

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week has been filled with a multitude of talent. Pre-Prep pupils in the Christmas concert filled our hearts with joy as they sang, danced and told the story of the birth of Jesus. It was wonderful to have a packed school hall on both days.

I am delighted to share with you some other wonderful achievements our pupils have made this week:

- ❖ Izaiah, Yr 8, came home from the ISA National Swimming gala with an excellent 5th place in the 50m Butterfly. Congratulations Izaiah!
- ❖ Ellie, Yr 11, will be competing this weekend for the East Midlands at the English Schools Swimming Association Diving Nationals in Manchester. Good luck Ellie!
- ❖ Edward, Yr 8, was nominated by the sports department to attend trials for the Midlands' Independent Schools Football Association (ISFA) U13 squad. After three weekends of trials in Birmingham involving 50 nominated players, Edward has successfully been selected to represent the region at the National ISFA Tournament across a full weekend in April. Well done Edward!
- ❖ French Translation Bee is a national competition where the final round is held at Cambridge University. We are very proud to share that Rosie, Yr 9, has excelled and successfully made it into the second round. Incroyable!
- ❖ Computing students from Years 4 to 10 have recently taken part in a national computing challenge called The Bebras Computing Challenge. This competition is organised in over 50 countries and is designed to get students all over the world excited about Computing. I am delighted to congratulate the following pupils who scored the highest at LGS Stoneygate:
  - Aaron, Yr 5
  - Maya, Yr 6
  - Varun, Yr 10
  - Gene, Yr 8. Gene must also be further congratulated as he scored in the top 10% of students in the country and was awarded a gold award. He is invited to take part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge, which aims to help talented computational thinkers move on to providing programmed solutions to problems. An amazing achievement Gene!

In the midst of all this, Year 11 Art students went on a trip to London to further develop their skills and boost their imaginations. Senior school reflected in assembly on the concept that being a geek is a positive thing; an opportunity to delve deeper into learning and see the world differently, have a hobby that you are passionate about and make friends with people with the same interests.

Hard work has also been going on behind the scenes preparing for next week's Carol Service. So please do take note of all the information below about changes to normal schedules. Form teachers will go through the finer details with the children as required.

May I thank you all for what has been a fantastic term. Pupils are ready for a rest, however, should also keep their learning ticking over to consolidate all their hard work. Therefore, as we prepare for the forthcoming holidays, I wanted you to be aware of our homework expectations which are as follows:

### **Reception, Year 1 & 2**

Reception: reading books and a holiday montage

Years 1 and 2: reading books, spellings, maths and the creation of a holiday montage

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are also encouraged to visit their local library so they can enjoy choosing books themselves

### **Year 3, 4, 5 & 6**

Reading

Assignments set via Learning platforms - Letterjoin, Spelling Shed, Times Table Rock Stars and Cracking Comprehension

Weekly spellings

1 Piece of Mathematics

1 Piece of English

### **Year 7, 8 & 9**

Reading which should be logged in their reading journals

Mathematics: complete the diagnostic assessment in IXL and complete suggested tasks

English: complete the diagnostic assessment in IXL and complete suggested tasks

### **Year 10**

Ensuring revision notes are up to date for all topics completed so far

### **Year 11**

Revision for mock examinations

As we draw to the close of this term and begin to prepare for the Lent Term you will soon receive the clubs offer for next term. This has been revised by Mr Robinson and we have some new co-curricular options for our pupils. Please complete the electronic form as promptly as you can. Thank you.

Best wishes,  
Mrs McCullough  
Headmistress

## **Important dates and reminders**

### **Monday 11th December**

Yrs 3 & 4 Choir, Senior Choir, Orchestra, some Yr 9 and 11 percussionists Carol Service rehearsal at St James the Greater Church, Leicester 8.45-11.45am

Pre-Prep Fun Valley, Leicester 10am-12noon

### **Tuesday 12th December**

Yrs 3-11 Carol Service rehearsal in the school hall

Pupil and staff Christmas lunch from 12noon, pupils can wear a Christmas jumper over their uniform (optional)

### **Wednesday 13th December**

Yrs 3-11 Carol Service rehearsal at St James the Greater Church, Leicester 8.45-11.00am

FOLS Pre-Prep Visit to Santa's Grotto in school from 2.15pm

### **Thursday 14th December**

Carol Service at St James the Greater Church, Leicester, 2.30pm, all parents, family and friends invited

### **Friday 15th December**

Pre-Prep Santa Stroll 10.40am. Children to be collected at 11.30am

Prep Santa Stroll 10.50am. Pupils to be collected at 12noon  
Senior Santa Stroll 11.00am. Pupils to be collected at 12noon