



26th November 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian,



Christmas Events

Firstly I would like to thank everybody for the support we have received with our Shoebox Appeal this year. We had 56 boxes which is a wonderful effort. Official collectors picked up these boxes on Friday 23rd November and they are all on the way to be distributed. Thank you to all who contributed towards making this possible and for helping bring a smile to those children who are less fortunate.

Joint Advent Service – Tuesday 4th December at St Hugh's Church

We will be joining St Hugh's Primary School and Our Lady of Lincoln Primary School on Tuesday 4th December for our annual joint Advent Service. This will take place at **St Hugh's Church** and will commence at **7.00 pm**. It would be lovely to see you there.

Student Council

The Student Council are once again working hard. This year money is being raised to purchase a defibrillator for the Academy site and also to carry out improvements recommended by our Student Council.

Our nominated charity last year was 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' and to show their appreciation, the charity let the Student Council name a puppy. The name they voted for was 'Marley' and his handler brought him into school recently and introduced him to the students. It was wonderful for our students to see the result of their fundraising. Thank you to all students and parents for their contributions.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 19th December

This year we will be serving Christmas lunch on Wednesday 19th December to our pupils and staff. To enable our catering department to prepare and serve this there will be no other food served at lunchtime. However pupils **will** have the opportunity to purchase food at break time. Pupils **will not** be permitted off site to purchase lunch from local shops.

The cost of our Christmas lunch is £4.00 and tickets **must** be purchased. For those pupils who have a cashless catering account, the cost of the lunch will be taken from the account when they request a ticket. For those who do not have a cashless catering account, cash may be used, please give your payment to Mrs Betley, Catering Manager. Tickets are available from the canteen.

If your son / daughter is entitled to free school meals and would like a Christmas lunch then he / she will still need to collect a ticket from the canteen (no payment will be required for the amount in excess of the free school meal entitlement). If your son / daughter does not want a Christmas lunch then a packed lunch will be provided, however they **must** make this known to the canteen before **Monday 10th December**.

Last day of term – Christmas Market / Non-Uniform Day

On the 21st December 2018, we will be holding a mini Christmas Market. We would like to take this opportunity to invite any parents or guardians who sell crafts or anything that may be in keeping with the occasion, to come along. We have a limited amount of space for stalls, so it is on a first come, first serve basis. Stall holders will have the option to either pay £5 for their pitch, or make a contribution on the day. Money raised will go towards the Student Council's causes

with donations being made to the Lincoln City Band who will be playing throughout the market and to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

If any parents or guardians would like to book a stall, please contact Mrs Shinn either by emailing i.shinn@sspp.lincs.sch.uk or by telephoning the Academy on (01522) 871400 ext. 263. Please make contact before Friday 7th December.

If students would like to purchase items during the mini Christmas market, they will need to bring cash, however there will still be festive food available in the canteen during break and lunch, which can be purchased through parent pay.

This day will also be a non-uniform day with all proceeds going towards the Student Council's causes, with a priority being given to purchasing a defibrillator. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the day, for example; no extremes in clothing, bare midriffs, miniskirts, excessive jewellery or inappropriate slogans on 't' shirts. If your son / daughter wishes to wear non-uniform then please send £2.00 into school; money should be given to their Form Tutor. If you have more than one child in the Academy then a donation is asked for of £1.00 per child.

Other Matters

Uniform Reminder

- Coats: parents are reminded that students should only be wearing either navy blue or black coats. (any other colour coats must be kept in school bags, out of sight)
- Trousers: grey trousers (must be formal school trousers, for example not leggings or 'Capri' style.
- Nail varnish: is not permitted and students will be asked to remove this. This includes any false nails including gel and acrylic.

For clarification on any issues relating to uniform, piercings, extreme haircuts etc, please refer to your son / daughter's student planner.

School Closure

In the event of extreme weather please tune into Lincs FM who will have the latest information regarding school closures. Alternatively visit their website www.lincsfm.co.uk and click on School Closures.

Admissions Policy Consultation

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Voluntary Academy is consulting on changes to our admissions arrangements which will take effect for the academic year 2020-21. The consultation will run from Monday 3rd December until Monday 14th January. Details of the changes and how you can submit comments can be found www.stl-cmat.org.uk/admissions

Notice for cyclists

The safety of our students and pedestrians is paramount, with this in mind we ask you to:

- Ensure your son / daughter has working lights on their bicycle
- Wears a helmet
- Is aware of road safety
- Is considerate to pedestrians

Please keep an eye out for our Christmas Newsletter which will be coming out before the end of term.

Students return to school on **Monday 7th January 2019.**

Yours sincerely


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Headteacher