



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 21st November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 21.11.22

My update this week builds on the warmth and compassion that students at Wadham are becoming increasingly comfortable in displaying.

In my last letter I spoke about the unified, respectful response shown during our act of Remembrance – a truly emotional moment and something I will always remember with great pride.

This week we return having supported Children in Need, and whether you chose to watch the evening's entertainment, seeing how monies raised is changing lives, or you were happy that your son/daughter was able to contribute as part of our non-uniform day and fundraising events, I know that despite the significant challenges many families are facing at this current time, the sense of 'giving' in support of those in need never truly leaves us. Thank you.

It is this defining spirit, one of 'hope', that gives me strength and also great reassurance that students at Wadham are growing into confident, kind and caring people.

Our prayer this week is one of reflection, in helping us recognise the important 'moments' we all experience in our lives.

Dear God

Please help me to truly make the most of every moment, to share love, hope, peace and joy

Please help me to use each moment to grow in wisdom, to be aspirational for others and for myself;

Please help me to invest each moment in developing community and securing dignity.

Amen

Thank you, our parents and carers, for all that you do to support us.

Yours sincerely,

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Children in Need – Non-uniform Day!

What a day! In addition to monies raised through students' wearing non-uniform, MJ and others from our Mental Health Ambassadors Team held a cake sale under the covered area, with all cakes and goodies sold by the end of lunch!

At the same time, Sixth Form students arranged a "sponge the teacher event" on the field. My sincere thanks to Mr Cox, Mr Cassidy, Mr Jackson and Mr Huggett for donning waterproofs and taking multiple hits for the team. In order to satisfy demand, we challenged students to purchase whole buckets of water – all for a good cause, raising £112.75 in a little under 30minutes!

We're still counting the final total, but are confident contributions last Friday were the highest yet – **a massive thank you to everyone who gave generously!**



Reverse Advent – 1st to the 12th December

Continuing our theme of 'giving' we are asking all families to consider supporting local foodbanks with a Reverse Advent collection. From the 1st to the 12th of December, we are asking students to put one item of food or drink into a box each day, as a donation to the Food Bank. On the 12th December, students will need to bring their boxes (or bags) in so that we can collect and deliver these donations on behalf of the whole school.

Even if only half the students were able to complete this, we would have nearly 5000 items of food and drink to support those most in need over Christmas. As ever, we remain grateful of any donations received.

Wadham's Christmas Market – 3rd December



It's not too late for stall holders, crafters and local business to purchase their table at our upcoming Christmas Market. Show us what you've got!

£10 secures your table, and we're opening our doors on Saturday 3rd December to raise money and give some inspiration to festive shoppers.

Please contact Mrs L Martin to book your table.

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