

5th January, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support with the ongoing situation regarding the buildings. We fully appreciate and recognise the frustration that this is causing you all and the lack of information that is coming your way. We have

been ensuring that we give you timely information regarding the situation and following the meeting with the Department for Education on Thursday evening, they are impressed with the speed at which we have been able to move with regards to getting contractors onsite and putting in the short-term mitigations to make the buildings safe. This is testament to the hard work of all those supporting the school to get the children back in school. Although there have been some initial delays from the contractor we are still able to push forward with the plan as laid out in my letter before Christmas.

Our priorities remain ensuring that we can have as many children and staff onsite, safely.

It has been wonderful having the Years 7-10 back in school over the last couple of days. All the staff are looking forward to having the different year groups in and having face to face contact again.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Epiphany where we celebrate the three wise men following the star and visiting Jesus in the manger. St John Henry Newman in his sermon on the Epiphany said:

“The Epiphany is a season especially set apart for adoring the glory of Christ. The word may be taken to mean the manifestation of His glory, and leads us to the contemplation of Him as a King upon His throne in the

midst of His court, with His servants around Him, and His guards in attendance. At Christmas we commemorate His grace; and in Lent His temptation; and on Good Friday His sufferings and death; and on Easter Day His victory; and on Holy Thursday His return to the Father; and in Advent we anticipate His second coming. And in all of these seasons He does something, or suffers something; but in the Epiphany and the weeks after it, we celebrate Him, not as on His field of battle, or in His solitary retreat, but as . . . [a] glorious King; we view Him as the Object of our worship. Then only, during His whole earthly history . . . [was He] declared to be the Son of God Most High, the Father of Ages, and the Prince of Peace, by His star; a wonderful appearance which had guided the wise men all the way from the East, even unto Bethlehem.”

This is a great feast and not one to miss. Happy Epiphany!



Attached to this bulletin is also some information about afterschool activities from onestop on after school programmes.

Information about the enriched curriculum at lunchtimes will be sent out once the whole school has returned

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