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Children's Services

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to report that the S1 year group has settled extremely well since starting in August. Feedback from my staff highlight a group of pupils who are demonstrating a "growth mindset" approach to their learning as well as living out our school values on a daily basis. I have witnessed this myself through a number of classroom visits and also at less formal times during interval and lunchtime. It is very pleasing to see this.

I have also been particularly impressed to see a large number of pupils engaging in our extra curricular activities programme. The school runs over 20 clubs over the course of a week, and I would encourage all pupils to attend as many as possible.

Uniform is also a strength, however I would remind you that converse trainers or branded jumpers/hoodies are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn to school. Pupils are also encouraged to store their outdoor jackets in their lockers in the morning and to swap into their blazers.

The next few weeks up until Christmas will be busy with lots going on. On Thursday 8th December you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress. To support discussions, a tracking summary report has been issued onto the parent portal. If you have had any problems accessing this, please contact the office. Pupils are encouraged to attend also and join you as you meet with their teachers. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Other events include our Christmas concert which will take place on Thursday 15th December. This is always a very well attended evening and I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your extended family. Tickets will be available to buy online shortly.

Our Christmas Ceilidh for pupils S1-S3 will take place on Monday 19th December. Tickets are currently on sale through the PE department.

There will also be a Christmas newsletter highlighting some of the key events which have taken place over the past session. To keep up to date with what is happening on a daily basis you can follow our twitter account **@stbenedictsren** Currently we have almost 2000 followers.

Our parent council are again running a Christmas raffle to raise funds for the school. If you could donate any items, it would be appreciated. Please drop of at the school office. Further details of how to buy tickets will be issued by text.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

Finally, Mrs Kean (currently faculty head of social subjects) has recently been appointed as Associate Depute Head Teacher. As part of her role, she will have responsibility for the S1 cohort, supported by Miss McFadden (Depute Head Teacher), until the end of session. Mrs Kean will write to you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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