

08 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are now approaching the end of a very successful autumn term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support of the school. I write to you today, with some important information about the end of term.

On **Friday 17th December**, to raise money for our chosen charities we will be encouraging our staff and students to wear something festive and to make a suggested donation of £1. **As a cashless school, we would prefer online donations where possible via Parentpay, where there are specific payment items for each of the charity collections below - thank you.**

The charities that we will be supporting this year are below and have been voted for by our very own prefects. Money raised on the day will be divided amongst the charities and we will be running an in-house competition to see which house raises the most money.

- **Zephaniah - Birmingham Children's Hospital** "Many of our women, children and families face incredibly difficult circumstances. Their stories of courage, determination and hope are truly amazing. By supporting either our women's or children's charity you will be making a real difference to the lives of thousands of families when they need it most".
- **Tolkien - UNICEF** and the Yemen Crisis "UNICEF is on the ground to save children's lives, to help them cope with the impact of conflict, and to help them to recover and resume their childhoods".
- **Simmonds – Birmingham MIND** – "Birmingham Mind provides high quality services in a variety of settings. All our services are carefully vetted by our own monitoring arrangements or external verification. We provide person-centred support to enable people to be in control of their lives".
- **Watt – Edwards Trust** – "Edward's Trust offers a holistic bereavement care service to young people following the death of a parent, carer or sibling in Birmingham and the West Midlands. Through this unique support, young lives that have been devastated by death are rebuilt and nurtured to ensure they reach their full potential".
- **Yousafzai – Macmillan Cancer Support** – "We are millions of supporters, professionals, volunteers and campaigners. Together we make sure you're treated like a person – not just a patient – and get the support you need to live life as fully as you can".
- **Cadbury – Islamic Aid** – "Help Create a lasting and sustainable change in the lives of those less fortunate".

Please read the following guidelines in relation to non-uniform

It is important that any student clothing is appropriate to the school ethos and values, and does not cause any embarrassment to staff, students, or other members of the school community. The school will continue with its normal lessons and will maintain its professional working environment on this day.

The following guidelines should be observed:

- Skirts and dresses, if worn, should be at least knee length

Items prohibited:

- Strapless or string-strapped tops
- Clothing which might be revealing
- Baseball caps or hats
- Clothing with offensive logos or slogans
- Flip flops, backless footwear, or high heels, due to health and safety reasons

In order that our pupils remain safe, as always, we ask that pupils refrain from wearing any jewelry or from bringing in personal effects (iPod, earphones etc.) - anything that might draw attention to themselves. Students who are participating in the non-uniform day should arrive at school wearing clothing in accordance with the above dress code.

Christmas Concert

This year's concert will take place in school, and we will send you a link so all parents can enjoy the concert at home.

Please note that school will finish for the end of term on 17th December at the times below:

Year group	Departure time	Gate
Year 7	12.15	Talbot Way
Year 8	12.30	Boulevard
Year 9	12.45	Talbot Way
Year 10	12.15	Boulevard
Year 11	12.15	Talbot Way

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. V. Chatwin – Associate Head Teacher - Behaviour & Attendance