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Dear Parents and Carers,

As indicated last week pupils have had a number of assessments and have been completing assignments. Regular on going formal assessments occurs throughout the year. However, in each lesson assessments are being made at different stages and using different methods. For a child's outcome for the Autumn Term staff use the combination of the daily assessments and formal assessments.

During next week and over the Christmas holidays staff will formalise these outcomes, check and validate, and you as parents can see where your child is from the 7th January. In the first newsletter of the New Year, a step by step guide to how to get access to this data and what it means will be provided.

Many people have been suffering from colds, sickness, and acute coughs. Please can you make sure pupils do come to school with a coat and clear water bottle. If your child has been sick, please keep at home for at least 12 hours. Hopefully, with the Christmas break the bugs will stop spreading and everyone has the time to recover.

As we approach the end of term we have a final week with a difference. To help you understand and schedule the following is a brief summary:

- Monday and Tuesday are fairly normal a part from visiting Chinese Head teachers on Monday and rehearsals for the Church service on Tuesday evening. Inter-house competitions occurring after school.
- Tuesday evening 7pm Christmas Service at St Mary's Parish Church. We hope you can join us for this lovely celebration of Christmas.
- Wednesday is our House Day and lessons 1-4 do not run. We have a House service, Christmas quiz and an arts and crafts activity. Everyone works in their Houses to celebrate Christmas.
- Thursday is a fairly normal day with Christmas dinner starting from 12 for Year 6. Each year group has their Christmas dinner together. Those who have packed lunches eat theirs and join as a community meal together. There is music and a party spirit. In the afternoon we have our presentation assembly.
- Friday is Star Wars for those going. For those not going, we will have lessons but with a difference. There are no hot dinners on this day. Please provide a packed lunch. Thank you.
- **The end of term finishes on Friday 16th December at 2pm.**

Rotary Chef Competition 2016

On Saturday 3rd December we held the club event of the Rotary Chef competition.

This is a prestigious competition that occurs annually across the whole Country. We had 7 budding chefs all preparing either a starter and main course or a main and dessert in only one and a half hours. The pupils have to consider presentation, mix of ingredients, perfect seasoning, costings and time management. They do this whilst being observed by two professional chefs. Our pupils were so confident and capable. The Rotarians and visiting chefs could not believe the pupils were only 12 and 13 years old, and thought the standard was very high. I have great pleasure in announcing our winner Larissa White and runner up Millie Clough Young who will both be going through to the next round. At the next stage they will be competing with other schools in our district. We wish them lots of luck.



From the left:

Ellie Thomas, Jack Lovett, Nathaniel Lawson, Larissa White, Amber Cheng, Millie Clough Young and Amy Scott.

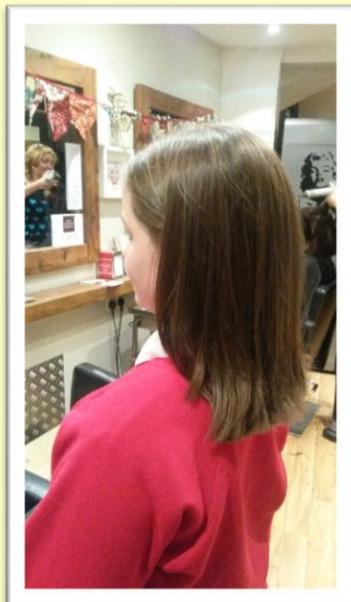
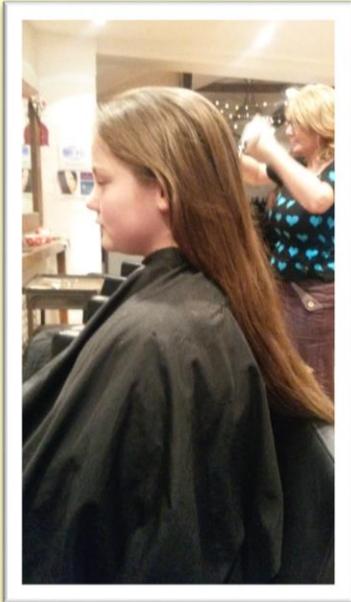
Clothes Show 2016

On Tuesday 6th December we took 51 very eager and excited pupils to The Clothes Show Live at the NEC in Birmingham. Despite the early start (5.45), the pupils were still happy and lively, singing Happy Birthday to Mrs. Modder before we left. The day was a great success. The pupils were well behaved and had a fantastic time looking at new fashion and beauty ideas in the big arena. We ended the event by watching a live catwalk show. We had really good seats; the show was dynamic with brilliant music, dancing and interesting fashions.



Awe & Wonder

Connie Elliot 6K - Generously donated her cut hair to a children's cancer charity.



*Continuing to work for you, your child and the community,
Allison Murphy,
Headteacher.*