



Wednesday 3 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to the new half term. Please see below this weeks' notices:

### **Faith in the Community**

A huge thank you to our parents and carers for the harvest contributions. They have now been collected by Padley, who wish to pass on their thanks to our families too. Your contributions will help provide hot meals and emergency food parcels to people who have recently experienced homelessness, experiencing homelessness right now or who are at risk of homelessness all year round.

This week we see the launch of the **Synod in Schools** where every child has been given a Synod prayer card and the children are invited to say the prayer daily. Pope Francis has launched a worldwide Synod or Council of the Church and wants to hear views and ideas from people all across the world as to how we can reach out to members of our community who feel left out or excluded in the Church. For more information, please contact Mrs Fran Hazel.

A massive well done to Leo D, who served at the Derby Cathedral last Sunday on the anniversary of the Hallowing of the Cathedral. It was a beautiful service where Leo did himself, his family and school proud. Also to Phoebe W and Elsie W for their recent efforts to raise money for charity. Following an Act of Worship on 'Service', the girls decided to bake cookies and put together little bags of dog treats to sell for the RSPCA. They raised £31.08. Thank you to those who supported the girls in their fund raising efforts.

### **The Education Support Fund**

The St Ralph Sherwin Trust acknowledges the difficulties faced by many of our families across all academies, particularly with the effects of the Coronavirus in 2020 on the community. The Education Support Fund (formerly known as the Hardship Fund) is to provide financial assistance for students who might otherwise miss out on important aspects of their education and is intended to support those most in need.

The Education Support Fund is a discretionary source of financial help available to our pupils and its aim is to help pupils who are experiencing difficulty through hardship in paying for:

- Curriculum trips, visits and Residential Courses
- Uniform, shoes or sports kit
- Other materials or equipment required for academic studies
- Emergency travel expenses

Please see our website for more details on how to put in a request for this funding.



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### **Dates for your Diary**

Please see below a list of upcoming key dates for your diaries:

- Friday 3 December – INSET
- Tuesday 21 December – Last day of term
- Wednesday 22 December – School closed for additional bank holiday for the Queens Jubilee
- Thursday 23 December – INSET
- Monday 28 February – INSET
- Friday 1 July - INSET

Finally, we would like to wish Mrs Smith all the best as she starts her maternity leave and look forward to welcoming 'Baby Smith' into our world. We would like to formally welcome Mrs Goodman; she has a wealth of experience and so will effectively contribute with helping teachers to support the education of our children.

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless  
The Leadership Team



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