



The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

3RD DECEMBER 2021

Headteacher's Roundup

Wow! How have we got to another December so quickly? When I first started thinking about this post, I was going to say how things have changed from last year, however unfortunately, as you know, some of our measures have had to be reintroduced this week. On a positive note, our Christmas concert is going ahead as planned and our students will be outstanding, of this I have no doubt.

The Christmas trees are up and looking so festive.

Under our trees are the food donation boxes, which I am sure will soon be full of



your kind charity donations to send to the Trussell Trust. Further details of this are later in The Word.

Well done to our year 11s, who have settled to their mock exams very well this week. We hope all their hard work has paid off.

Our Eco committee had a wreath making session with Mrs Hinks, who was a former teacher here. The wreaths were really lovely and have been sold to raise money for equipment for the Eco garden. We put lots of pictures on our Facebook page, which can be viewed on our website. A quick interesting fact for you: Mrs Hinks was one of the main contributors to the millennium garden which was built by the BBC programme Ground Force in 2000. We offer our thanks to her – still supporting the school some 21 years later!

We held our first uniform sale this week. Thank you to all those who sent in old and unwanted uniform. It

was very successful and the money raised will be split between Helping the Homeless and being put towards outdoor equipment for the students. We will be having another sale at the end of Spring term so please do continue send in any uniform items. We will also have a card payment machine for the next sale, to make life even easier!

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone who attended Prize Evening last week. It was a very special event and lovely to see our students' efforts, past and present, being formally acknowledged.


Congratulations to Oscar S, Eve P, Ajay N, Chloe K, Phoebe T and Jude M who have been to see me to sign the Golden Book.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it's going to be a chilly weekend, but I hope you stay safe and warm.

Annette Kumbler

House Points Totals

The running totals for number of house points so far are:

 ATLANTIS	 CHALLENGER	 DISCOVERY	 ENDEAVOUR
15394	14759	15335	15763

Word of the Week

JUSTIFY

Verb: To prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable.

How can you *justify* spending so much money in one shopping spree.

Diary Reminders

All Years:

Thursday 9th December – Christmas Concert – 6.30pm – 7.45pm

Friday 17th December – School closes for Christmas at 12.30pm

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th January – Flu Vaccinations

Year 7:

Year 8:

Wednesday 8th December – Year 8 PSHEC Day

Wednesday 8th December – Year 8 Basketball (H) v Lode Heath

Wednesday 15th December – Year 8 Basketball (A) v John Henry Newman CC – 5.30pm return

Year 9:

Thursday 9th December – Year 9 Basketball (A) v Heart of England – 6.00pm return

Thursday 16th December – Year 9 Basketball (H) v Arden – 5.00pm finish

Year 10:

Tuesday 7th December – Year 10 PSHEC Day

Monday 10th January – Friday 14th January – Year 10 mid-year exams

Year 11:

Monday 6th December – Friday 10th December – Year 11 mock exams

Monday 13th December – Friday 17th December – Year 11 art mock exams and catch up

Wednesday 15th December – Year 11 PSHEC Day

Wednesday 12th January – Year 11 Photographs

Breakfast Service for all Students

Breakfast is available for all students to purchase every morning from 8.25am. There are 2 serving points, the Pod in Einstein building playground and from the Hatch in Churchill building playground by the Staff Room.

Do, come and get some hot food on these cold mornings!



Year 11 Mock Assessments

Assessments completed in the sports hall

Date	Session 1 (P1&2)	Session 2 (P3&4)	Period 5
Monday 6 th December	MFL - Gr	Science	English Lit
Tuesday 7 th December	History/Geography	Business	Life and Morality
Wednesday 8 th December	English Lit	PE/Drama	
Thursday 9 th December	Maths	MFL Writing	
Friday 10 th December	Food/Tec	Music/Computing	

Assessments completed in Art classrooms and MFL classrooms – details TBC

Monday 13 th December	Art Practical Exam/MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams	MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams
Tuesday 14 th December	Art Practical Exam/MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams	MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams
Wednesday 15 th December	Art Practical Exam/MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams	MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams

Year 8 History Educational Visit to the Black Country Living Museum

Due to the increasingly high levels of student and staff absence that we are currently experiencing, plus the uncertain picture regarding Covid and any potential re introduction of restrictions, we have taken the unfortunate decision to postpone the Black Country Living Museum trip until the Spring Term.



Whilst this is extremely disappointing for all concerned, we feel it is the most sensible course of action at this time.

A new date of the trip will be provided in due course.

We thank you for your understanding and patience.

Please contact office@lighthall.co.uk if you have any further queries.

Lost Property

We have had a number of uniform items, coats, glasses and water bottles handed in to lost property.

Can you please ask your child to go to Student Services during their break time if they think that have lost something.

Thought of the week

Human Rights

Human Rights Day 10th December

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.

This year's Human Rights Day theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to build back better by ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts.

We will reach our common global goals only if we are able to create equal opportunities for all, address the failures

exposed and exploited by COVID-19, and apply human rights standards to tackle entrenched, systematic, and intergenerational inequalities, exclusion and discrimination.

10 December is an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity.

Under UN Human Rights' generic call to action "Stand Up for Human rights", we aim to engage the general public, our partners and the UN family to bolster transformative action and showcase practical and inspirational examples that can contribute to recovering better and fostering more resilient and just societies.



Christmas Concert



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Thursday 9th December 2021

6:30pm - 7:45pm

Free Admission

**We would love for you to join us for an evening of festive fun
and an opportunity to enjoy our students' musical talents!**

Please email office@lighthall.co.uk if you would like to attend.

The Food Bank



*Help feed local people
in crisis*

**If you would like to donate non-perishable items,
there will be a collection box in reception until
Thursday 16th December**

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

UHT/POWDERED MILK
RICE PUDDING
TINNED FRUIT & FRUIT JUICE
TINNED VEGETABLES, TOMATOES &
SOUP
TINNED MEAT
BISCUITS

OTHER FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

INSTANT COFFEE
JAM
COOKING OIL
FISH
SUGAR (500G)
SPONGE PUDDING (TINNED)



December Kindness Calendar

December Kindness 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	15 Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
			29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022	31

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