miss Lambert's next selection.

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We return for the Spring term on Monday 7th January 2019. The next Parents' Forum takes place on Wednesday 20th March 2019 so please 'save this date'. It was wonderful to see so many parents last time, especially those parents new to the school.

I enclose with this letter a copy of our uniform requirements. As the girls continue to grow, as teenagers are prone to do, some of their skirts are becoming ever increasingly shorter. Please ensure your daughter is wearing a skirt of a suitable length. Our expectations with regard to uniform have not changed over the last few years and I look forward to receiving back our students in the new year, looking like wonderful ambassadors for St Antony's.

Can I take this opportunity once more to thank you for all your support this year, I wish everyone a restorative and holy Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Wright Headteacher