



30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Autumn Term Week 5 Headteacher Update**

We had another fantastic set of events in school last week for Year 7 with Retreats to Savio. 7C have their Retreat taking place today. We are really looking forward to continuing Year 7's welcome with our Welcome Mass this week on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Our Lady and the Apostles Church in Edgeley at 6pm. As stated last week, **all children and parents/carers associated with Year 7 must attend this celebration**, as all Form groups play an active role in the Mass. It is always a joyous occasion when we gather in faith as a school family.

Last week the children did a fantastic job baking for the European Day of Languages. They managed to raise around £150 which is brilliant. It was fantastic to see the children's hard work pay off and there were lots and lots of cakes this year! All money raised from this sale will go to Macmillan as part of the Macmillan Coffee Morning, which our staff have also taken part in.

Last year you may remember that our school was shortlisted for the Educate Awards in one category; the Innovative and Creative Literacy Award. We were runners-up in the award last year. This year I am delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for the Careers and Enterprise Award. This really does underline the importance of career education at St James' and how much work and dedication has gone into this area of school. The awards take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Yesterday in the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name." This powerful message encourages us to recognise and celebrate the good that others do, even if it comes in unexpected ways or from unexpected sources. In our school, this teaching reminds us to encourage each child to use their unique gifts and talents to make a positive difference in the world. Every act of kindness, every success, and every step of growth is a small miracle in its own right. As a school family, we should support and uplift one another, allowing each child to flourish in their own way, rather than holding them back or limiting their potential. By doing so, we foster an environment where everyone can contribute to the greater good and share in the joy of making a difference. Let us continue to nurture a spirit of openness, recognising the many ways our children can bring light and transformation to our school and beyond.

I hope you have a fantastic week. If you need anything this week, please do not hesitate to get in touch [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

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