



7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Summer Term Week 4 Headteacher Update**

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend, it is certainly nice to see the sun!

Sunday's Gospel was John 10: 9-17, a most beautiful Gospel reading focused on God's love. "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you". Jesus assures us that he loves us with the same love as his Father loves him. Jesus' 'new' commandment is that we love one another. He tells us that to be like him is to live the Christian life as loving as we possibly can be. Our love for others must not be conditioned by how they respond because Jesus loves us totally and we must show that to others in turn.

All Year 11 children have now received their personalised timetables this week and they are hopefully working hard for their examinations. Some children sat the IT examination last week and this week we have RE, Drama, Science and German. The same high standards of behaviour are expected during the examination time and we ask for your support as parents in this. We know that it can be a time of pressure but we also know that if children are well prepared, well rested and in a good frame of mind, they will do their best. I ask that you continue to keep all our Year 11s in your thoughts and prayers during this key time of their school career.

A group of our Year 10 children completed their Duke of Edinburgh practice Silver expedition this weekend and it sounds like they had an amazing time. The Silver award really is demanding and the children must be commended for their commitment to this. They will complete their assessment expedition later this month. Thanks to Miss Hewson for her leadership of Duke of Edinburgh and to Dr Guscott who accompanied the expedition.

You may have seen in the press that the number of measles cases in England has increased significantly since October 2023. May I take this opportunity to remind you to protect yourselves and your families by ensuring you have had 2 doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. It's never too late to catch up and if you are unsure of your vaccination status, I would encourage you to speak to your GP. Vaccination is the best way to ensure measles does not prevent students from completing their exams.

Have a great week and if you need anything or have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch at [headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Your faithfully

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