

## Samuel Cody School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with a week and a half to go before the Christmas break.

Many thanks to you all for your feedback regarding the new system of booking for parent's evenings. We have now held three very successful parents evenings and would like to let you all know that we will be continuing with this format of booking moving forward. We are aware that the system is more easily accessed via a laptop or computer, so would suggest that this method is used for booking appointments rather than using a mobile phone.

This last half term has been a busy one. YR 8 had their residential at Avon Tyrell, which they all enjoyed very much. Shared experiences such as this are available in all year groups in the secondary school and we would encourage you to enable your child to take part. We are unusual in that we ask for no financial support from parents for these activities. This is to ensure equality of opportunity for all. It is an approach that sets us apart from many other schools such as ours.

The next week and a half is busy with various Christmas activities. The primary school laid on a very impressive Christmas show yesterday. It was truly delightful to watch and a big congratulations goes out to all pupils and staff who made it such a successful occasion. As you know it is Mr Strains first Christmas here at Samuel Cody, and I think you will agree that he and his team did a fantastic job. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance. Thank you for your support with this.

Tomorrow the 7<sup>th</sup> December is the day that primary pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers to school. The secondary students will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December we have a pantomime company coming into school to deliver the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' to all primary and secondary students. This will take place in the afternoon in the main hall.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will have our Christmas lunch. A Christmas lunch will be provided to all children free of charge on this day. Alternatives are available as usual for those not able to eat a Christmas meal. Please let your tutor know before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> if this applies to your child. YR 7's are due to go on a festive bowling trip in the morning followed by their own Christmas buffet party at lunchtime.

Thank you to all of you for your positive feedback over the last term. My senior team and I would like to wish you all a very merry and healthy Christmas break.

We look forward to welcoming our students and pupils back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

Yours sincerely Shaw chapping

Mrs S Chinnappa Headteacher Samuel Cody School