



Windsor Park CE Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the children and school throughout an incredibly busy, but successful, term. Our children have taken every opportunity to challenge themselves, explore new learning, immerse themselves in projects that stretch and challenge them; they have shown determination, tolerance and resilience to extraordinary levels. There have been so many highlights: residential trips to Standon Bowers and to Ingestre Hall, WOW days, a Christmas Concert, sport competitions, charity fund raising days, inter-house competitions, bridge building with Carillion Tarmac, a visit from the Dogs Trust and a Maths Revolution day ... to mention a few!

We have been preparing the students for Christmas through our Advent assemblies, worship reflections and communion. We will be celebrating the end of term with our Reward/Achievement assembly and another WOW activity day.

The children have worked tremendously hard academically this term and we are immensely proud of them. Please continue to support your child with their times tables and reading over the holidays. Research has proven that the best way to help children remember facts is through drilling: repeatedly testing them and going over the same things; this is particularly beneficial with their times tables. Children should be reading almost every day for at least 15 minutes. They can either read to themselves or aloud to a parent or sibling.

Please ensure children return fully equipped for the school day. Lack of equipment detracts from the learning time available and compromises the standards we endeavour to maintain. Required equipment: blue pen (not a biro), pencil, ruler, sharpener, coloured pencils, a rubber, a glue stick and a green pen. If students lose items or need replacements, stationery can be bought at a small cost from the school office.

We are excited to announce staff changes in January:

Mr Rose joins us as a Maths teacher; he brings a wealth of middle school experience and we are looking forward to welcoming him to the team.

Mrs Cullen is stretching her wings and moving across to join the Science department, replacing Miss Goulty. Our thanks and best wishes go with Miss Goulty as she takes up a permanent teaching post in Bedford.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs White back from maternity leave, but are sorry that this means Miss Walker is leaving us. Miss Walker is taking up a permanent post teaching PE and takes our thanks and best wishes with her.

Mr Doughty-Thorpe leaves us having successfully completed his apprenticeship year with WPMS. We wish him every success for the future.

I would like to thank the staff and the pupils for their hard work throughout the term, and parents and carers for their support. The staff, governors and I would like to wish all pupils and parents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our new term begins on Thursday 4th January 2018 and we look forward to welcoming our pupils, refreshed and eager to learn.

With kind regards,

Mrs Wilbraham-Jones
Headteacher