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**Principal:** Mr A McNaughton

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we rapidly approach the end of term, I wanted to let you know the arrangements for the last day and for returning to school in January.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December school will close for students at 12:20pm and all students will need to leave site at this time. Students wishing to have a grab bag for lunch need to collect these at break time.

Our Christmas Dinner day will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, at a cost of £2.60 for those not on free school meals. For this they get a traditional Christmas dinner, or a traditional Quorn Christmas Dinner, or Turkey Poutine – fries loaded with Turkey, chicken sausage, mozzarella and gravy, or chicken schnitzel burger, loaded onion rings, Christmas coleslaw and cheese, or a nutcracker panini filled with turkey, stuffing and gravy topped with cheese.

We start the new term with a training day for all staff on the Monday and so **all year groups** return to school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**.

At the end of term, we are saying goodbye to several colleagues. Firstly a stalwart of Joseph Leckie, and the person you will have seen for many years on our reception, Mrs Sami - who retires after over-26 years of service at the school. Also leaving are Mrs Wilkins from Reception who has undertaken several roles in school; Mrs Garcha, Associate Assistant Principal who has secured an Assistant Headteacher position; Miss Sami from Health and Social Care who was on a short-term cover contract with us and has secured a full-time position; and Mr Abdul from Science who is heading back to a warmer climate and returning to teach in the UAE. I am sure you will join with me in wishing all of them the very best for the future in their new roles and retirement.

As we are now in the meteorological winter, the chances of poor weather causing the school to close increase. Whilst we will do all we can to remain open, should we be required to close the school a message will be pushed through the Arbor Parent App and notifications will be posted on our school website and social media accounts. Unless you receive a message, or see directly on our own social media accounts, then the school will be open.

Another plea from me as we finish for Christmas is for parents to be more considerate with their parking, ensuring they do not obstruct access to our neighbours' properties and are not putting the safety of our students at risk by parking on double yellow lines, zig-zags and in the bus stop.



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I have requested the support of Walsall Council's Traffic Enforcement Team on Walstead Road West. The parking has become very dangerous and I have had to ask cars to move, where they have parked on the Zig-Zag restricted area by the pedestrian crossing limiting the view of cars approaching the crossing.

Civil enforcement officers will be undertaking routine patrols both on foot and in cars using CCTV. Cars observed to be breaching parking restrictions will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). The charge for stopping outside a school where the road is marked with zig-zag lines during restricted times is £70.00. If they receive your payment within 14 days of the notice date (which will appear on the PCN) the charge is reduced to £35.00.

I do not want to be in a position where we are having to get the authority to issue PCNs but the safety of our students is paramount and perhaps this is the only way the parents who continue to park illegally will change their ways.

Whilst we are still over a week away from breaking up, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year, and to thank you for all of your positive conversations in my first term as Principal at Joseph Leckie, I look forward to meeting more of you as the year progresses.

Yours faithfully

Mr A McNaughton  
Principal



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