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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am incredibly grateful for your ongoing support as we work to keep our school safe as we head towards Christmas.

I wish to provide you with a few updates about school life. Anti-bullying week activities were run throughout school (week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021). As you will know our work around this is continuous throughout the year but these weeks are in place to raise the profile across all schools nationally. If ever you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

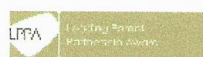
### Mock Exams

As year 11 and 13 head towards their final exams we support them in their endeavours by holding their mock exams. These are always a good indicator of what needs to be completed by individual pupils prior to the summer exams. The mock results carry a huge significance. As a school we have to have a 'contingency' plan as outlined by the DFE. This is in case for any reason the exams did not go ahead for an individual or a school due to COVID. As such their mock results may be utilised in these instances to assist in creating a center assessed grade. We do not want this to be the case, however, we must be mindful of this. It is important that our exam classes get to finish their courses/lessons and sit their exams this summer without disruption. Our work in all year groups regarding lateral flow testing/mask wearing, hand sanitizing etc. makes this more likely to happen.

### Training Day

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 there is a staff training day and school will be closed to pupils. This is an excellent opportunity for staff to develop their teaching practice further. However, this is not a 'day off' for pupils. They will be set independent study tasks for the three 100-minute lessons they would have had on this day. It would be beneficial if pupils stick to their usual lesson times and completed the set work. I will be asking staff to feedback to me on a high quality of work produced and I look to recognising pupils who have demonstrated outstanding effort on this day.

I would like to thank so many of you who completed the most recent Parent /Carer survey. As requested, we as a school have created a robust, free and varied co-curricular programme which has been shared with all of you online, on our social media and in communication with your children. The uptake of after school activities since the height of the pandemic has increased and proves to be rewarding for all. Pupils have positively engaged in everything from Science Club to Judo, Chess on a Friday to auditioning for the next school production. There truly is something for every pupil.



Many of you also wrote that you would like to thank members of staff for their work and this has been passed on to them. Finally, in response to queries around pupil experiences and challenge in the curriculum, we have begun to plan our enrichment week of curiosity in the summer term and book our merit reward trips. Once again, we can offer the fullness of the All Saints way of life to all of our children while remaining mindful that some of our youngest have never enjoyed the complete offer of cultural experiences we have provided in recent years.

Lastly, we are heading towards the season of Advent and we have already started our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal and the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Thus far during this academic year we have raised funds for MacMillan Cancer Support and have completed a huge foodbank appeal.

Thank you to all in our community for their generosity in keeping with the ethos of our school.

I detail below some key dates for your diary. If you have anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Week commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Yr. 13 Mock Exams
Week commencing 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr. 11 Mock Exams
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Yr. 13 Retreat
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff INSET Day – School closed to pupils
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert (Virtual)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term

Yours sincerely,



Clare Cantle  
**Headteacher**