AMBITION, RESPECT, RESILIENCE

This week: End of term arrangements; Winter Wonderland; Manchester United Foundation; Community support; resources to support families

We have reached the end of our final full week in school ... 3 days to go until we break for Christmas. There will be an end of term update sent out on Wednesday as well.

Wednesday 21st December will be a non uniform day in school. Instead of a donation for charity, our senior students have led a different approach this year. We are asking for a food item to donate to our local food banks, if you are able to support this. If young people can bring an item(s) in any day next week, we will collect and donate on Wednesday. It's an opportunity to support our local community. Examples of food bank items you could donate cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea or coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits

Some key events over the next 3 school days for your information:

Monday 19th December	Xmas activities in lessons Year 8 Reward trip Winter Wonderland event, 6pm in school (see below)
Tuesday 20th December	Xmas activities in lessons. Year 8 Reward Assembly Year 7 Pantomime trip and Year 7 Reward assembly
Wednesday 21st December	NON UNIFORM DAY - please bring an item to donate to local foodbanks and we will make a delivery on behalf of all of our students
	Xmas activities in lessons Year 9 Reward assembly 12 midday finish

Winter Wonderland You are welcome to attend a presentation from our Performing Arts students on Monday 19th December in school from 6pm. Our students will be performing some of their work from Dance, Music and Drama for the audience.

On the final day - 21st December - all students will receive a small gift box containing some goodies from our partners at **Manchester United** via their form tutors.

Werneth School out in the community ...

It was lovely to meet those parents who visited us at First House this week. A reminder ...

Every Tuesday and Thursday at First House, Brinnington. 9am to 10am. Drop in with any **problem or question**. There will be a desk in the foyer area of First House with a Werneth member of staff. If you have a question or problem you'd like to discuss with us, come along. If we can't answer it straight away, we will bring it back into school and find out the answer to reply to you with.

Please drop in if we can be of any help on any matter.

Reminder ... Parents At Werneth School <u>PAWS@WERNETHSCHOOL.COM</u> - email us as well if we can be of any help.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

Some helpful resources in co-ordination with school partners and the local authority ...

Cost of living support for families

Talking about feelings with young people Some practical advice

Winter illnesses. The local authority Public Health team have created a helpful set of documents for parents around this, and we have placed it on our website <u>here</u>.

Key information from Stockport food banks

Our foodbank centres and telephone lines will be open as usual over the festive period apart from on the following dates:

- Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December all centres and phone line closed
- Monday 2 January all centres and phone line closed

Our warehouse will be closed to donations from Friday 23 December from midday and reopen on Tuesday 3 January.



EMERGENCY FOOD FOR PEOPLE IN STOCKPORT

For further assistance, call 07483 115349 e: foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk



As we move towards the end of the year, who would have ever thought how traumatic a year could be. Seemingly, no sooner had one 'crisis' hit us than another one was waiting in the wings and the impacts of these have been indescribable.

At Stockport Foodbank we have been facing these issues head on, with many clients literally not knowing where to turn to for help. Despite the problems and countless challenges, we are helping an increasing number of clients by offering a listening ear, signposting them to further help as well as giving out food parcels that are now overflowing due to the generosity of those who give to us.

One major development that we have been able to fund this year is the employment of **Citizens Advice Advisors** who now come along to each Foodbank centre and help our clients through the maze of benefit issues, debt advice, and a host of other challenges. Already we have seen many clients benefit from this, some of whom are no longer coming to the Foodbank due to an improvement in their circumstances!

Life Leisure - apply for teen memberships for students who have free school meals.

Stockport Life Leisure team would like to announced that they will be introducing a new scheme for teens across Stockport, who qualify for means tested benefits related free school meals. Young people will be able to apply for a Life Leisure Teen Membership between the $3^{rd} - 6^{th}$ January 2023.

With our Teen Membership, your young person will be able to access the following:

- Life Leisure Classes until 5pm
- Swimming until 8pm
- Gym until 8pm

*Gym induction essential for all under 18s.

How:

To find how to apply for this membership, please email sasha.moore@lifeleisure.net

Once you have applied for a membership, it will then be passed to the memberships team who will activate your account and confirm via email, this may take up to 3 working days. All that's left to do then is collect your membership card from one of the following sites.

Where:

The sites that will be available to use for this offer only will be.

Life Leisure Avondale

Brinnington Park Leisure Complex

Life Leisure Grand Central

Life Leisure Stockport Sports Village

Lunch:

Free lunch will be available every day for the young people who have signed up and used our facilities that day! All you need to do is collect a wristband from reception and head down to one of the following cafes:

Caker Street <u>97 Castle Street, Stockport SK3 9AR</u> – Closest to Grand Central and Avondale

Beelicious - located inside Life Leisure Stockport Sports Village

First Stop Café - First House, 367 Brinnington Road, Brinnington, Stockport, SK5 8EN – Closest to Brinnington

Have a good weekend!