



20th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

On **Friday 29th November** the school will be closed to pupils so that staff can receive important training to keep us at the cutting edge of education. We will also be closed on **Monday 2nd December** as part of our holiday pattern. I think that all staff and pupils will appreciate the day's holiday we have taken off the summer break to rest and recuperate at a very busy time of year.

These dates are in the school calendar but I thought it would be useful to remind you as I know how busy it can be being a parent!

On another matter, can I congratulate Years 10 and 11 for their exemplary conduct in their recent internal exams. They have done us so proud and have set such a high standard for the younger year groups to follow when it is their turn to do exams later in the year.

We have some exciting things coming up in school soon that you may wish to know about:

- **From Monday 25th Nov to Thursday 5th Dec**- half price book fair in school for pupils to stock up on reading books!
- **From 1st Dec**- Our advent programme including our travelling nativity begins to help us prepare for Christmas.
- **Thursday 12th Dec**- our very own general election will be held in school for all pupils to experience
- **Year 9 parents' evening 3.15-6.00**- please attend this very important evening to discuss your child's progress
- **Friday 13th Dec**- our annual senior citizen's Christmas party. Our choir and catering pupils will be taking the lead on creating festive fun for our local community
- **Thursday 19th Dec**- please join us for our annual advent service and carol concert-timings to follow
- **Friday 20th Dec**- School closes early for Christmas-timings to follow

I will update you on how all the above go in my termly newsletter soon.

Thanks for your ongoing support: our pupils are in **on time, every day, looking so smart** and we could not achieve that without your continued help.

Mrs A Byrne

Headteacher

Amazing things happen here

Executive Principal : Mr P Murden
Headteacher : Mrs A Byrne

