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Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

As the final week of our autumn term approaches, it has been great to reflect upon the amazing achievements and successes of all of our pupils. We are looking forward, next week, to celebrating many of these through 'Proud of your Work' events, achievement assemblies and Key Stage 4 celebrations. At St Wilfrid's, we always end our week with our 'Feel Good Fridays' which provides an opportunity to recognise our pupils' efforts and talents. Next week, we will be particularly busy; with a full week of praise and recognition. Many of these celebrations will be captured on our social media pages; don't forget to follow along.

Advent

Assemblies have continued this week, focusing on Advent and the theme of Peace. Peace is a gift that



Jesus gave to each and every one of us. We have explored how we can embrace the peace of Christ and share it with others. During this very busy time of year, I hope all of our families have the chance to try to pause, rest and enjoy a little bit of peace for yourself.

Next week, in line with our end of term celebrations, we will be embracing the theme of Joy.

Reminder: Behaviour Policy Update

I hope that you have all had a chance to read my letter about the updates to our behaviour policy. If you missed this letter, please use the following link to read it: [Behaviour Update](#)

Wreath Making



Lots of our pupils and staff joined together in a wreath making workshop earlier this week. As you can see, our pupils did a brilliant job with their festive wreaths! This was a great way to get creative and unwind together as a community.

Reminder about next week's arrangements

A reminder of the arrangements for next week:

- Christmas Lunch will be served on the final Thursday of term. Pupils will be able to enjoy their Christmas Lunch together; a small selection of other options will also be available.
- In addition, Thursday the 19th of December will be our Christmas jumper day. Pupils can wear a Christmas jumper or other Christmas item in addition to their normal school uniform.
- On Friday the 20th of December, we will have our end of term services before an early finish at 12:10.
- Scholars' buses will arrive early to collect pupils.

Return to School in January

All pupils return to school at 8:40 on Monday the 6th of January. Pupils will have an extended tutor time into lesson one. As part of this, Heads of House will be carrying out full uniform checks for all pupils.

- Can I please remind you that pupils should wear their uniform correctly and with pride
- Pupils are not permitted to wear makeup, jewellery, false nails or trainers.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child's uniform meets our St Wilfrid's Way.

This will be my last letter of the term as next week we will be publishing our termly newsletter with a more detailed round up of all of the exciting events that have been happening over the last term. I hope you enjoy reading this over Christmas break.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmastime. I hope that you get to enjoy some valuable time together over the Christmas break. I look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school in January, refreshed after a wonderful holiday.

Merry Christmas from St Wilfrid's.

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Headteacher



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