



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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29<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin with a reminder that students will not attend school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 as the school is closed for a staff training day.

As we approach the final two weeks of a busy term, we are preparing for some special events. Our OAP Christmas Party will take place for the first time in three years on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The Walsall Civic Service will now take place as a Civic Carol Service in St. Matthew's on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December beginning at 10.45a.m.

We also continue with our appeal for donations to the local foodbank, current food bank shortages include: tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned puddings, cooking sauces (like pasta sauce), jam, shower gel, shampoo, UHT milk, fruit juice and mashed or tinned potato. Donations can be given to Mrs Homer between now and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

The school canteen will be serving Christmas lunch to students and staff on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

As you will be aware each Friday morning, we have a whole school assembly at St. Matthew's Church. We are exceptionally grateful for all of the support we receive from Rev. Jim Trood and the wider church community. There are a number of services taking place in St. Matthew's over the coming weeks and everyone associated with Blue Coat is more than welcome to attend. The services are as follows:

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

10.45a.m. Nativity Service  
6.30p.m. Carol Service

## Christmas Eve

5:00p.m. Christingle Service  
11:15p.m. Midnight Communion

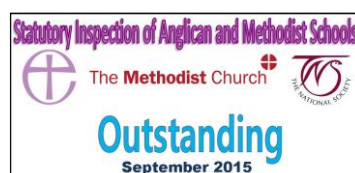
## Christmas Day

8:45a.m. Holy Communion  
10:45a.m. All Age Communion

Details of some other events are available on the St. Matthew's website:

<https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/services/>

School ends for all students on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022. This is a non-uniform day with a minimum donation of £1 which will be collected during the last week of term. All of the funds collected will be used to support activities on Diversity Day later in the year.



Dismissal on the last day of term will be at approximately 12.00pm. A lunch service will be available as normal but at an earlier time on the last day of term.

The new school term starts on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 with students attending as normal from 8.40am.

Thank you for your support this term to ensure that your child looks smart each day. If you are getting new school shoes for your child over the Christmas break please ensure they are plain black with no logos and definitely no training shoes or plimsolls. With the winter weather, it is also important that your child is warm. I would ask that if you are buying a new school outer coat, it is in line with the Academy's uniform policy and should be plain navy blue or black, without patterns or logos. Please refer to the uniform policy on the school website regarding uniform expectations, and I would draw particular attention to the expectations regarding piercings and hair styles.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to you for the support you have given to your children over the first term of this academic year. On behalf of Blue Coat's governors and staff, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Owen', written in a cursive style.

V. Owen  
Headteacher