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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

As we approach the end of term there are several pieces of important information I would like to keep you up to date with.

We were delighted to be informed that not only had our school made 'The Times' top 2000 schools and sixth form colleges list, but they ranked us 5<sup>th</sup> best in the North West and 29<sup>th</sup> nationally. This reflects extremely well on the superb efforts of the whole school community and to have this recognised by a leading national newspaper is testimony to how well pupils, parents, staff and governors all work together to create the special atmosphere that exists in our school.

To prepare us for Christmas we are holding our annual Advent Service at St Oswald's Church at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 13 December, I would like to extend an invitation to all pupils and parents. We then hold our annual Senior Citizens Party on the afternoon of Friday 15 December. We will then hold Carol Services in school over the last couple of days before we break for Christmas.

Thank you to all the families who paid the annual Building Levy of £10.00 over the last couple of weeks, it is greatly appreciated. Can I remind you there is no provision within our school funding to pay the £10,000 to the Archdiocese for the Levy and therefore any shortfall in parental contributions will have to be taken from elsewhere within school funds and we would then have to make difficult decisions about what we cannot provide. Therefore, I would urge all families who haven't paid their contribution this year to do so as soon as possible.

Term will end on Friday 22 December <u>at 2 pm,</u> for arrangements of the school buses I will send you an email next week. School will re-open for pupils on **Tuesday 9 January 2018**. (Monday 8 January is an INSET day for staff)

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors of the school I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours faithfully

M J Dumican HEADTEACHER











