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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year, I hope you had a peaceful Christmas break.

Reflection:

Last Sunday we celebrated the visit of the Magi, or wise men, who brought precious gifts and bowed down in worship before this tiny baby that they recognised as a great King. The men represent all the nations of the earth, showing that the Kingdom of God has been opened to all. After visiting the baby King, the wise men returned to their own country by a different route. There is nothing written in the Bible by accident and physical descriptions are usually there to tell us about something spiritual too. These wise, learned, rich men were changed by this simple encounter. After meeting Jesus, they did things differently, going back to their homes but with a totally new perspective and purpose. May we have this same depth of encounter and the humility to allow Jesus to change us too.

Lord, Jesus, change us and inspire us so that we can live our lives with the fulfilling purpose and passion that you desire for each of us. Amen.

Christmas Mass

All pupils attended our Christmas Mass in the school sports hall today, celebrated with Fr. Stephen. There were two services which began with the hymn 'O come, all ye faithful'. Pupils participated in the service by giving readings, bidding prayers and singing in the choir. All pupils came forward at communion to receive the Eucharist, a blessing or a "peace be with you" depending on their faith background. 'Hark! The herald angels sing' was the final hymn to end the service. All our pupils are to be commended for their impeccable behaviour and respectful participation in the celebration of Mass.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Our new [Extra-Curricular Timetable](#) for this term is now running. Pupils have the choice of a wide range of activities with enrichment being offered by every department until 3:30pm. There is also the opportunity for pupils to stay behind and complete homework in the Library. For all activities, with the exception of Homework Club, pupils are awarded 3 House Points every time they attend an activity, and therefore can earn a maximum of 15 House Points a week. If pupils are interested in attending an activity, they should speak to their teacher from the respective department for further information. Please encourage your children to make the most of every opportunity our school has to offer by attending as many clubs as possible.

Heads of House

Two new Heads of House have taken up their roles at the start of this new term. Mr Walton has assumed the role of leadership for Clitherow House, while Miss Caton has been charged with maintaining the successful record of Haydock House. Mr Chester remains in charge of Arrowsmith

House. Thank you to Mr Addison-Jones and Mrs Matthews for their hard work in leading Clitherow and Haydock respectively over the last few years.

Attendance Rewards Trips

We are planning a rewards trip which will take place at the end of this term. To be eligible for this trip, pupils must have an attendance of 97% or above for the full 12 weeks of this term, from 8 January up until 28 March. There is no doubt at all that attendance has a huge impact on whether or not each child succeeds or fails in school. The evidence is very clear: pupils with attendance of 97% or higher achieve better results than those with attendance below 97%. A minority of pupils with attendance below 97% often tell us that they ask their parents for a day off when they know that they are well enough to be in school. If your child's attendance falls below 97%, there is a serious risk that your child will fail to achieve good results when they leave school and it is vital that steps are taken to improve attendance. The trip will take place on the final week of term and more details of the trip will be provided in future newsletters. Previous trips to the cinema, the Trafford Centre and Blackpool Pleasure Beach have all been received well by pupils.

Vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit a Teacher of Computing, a Teacher of Art and Design and a Cleaner. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our team, please see details of these jobs on our vacancies page or contact Miss Wignall or Mr Warham for more information.

Corpus Christi News

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk

Success out of School

We are always keen to celebrate the success of pupils in school but we are also aware that there are pupils who are consistently achieving outside of school too. If there are any achievements you would like us to mention in our newsletter, then please do make us aware by sending an email to Mrs Laird on klaird@ccc.lancs.sch.uk.

Important Dates

Thursday 11 January 2024	Year 11 Revision Plan Evening 4:00pm and 5:00pm
22-24 January 24-26 January 2024	Year 8 Castlerigg Retreat
Tuesday 6 February 2024	Year 9 Immunisations
Thursday 8 February 2024	Year 11 Parents' Evening & Reports 4:00pm
Friday 9 February 2024	Half Term – School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 19 February 2024	All pupils return to school
Thursday 29 February 2024	Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening

Yours sincerely



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