

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Newsletter – week 15



Dear Parent/Carer

I think it would be fair to say that this term has been challenging for everyone. If we cast our minds back to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March when schools closed and the journey we have been on, there certainly have been some troubled waters we have navigated. What has been overwhelming in recent weeks is the support we have received from our parents. I want to say a huge thank you to you all for taking the time to contact us – it has been hugely appreciated by myself and my staff.

As we begin the Christmas holidays, I do want to remind you of our [covidupdates@chalfonts.org](mailto:covidupdates@chalfonts.org) email address that I mentioned in last week's letter. Please can I ask that from tomorrow, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, that you contact this email address if there are any COVID related issues regarding your son/daughter. This email will be monitored by a few of us for 6 days until 23<sup>rd</sup> December as per DfE guidance. This will allow us to track and trace and notify anyone that may have been in proximity of someone who has tested positive. A number of our parents have expressed concern about vulnerable family members that are being seen over the break and it is vital that you let us know so we can contact families. We all want a safe holiday period, and we all want to return safely in the New Year. We will need your help to ensure that this happens.

Yesterday afternoon saw the continuation of our amazing virtual events. Our fantastic Year 8 choir performed a virtual Christmas concert to the residents of Windsor Lodge Care home. There was a huge amount of work and practice that the choir had put in under the guidance of Mrs Winterborne, and it was lovely to see some of our guests singing along to some Christmas classics. We hope that next year we will be able to go in person and sing some songs together.

On our website we have published a bumper edition newsletter with all of the activities that have been taking place at school - some fundraising, work of our students, PaSTA updates, curriculum updates and many more! It is an amazing read and the link is below – a massive thank you to Ms Gilbert for pulling all of the articles together and creating this for us.

<https://www.chalfonts.org/attachments/download.asp?file=3221&type=pdf>



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*Principal: Russell Denial*



As a reminder, school resumes on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January for all students. I will finish the term by wishing you all a peaceful and happy Christmas break and my very best wishes for a healthy and happy 2021. See you all next year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Denial". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Mr R Denial**  
**Principal**

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