



19/12/16

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has supported Childwall Abbey School (C.A.S.), in any way over the past term. This includes our wonderful volunteers and our dedicated Governors, who generously give up their time to work alongside our pupils and ensure they have the very best school experience we can provide.

I would especially like to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting our charitable efforts this term. Representatives from the Trussell Trust visited school on 9<sup>th</sup> December, to collect food parcel donations. They were very grateful for your generosity. Many thanks go also, to those who supported our Own Clothes Day for Children in Need and our Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. At C.A.S. we really enjoy taking opportunities to support those in our community who need a little extra help.

So many exciting things have been happening in school since September that I can only mention a few highlights.

Our pupils have loved learning Yoga exercises and relaxation as well as trying out some Indian Dance moves. In the New Year, Mr Turley will be arranging for some "taster days" for parents who might like to have a go for themselves. The new trampoline has been in use too and so many of our pupils find it a really helpful and fun way to exercise.

Our Textiles/Enterprise group made lovely Christmas gift bags and sold them all at our well attended November Parents Evening. Mr Carey has taken several of his Humanities groups out in the community, to the Museum of Liverpool. Next term they plan to go to Liverpool Football Ground as part of their local

studies. Miss Groves has taken groups of our keen footballing girls to take part in local competitions at Greenbank College.

We are all still working hard on developing our Literacy and Numeracy Skills through the Reading and Numeracy Quality Marks (Pupils will be bringing home some Literacy/Numeracy activity booklets to help fill some of the "downtime" over the holiday). We are getting ever closer to having full ASD accreditation and our staff training day in January is dedicated to looking at Sensory Issues. Our work on achieving the Artsmark has added to the cultural opportunities for our pupils. Mr Mills is helping pupils to learn photography and animation skills and we are looking forward to January, when our School Choir takes part in the Peace Proms at the Echo Arena. We have also registered for the first Liverpool Attendance Matters Quality Mark as we all understand at C.A.S. how vital good attendance is for children to flourish and develop.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our fabulous performance of Cinderella. As always it was full of fun, amazing music and happy laughter. The success of the show is a testament to the efforts of the pupils and staff, working as a team. Special thanks go to parents and carers for providing such wonderful costumes. Mr Davies, our Chair of Governors was delighted to give out examination certificates to so many of last year's Year 11 pupils and to give Margaret Bryce Awards to pupils who have been recognised by staff for achieving something special in school. Well done to everyone!

Please note-

**Our Christmas Lunch takes place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and pupils can wear own clothes on that day with no charge.**

**School closes at 1 p.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and re-opens for pupils on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and looking forward to a Happy 2017!

Kind regards,

*Mrs C. Piercy.*

