



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Prepare the way of the Lord

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Dear Parent / Carer

As it is two weeks 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. Therefore, we hope that you will be able to join us on **Wednesday 20 December 2023** at **7.00pm** in **St Oswald's Church** to celebrate our Christmas Carol Concert. It is a truly uplifting event and really does start the festive season off in the most wonderful way.

With the recent onset of very cold winter and snow in places of the UK, I thought that it is worth explaining our contingency plan in the event of school closure caused by severe weather (but let's hope this doesn't happen!). If it does, you will be notified as soon as possible on the morning of such an event and certainly before children set off for school. We would then revert to remote teaching that day via Microsoft Teams. Parents will be notified by Arbor (if you haven't downloaded it yet, please do so) and it will also be on the front page of our website.

As it is now our tradition to allow the children to wear a jumper to raise money for charity, this year, we are asking pupils to wear a jumper for **CAFOD** (they can wear their Christmas jumper if they have one!) The **Cafod Jumper** date is **Thursday, 21 December 2023** with the standard expected donation of **£1.00** to wear your jumper to school! The staff will also be taking part and it's always a lovely day to experience.

Finally, school will close for Christmas on **Friday, 22 December 2023** at the early finish time of **12.10pm**. A full school bus service is in operation. *Could I ask you to please encourage your child to go straight home, rather than congregate in Ashton.* Children on free school meals will have the option to collect a 'grab and go' bag before they leave on the last day.

School re-opens **for pupils** on **Tuesday 9 January 2024** at the normal time.

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors of the school I would like to wish you



"A very Happy and Holy Christmas"



Yours faithfully

M J DUMICAN
Headteacher