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Dear Families

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the term. Once again, the term has been very busy with activities taking place and celebrations recognising student achievement in a variety of ways.

As we near the end of term we would like to share with you our planned Christmas activities.

Friday 1st December

School is closed for staff training.

Monday 4th to Friday to Wednesday 20th December

Food Donation: Again this year we will be collecting food donations which will be given to The Big Local who support our local community. Students and staff can bring into school items of dried or tinned goods from either, Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Tinned vegetables, Lentils, Beans and Pulses, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meat, Tea, Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Biscuits, UHT Milk or Fruit Juice. The donated items will be placed around our tree in the centre of school to be boxed on the last day and taken to The Big Local in Little Hulton. I know they are immensely grateful for your support.

Due to the current difficult climate for many of us, please do not feel obliged to have to donate. We have set ourselves a target of 2,000 items. If we reach the target, students will be allowed to wear either a Christmas jumper or a Christmas accessory e.g. a hat.

House Competitions: At the end of term we have several house competitions where the students will represent either Pankhurst, Delaney, Kingsley or Turing.

- House dodgeball: Students will be competing in a knockout style tournament during their PE lesson, winners will progress to finals after school.
- House assembly: Watch out for details of the staff bush tucker challenge This will be a fun experience.

Rewards: As shared with all our students at the start of the year, all students have been working hard towards achieving either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. Students are rewarded in line with our Student Charter. This includes taking into consideration their attendance, punctuality, merits and behaviour. Students will find out which award they have received in the week beginning 11th December.

Friday 15th December

This year, Christmas Lunch for students will be on Friday 15th December. Catering staff will prepare a Christmas lunch available as a meal deal priced at £2.20 which includes a dessert or drink. There will also be on offer paninis and sandwiches available should your child not want the hot dinner. In anticipation of high numbers on this day, we will slightly extend our school lunch break.

Monday 11th December

Reward Assemblies will take place for each year group during the course of the week. There will also be during this week a trip to the Cinema and a pop up cinema during school.



Wednesday 13th December

We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 families to watch their child showcase their performing art talent in the Year 7 Showcase Performance.

Wednesday 20th December - Last Day

This is the last day in school for students. We say good bye and Merry Christmas at 12.00 pm Grab bags will be available for free school meal students. I'd like to stress the importance of attendance on this day.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable festive break and look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 8th January, 2024 at the normal time of 8.25 a.m.

Yours faithfully,

Claire Coy Principal