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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good week and managed to keep warm. With the cold weather and Christmas lights everywhere, it definitely feels like we are in the festive season. We have started singing Christmas songs in our collective worship.

Benevity / FOSJ

We truly appreciate everything you do to support our school.

Some of you generously give up your precious time, others make monthly donations, and some choose to contribute with one-off gifts. Every single act of support, big or small, makes a real difference. All the contributions from FOSJ help us to continue providing your children with a high-quality education.

You may not have known about this, but there is another simple way you can support us. As a registered charity, FOSJ is now listed on **Benevity**, a platform used by many companies to manage employee charitable giving, including gift matching, volunteering, and grant programmes. Employers who use Benevity include Google, Microsoft, Prudential, AXA, SAP and Starbucks, among many others.

If you, a family member, or a friend work for a company that uses Benevity, please take a moment to look up **FOSJ** on the platform (benevity.com) and consider supporting our school through this scheme.

A special thank you goes to the parents who brought this opportunity to our attention and have already begun donating through Benevity. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity.

If you have any questions about this or other corporate charitable giving, matching, volunteering, or grant opportunities, please do not hesitate to speak to me or a member of the FOSJ team.

Assessment week

Next week, we will be carrying out summative assessments across different subjects. We do this towards the end of each term to help us gain a clearer understanding of where your child is in their learning and what we need to do to ensure they continue to make good progress towards their individual end of year targets. These assessments also help us identify any areas that may need further support, as well as highlight strengths and achievements. We will be sharing the data with you at the end of the term.





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Spirituality

Last week I wrote to you about spirituality. I have found this video, <https://youtu.be/fl-iXfQMqfE> which I think is really helpful for parents to watch as it supports conversations about spirituality with your children. I would love your feedback, and if you have something better that could help us, please let me know.

No Kidz Club Wednesday 26th November

Please note that Kidz Club will not be running on Wednesday 26th November. All staff will be participating in a two-hour trauma-informed training session. We recognise that this may be inconvenient for some families, and we appreciate your understanding and support.

House captains challenge

FOSJ have generously agreed to donate £200 to the school for a winning idea proposed by our House Captains. This initiative is a wonderful way for FOSJ to engage with our pupils and to hear their creative suggestions for how they can support the school community. Our House Captains will present their ideas to FOSJ members, and the winning idea will be announced at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to FOSJ.

Come Celebrate With Me Dates - We would love to see you there. There will be mulled wine (hot Ribena) and mince pies.

Monday 1st December – Come Celebrate with me morning – YR – 9.00am

Tuesday 2nd December – Come Celebrate with me morning – Y1 – 9.00am

Wednesday 3rd December – Come Celebrate with me morning – Y2 – 9.00am

Thursday 4th December – Come Celebrate with me morning – Y3 – 9.00am

Friday 5th December – Come Celebrate with me morning – Y4 – 9.00am

Monday 8th December – Come Celebrate with me morning – Y5 – 9.00am

Tuesday 9th December – Come Celebrate with me morning – Y6 – 9.00am

Have a lovely weekend, stay warm. I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

With thanks,

Ms H Khan

Head of School

