



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parents / Carers

It is just over a week to go before the end of term I would like to pass on several important pieces of information.

During this Advent season, with all the stresses of coping with the cost-of-living crisis, the message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love are arguably more important than ever. Pupils will be having Advent Services in school this week on Thursday and Friday. We hope that you will be able to join us next **Tuesday 20 December 2022 at 7.00pm** in St Oswald's Church to celebrate our Christmas Carol Concert.

We would just like to remind parents that our contingency plan in the winter months for a school closure in the event of disruption caused by severe weather is to remote teach via Microsoft Teams. Traffic is flowing this week and there has only been limited snowfall, however, if we were to experience the weather like the South of England is currently experiencing, we would have to move to remote teaching via Teams. We would, of course, notify you in this situation as soon as we possibly could.

As we reach the end of our first term, there have been so many fantastic efforts from our pupils. We keep you informed of them by our Twitter feed and website, please follow us (@SEAHCHS1961) if you don't already do so and regularly go to the website to share all the wonderful achievements of our pupils. We are extremely proud of them, and they are a credit to you.

On the last day before we close for Christmas, we are asking our pupils to wear a jumper (Christmas jumpers if they have one) in support of our partner school in Soweto, South Africa. We ask pupils to bring in a £1 donation. The staff will be taking part as well and it is always a lovely day to experience in school.

School will close for Christmas on **Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 2.00pm** and pupils will return to school on **Monday 9 January 2023 at 8.35am** (Friday 6 January 2023 is an INSET day for staff). Could I urge you to encourage your child to go straight home next Wednesday, rather than congregate in Ashton, and for those who travel by bus, a full service will be in operation.

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

Yours faithfully

M DUMICAN
Headteacher