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Upcoming Events

During the last week of term we are pleased to be able to offer parents access to two exciting events. On Tuesday December 15th, from 7 pm, parents of last year's Year 11 pupils will be able to access our virtual Certificate Evening. This will be a great chance to recognise and celebrate the achievements of a year group which had to endure so much disruption due to the pandemic. The link to join the event has been sent by ParentMail.

On Thursday 17th December, Mrs Colclough, the Chaplaincy Team and Performing Arts staff will launch this year's Nativity production. Again, this will be a virtual event, accessed via the school's website. Details of how to join the event will be sent shortly by ParentMail.

Christmas Masses in the local parishes

Please see attached, information from Fr Michael and Fr Roy about Masses during the festive season. Due to the pandemic, parishioners are unable to attend Mass without having booked a place in advance. The attachments give clear direction on how to book your place for Mass and the health and safety measures which must be adhered to when attending.

Closure for Christmas

Parents may have seen in the media that schools have permission to close on Thursday 17th December and to treat Friday 18th as a staff In Service Training Day (Inset). If we were minded to take this decision, we would then have to place an additional teaching day somewhere in the calendar for this academic year to make up for the single day loss of pupil teaching time. As we have no full day Inset sessions in our calendar for this academic year, this would result in having to take a day from one of the half term holidays, coming back early from the Easter holiday or adding a day onto the summer term. We believe that none of these options are preferable as many families may have already made plans for the holidays throughout the rest of the year and would not welcome the prospect of a child being absent for that extra day. Therefore, the decision has been taken to keep to our original calendar and finish at 1.30 pm after lunch on Friday 18th December. Please note the time of closure as it is an hour later than has been the case in previous years.

Parent Governor Election

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Attached are the nomination form and accompanying information sheets to enable a parent to put him/herself forward for the position. Customarily, the election would be a paper based exercise. However, in these Covid affected times the school is permitted to conduct the process through electronic methods. For this reason, I have not set out the full timescale within which the voting process will be completed. In the first instance, nominations should be received by January 4th, upon our return from the Christmas break, following which I will forward details of the voting procedure to be conducted online. Nominations should be sent by email to cho@allhallows.lancs.sch

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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