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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Christmas Activities at The Hart School

We are approaching that special time of year when we look forward to the festivities and celebrations that are part of Christmas. Within school we have a number of special events that I wanted to make you aware of:

Christmas Carol Service

I am delighted to inform you that The Hart School is once again returning to St. Augustine's Church, Rugeley, to perform their Christmas Concert. This will be taking place on Thursday 21 December 2023 at St. Augustine's Church. The performance will start at 7:00 pm and all performers should arrive by 6:30 pm in order that they are prepared and set up for the event. The event should be finished by 8:30 pm. Students should be collected from the Church at this time and check out with Mr Partridge before they leave the venue. We will not be offering transport to the venue, however, any heavy equipment or instruments are more than welcome to go into our School Mini-Bus which will be used to courier equipment on the day. Parents and Carers are encouraged to attend the event. There is no fee involved but donations to the Church are welcome at the end.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be available to all our students in the school's restaurant during break 2. This will take place on the Wednesday 13 December 2023. This is a pre-order by parent pay at a cost of £3.50. If your child is in receipt of Free School meals, then please ask your child to notify their head of year who will be able to reserve a place.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15 December 2023, The Hart School will be encouraging staff and students to wear a Christmas Jumper in place of their usual school blazer in support of our local food bank. We ask if you are able to make a donation on this day, it would be gratefully received. In the UK more than 14 million people are living in poverty, including 4.5 million children. Food banks rely on the support of their local communities to help people in crisis.

All students and staff are invited to donate an item of tinned food, or toiletries, to support our local Rugeley food bank and to support our families, and those in need, during these difficult times.

If you, or anyone you know, needs to access the food bank over Christmas, please visit: <https://rugeley.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>



Last Day of Term – Celebration Assemblies

The last day of term is Friday 22 December 2023. School will finish at 12.30 pm on this day, hot food will be available during break 1. All students are expected to attend school on this day.

We will be celebrating student successes from across the Autumn Term. Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper / garment on the last day of school if they wish to do so.

School Bus Transport

The Shire School bus will be able to collect students from the school site at 12.30 pm. However, the Select School bus is unable to collect from 12.30 pm. Therefore, please arrange for your child to be collected from school safely.

Return to School

School reopens on Tuesday 9 January 2024 following the Christmas break. Students are expected to be in school for 8.30 am for a punctual start to their learning at 8.40 am in full uniform.

Uniform

The standards of uniform were excellent at the start of term, thank you for your support in ensuring your child/ren attend school every day in the correct uniform. There have been a few occasions where we have a small slip in our uniform standards. Therefore, as a reminder, ahead of the Christmas celebrations, please ensure your child/ren return to school in the full correct uniform.

Please ensure that any festive treats such as hair dyes, facial piercings, false nails and false eyelashes are removed before returning to school to avoid any unnecessary conflict.

[Click here](#) for further guidance on our uniform expectations.

Finally, it has been a fantastic first term of the academic year. Our students have worked very hard and enjoyed success in so many ways.

I do hope that you can join us for some of our celebration events and no doubt you will look forward to our Christmas Newsletter which will be published at the end of the term.

Yours sincerely

Miss R. Sandham
Principal