

15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all the families that joined us for the Carol Service yesterday. It was truly magnificent, and Mrs Ashwin and her team must be congratulated on a first-class event. I am already looking forward to next year!

Writing the last newsletter of my first term has allowed me to take a step back to reflect. I remain grateful for the feedback from many parents and continue to refer to it to support our strategic direction. More clubs are on offer next term, the fixture calendar is busier than ever and we have had very positive feedback about the launch of Class Charts (Y5-11) and Class Dojo (Y2-5). The Senior Team and I have started to get into lessons and observe teaching and learning and this will continue next term. Offering new Curriculum evenings to senior school families were also well received and we will continue to build on how we connect with families. Next term Mr Robinson has arranged for Leicestershire Police to offer workshops on various topics for the senior school pupils and when these happen, information will come home for parents as well. Communication methods remain under review as we triage the best ways to effectively communicate with you all. We will keep you posted as this unfolds.

Thank you for your patience with regards to an update on the proposed new hall at LGS Stoneygate. As previously explained, we encountered unexpected challenges, with the project devised in 2021 no longer representing value for money in relation to its impact on our pupils' education. This situation afforded Trustees and the Executive the opportunity to review our approach in line with our shared and ambitious vision for the school. I am therefore delighted to inform you that the Trust has approved the building of a sports hall which will now be large enough to accommodate three badminton courts or a netball court, thus significantly enhancing our provision for both senior and prep age groups. This will not only serve to vastly improve our indoor PE and sports facilities but also to offer a large space for community events, assemblies and parents' evenings. Most of the preparatory works and planning already undertaken remain relevant and we are therefore working with the architects with the intention to complete the project in time for September 2025.

In case you haven't seen this on our social media we will be hosting a Rubik's cube competition next term so it's not too late to ask Father Christmas to pop one in a stocking and get practicing!

We have just finished our final Community Assembly where the Minnows have topped the League table as we go into the holidays.

It has been an action-packed term with many memories that will last forever. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work over the term and wish them, and all the LGS Stoneygate community, the most joyful festive break.

With my very best wishes,
Mrs McCullough
Headmistress

In the event of snow

It is very rare that we have to close the schools if snow falls, as we will always make every effort to clear the site and make it safe. If school buses are unable to run and conditions on site and on the roads are treacherous, it will be necessary to close and switch to home learning for the day. We will then inform parents as soon as possible, via clarioncall and text message, also posting notices on the website and our social media channels. We would always aim to do this by 7am at the latest. If snow were to fall during the day and we needed to close early, we would likewise contact you.

Academic work will be set as follows:

The day will begin on MS Teams with Form time to ensure the pupils can access their work. Staff are also available during school hours to answer questions via Teams.

Year groups	Method of communication of work	Work to be set
Rec, Y1 & Y2	Email work via group parent emails	Numeracy & Literacy
Y3 & Y4	Email work via group parent emails	Numeracy & Literacy
Y5 & Y6	Set via Class Charts Homework platform	Numeracy & Literacy
Y7, Y8 & Y9	Set via Class Charts Homework platform	Work set for subjects due to be taught that day
Y10 & Y11	Set via Class Charts Homework platform	Work set for subjects due to be taught that day