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THE WORD

Light Hall School

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HEADTEACHER'S ROUND-UP

As we approach the long weekend, it's lovely to reflect on what has been a wonderfully positive week. The weather this week has certainly been more forgiving than last, with sunshine brightening our days and adding to the positive energy across the school.

This week has been an exciting one, with a range of events that have brought our school community together. One of the highlights was the Year 7 House football event. The competition was fierce, but the level of participation and team spirit was even more impressive. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved, showcasing not only their sporting abilities but also their dedication to their teams and Houses. A huge congratulations and thank you to all those who took part and those who organised it.

Tonight, we are looking forward to welcoming all our prospective students and their families for the Sixth Form Open Evening. It's always a pleasure to see students exploring their next steps and engaging with our Sixth Form staff to understand the opportunities available for their future. If you're coming along tonight, be sure to ask plenty of questions and take in all the great offerings we have here for the next stage of your education.

In the midst of all the excitement, we've also been adding a bit of festive cheer to the school. Our Christmas decorations are up and looking absolutely wonderful! The festive spirit is truly beginning to fill the halls, and it's amazing how a few twinkling lights and festive touches can transform our school environment. The students have loved seeing the transformation and it's certainly made our school feel even more welcoming as we approach the holidays.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Year 10s who, this week, played a key role in supporting the Nativity play at St. James. Under the guidance of Ms Hughes, our students helped to bring the Christmas story to life. The feedback was incredibly positive, with staff praising our students for their respectful attitude and commitment to making the event a success. The primary school were so impressed that they have already asked for our students to return next year – a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of how well our students represent the school.

Looking ahead, let's make the most of this extra-long weekend, recharge, and come back next week ready for even more great things to come. I hope everyone has a restful break.

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend.

Annette Kumbler

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WORD OF THE WEEK

CONTRAST

Noun: An obvious difference between two or more things.

The mountains stood in sharp **contrast** to the blue sky.

Verb: To compare two people or things in order to show the difference between them.

The tartness of the lemons **contrast** with the sweetness of the honey.

HOUSE POINTS



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DIARY REMINDERS

ALL YEARS:

Friday 6th December - Flu Vaccinations - Years 7 - 11
 Thursday 12th December - Year 11 Parents' Evening - School Closes at 2pm
 Wednesday 18th December - Trussell Trust Foodbank Collection Deadline

YEAR 7:

Monday 2nd December - Year 7 Netball Skills Event
 Monday 9th December - Year 7 A&B Teams (A) vs Alderbrook, St Peters and Arden

YEAR 8:

Wednesday 4th December - Year 8 A&B Teams Netball (H) vs Arden
 Thursday 5th December - Year 8 Jr NBA Basketball (A) at Lode Heath
 Monday 9th December - Year 8 A&B Teams (A) vs Alderbrook, St Peters and Arden
 Monday 9th December - Year 8 Jr NBA (H) vs Park Hall
 Wednesday 18th December - Year 8 Basketball (A) vs Alderbrook

YEAR 9:















Wednesday 4th December - Year 9 A&B Teams Netball (H) vs Arden
 Wednesday 4th December - Year 9 Basketball (A) vs Lode Heath
 Tuesday 10th December - Year 9 Basketball (H) vs St Peters

YEAR 10:

YEAR 11:

Friday 6th December - Year 11 Grades to Parents
 Thursday 12th December - Year 11 Parents' Evening - School Closes at 2pm

YEAR 12:

Monday 2 nd December	Tuesday	Wednesday 4 th December	Thursday 5 th December	Friday 6 th December
Trampoline Year 10/11 GCSE Cancelled due to netball fixture		 Netball Year 7 & 8 Mrs Pemberton & Mrs White Sports Hall	 Basketball Year 7 & 8 Mr Cole Sports Hall	 Girls Football All Years Mrs Pemberton Astro
 Boys Football Year 7 Mr Yates Astro		 Boys Football Year 8 & 9 Mr Yates All on Astro	 Table Tennis All Years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall	 Badminton Year 9-11 Mr Yates Sports Hall
 Badminton Year 7 & 8 Mr Cole Sports Hall		 Basketball Year 9-11 Mr Cole Gym	 Sport Studies Year 11 Mr Yates E3	
Fitness All Years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall		 Netball Academy Year 9-11 Cancelled due to fixture		
 Netball Skills Event Year 7 Tudor Grange LC 1.30-3.30pm		 Netball Fixture Year 8 & 9 A & B @ HOME vs Arden		
		 Basketball Fixture Year 9 AWAY @ Lode Heath		

Extra-Curricular PE Clubs

2nd December – 6th December

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Giving Thanks Thanksgiving Day America - 28th November

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and, in 2024, falls on Thursday, November 28. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists from England and the Native American Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. But the holiday is not without controversy. Many Americans—including people of Native American ancestry—believe Thanksgiving celebrations mask the true history of oppression and bloodshed that underlies the relationship between European settlers and Native Americans.

Thanksgiving at Plymouth

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the "New World." After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Thanksgiving Food

In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so ubiquitous it has become all but synonymous with the holiday, may or may not have been on offer when the Pilgrims hosted the inaugural feast in 1621. Today, however, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat the bird—whether roasted, baked or deep-fried—on Thanksgiving, according to the National Turkey Federation. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and communities often hold food drives and host free dinners for the less fortunate.

RECOMMENDED READS



How one woman masterminded slave resistance against the British in eighteenth-century Jamaica - the incredible true story of Queen Nanny and the Maroons.

The first in a series, this entertaining book sensitively explores the challenges and joys of growing up. The diary format will help readers to empathise with Edie, and black-and-white illustrations throughout bring the story to life.



**KEEP
READING**



YEAR 7 ASSESSMENTS

English		Maths		Science		L&M		Drama	
H1	Monday 9th P1	H1	Wednesday 11th P5	H1	Tuesday 10th P5	H1	Wednesday 11th P4	H1	Friday 13th P1
HE	Monday 9th P2	H2	Wednesday 11th P5	HE	Wednesday 11th P3	HE	Wednesday 11th P4	HE	Tuesday 10th P5
HN	Monday 9th P5	HA	Wednesday 11th P2	HN	Monday 9th P1	HN	Wednesday 11th P.3	HG	Wednesday 11th P4
HG	Monday 9th P2	HM	Wednesday 11th P2	HG	Monday 9th P5	HG	Thursday 12th P2	HN	Friday 13th P2
L1	Monday 9th P3	L1	Wednesday 11th P1	L1	Wednesday 11th P2	L1	Tuesday 10th P3	L1	Monday 9th P2
LE	Monday 9th P2	L2	Thursday 12th P2	LE	Monday 9th P4	LE	Thursday 12th P4	LE	Wednesday 11th P3
LN	Monday 9th P3	LA	Wednesday 11th P1	LN	Monday 9th P4	LN	Thursday 12th P4	LG	Monday 9th P2
LG	Tuesday 10th P3	LM	Thursday 12th P2	LG	Monday 9th P4	LG	Tuesday 10th P4	LN	Friday 13th P2
History		Geography		IT		Music		Technology and food	
H1	Thursday 12th P4	H1	Monday 9th P4	H1	Tuesday 10th P2	H1	Monday 9th P5	H1	Monday 9th P2
HE	Thursday 12th P2	H2	Monday 9th P4	H2	Tuesday 10th P2	HE	Thursday 12th P3	HE	Thursday 12th P4
HN	Thursday 12th P1	HA	Tuesday 10th P1	HA	Monday 9th P3	HG	Wednesday 11th p 1	HG	Friday 13th P4
HG	Friday 13th P2	HM	Tuesday 10th P1	HM	Monday 9th P3	HN	Thursday 12th P4	HN	Thursday 12th P3
L1	Wednesday 11th P4	L1	Thursday 12th P2	L1	Friday 13th P1	L1	Tuesday 10th P4	L1	Tuesday 10th P1
LE	Tuesday 10th P4	L2	Tuesday 10th P2	L2	Wednesday 11th P1	LE	Thursday 12th P5	LE	Wednesday 11th P5
LN	Wednesday 11th P4	LA	Thursday 12th P2	LA	Friday 13th P1	LG	Tuesday 10th p1	LG	Wednesday 11th P4
LG	Friday 13th P2	LM	Tuesday 10th P2	LM	Monday 9th P5	LN	Wednesday 11th p3	LN	Tuesday 10th P4
French		Spanish		Art and D		PSHE			
L1	Wednesday 11th P3, Friday 13th P3	H1	Thursday 11th P2 and Friday 13 th P2	H1	Friday 13th P1	H1	Wednesday 11th P2		
LE	Monday 9th P3, Friday 13th P3	HE	Friday 13th P5 and Monday 16 th P5	HE	Monday 9th P1	H2	Friday 13th P5		
LG	Wednesday 11th P3 and Monday 16 th P4	HG	Wednesday 11th P5 and Friday 13th P4	HG	Tuesday 10th P5	HA	Tuesday 3rd P3		
LN	Monday 9th P2 and Monday 16 th P1	HN	Monday 9th P5 and Thursday 12 th P4	HN	Thursday 12th p4	HM	Tuesday 3rd P3		
				L1	Friday 13th P5	L1	Wednesday 4th P3		
				LE	Tuesday 10th P4	L2	Monday 9th P5		
				LG	Monday 9th P1	LA	Wednesday 4th P3		
				LN	Weds 11th P3	LM	Wednesday 11th P1		

HOUSE EVENTS

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

What a great way to end the day on Wednesday! The whole of year 7 were out on the Astroturf cheering on their houses. Well done to all the footballers for taking part. It was a very close race to crown the winners...
... in third place was **Discovery**, in second place was **Challenger** and in joint first place were **Atlantis** and **Endeavour**. Well done year 7!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Games challenge - Wednesday 4th December

Create a bath bomb - Thursday 5th December

Christmas mood board - Friday 13th December deadline

HOUSE CUP LEAGUE TABLE

	Previous points	Shoot the hoop	Y7 football	House points	Total
Endeavour	180	10	35	400	625
Challenger	175	25	20	300	520
Atlantis	200	25	35	200	460
Discovery	145	40	10	100	295





♥ FOOD ♥ DONATION

If you would like to donate non-perishable items, there will be a collection box in reception from Wednesday 27th November until Wednesday 18th December

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

UHT/POWDERED MILK
SQUASH/DILUTING JUICE
RICE PUDDING
TINNED FRUIT & FRUIT JUICE
TINNED VEGETABLES, TOMATOES & SOUP
CANNED MEAT AND FISH
BISCUITS
PASTA SAUCE, PASTA
COOKING OIL
CONDIMENTS AND SPICES
INSTANT MASH
COFFEE
CRISPS

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED

SHOWER GEL
SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER
DEODORANT
LAUNDRY DETERGENT PODS
TOILET ROLL
WASHING UP LIQUID



Keeping your child safe online

Always call 999 if you or your child is in immediate danger.

You can also call 101 to report non-urgent crime or visit www.west-midlands.police.uk/incident-report to fill in an online form

Report online sexual abuse at www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre

Talk to your child's school about their mobile phone policies

It's important that children have the opportunity to explore, learn about online spaces and relationships, and – on occasion – have negative experiences or make mistakes. Have an honest conversation with your child about staying safe online and set up some house rules to protect them. Here are a few top tips:


1. Start talking to your child about content they look at online and what apps they go on.
2. Get clued up on how different apps share personal information. Advise them to keep personal details off social media and keep profiles on private.
3. Get to know their friends in and out of school – they might be talking to different people online. It's good to ask what they talk about in their online chat groups
4. Check the age restriction before your child downloads an app. An app or game that could be suitable for one young person may not be suitable for another.
5. Use parental controls on your child's iPhone and iPad to restrict explicit content, purchases and downloads, and changes to privacy settings. By allowing two factor authentication on your child's iCloud account, it can prevent thieves taking their phone and using their data. Learn more about iPhone privacy settings [here](#).



Learn more about online safety




ParentSafe

 www.parentsafelgfl.net

An amazing resource page from the London Grid for Learning (LGfL) with guidance and videos on a variety of topics online, including safe settings and controls, and how to talk to children about online life.


Internet Matters

 www.internetmatters.org

Step-by-step guide on how to set parental controls on a number of devices, internet connections, gaming and social media apps.

NSPCC

 www.nspcc.org.uk

 0808 800 5000



NSPCC

The UK's leading youth charity that has lot of useful information and resources available covering a wider variety of topics. They also have a YouTube channel, scan the QR to find out more.

Stop radicalisation and exploitation

Anyone can be vulnerable to extremism and radicalisation, but children are particularly at risk. As they grow and become more independent, it is not unusual for them to take risks, explore new things and push boundaries. Educate Against Hate's website (www.educateagainsthate.com) offers practical advice and support to protect children from extremism and radicalisation. NetMums have partnered counter-terrorism policing to promote Act Early, a safeguarding website for parents, friends and families who are concerned, visit www.netmums.com/act-early for more information.

Report online sexual abuse

If you or your child is worried about online abuse or grooming, make a report to on CEOP's website www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre

A Child Protection Advisor will get in contact and help you talk through what's going on. CEOP cannot help with bullying or account hacking.

For a child or young person, having a sexual image or video of themselves shared online can be a distressing situation. This can be difficult for parents and carers too, but there are ways you can support your child. If they're under 18, they can use Report Remove. Report Remove is a tool that allows young people to report an image or video shared online, to see if it's possible to get it taken down. Provided by Childline and the Internet Watch Foundation, it keeps the young person informed at each stage of their report, and provides further support where necessary.

Advice for parents - search 'NSPCC Report Remove' for more information or scan the QR code to make a report

Search '[WMP Advice](#)' for more information.



childline

 www.childline.org.uk

 0800 1111

