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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Subject Recognition Awards for this week**

Well done to all the students in the list below. They will be able to collect their hot chocolate treat on Monday morning!

Subject	Awards go to...	
English	Ruby L (Y11)	Maciej B(Y8)
Mathematics	Lewis S (Y9)	Laurence M (Y11)
Science	Eva S (Y7) and Adam F (Y7)	Aidan K (Y11)
RE	Neave M(Y9)	Ruby L (Y11)
PE	Jessica D(Y8)	Max B (Y7)
Computing	Ava E(Y7)	Ben L (Y11)
Food Technology	Kajus V (Y9)	Georgia H (Y11)
French	Jack K(Y7)	Laurence M (Y11)
History	Lewis C (Y9)	Breaze P (Y11)
Geography	Eva M (Y9)	Joseph W (Y10)
Music	Phoebe J (Y7)	Emma C (Y11)
Art	Frank B(Y7)	Lily-Jo R(Y11)

**Visit to The Skylark Centre – Year 9 (Report from Isla C. in Year 9)**

A group of Year 9 students have been taking part in the 'Active in mind' project, with Miss Howard. The project focuses on taking care of our mental wellbeing through sports and being outside. We learn about ways to 'get outside' and how that can be beneficial to our mental health. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November we visited the Skylark centre. We answered a quiz on different bird noises and took part in some archery activities. Both of these were great for team building. We took a nature walk, looking for plants and for animal tracks. This really tuned our senses. This was followed by a campfire with hot chocolate, smores and popcorn! We listened to songs that we find helps our mindfulness, ones that we like and enjoy. The trip and project has helped me to find more ways to help my mental health. Miss Howard and Miss Deighton did a good job of running things and making the day enjoyable!

**"In all things of nature there is something of the marvellous." – Aristotle**



**Year 9 Parents Evening**

It was lovely to see our Year 9 students and their parents on Thursday evening. We really appreciate all the messages of thanks and for your continued support. If you could not make it and would like an update please contact us.

**Our Advent Appeal**

Please see the attached Advent Chaplaincy Newsletter from our Chaplain Mrs Ulvaer. This details all of our Advent Appeals. As this is our last 'Advent Appeal' at Holy Family let us make it a great one by helping and supporting as many people in our community as possible!

**Please see the next page...**

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## Reminder....

### Christmas 'Coffee & Carols' Morning: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 11.30 to 12.30

If anyone would like to attend this event please email [Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk](mailto:Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk) or call school to book a place.

### Other events ahead – Final week of term

In the final week of term lessons will be as normal for the majority of the week. Students need their normal equipment and to be in normal school uniform (apart from the non-uniform day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December).

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and Non-Uniform day.** We will be asking for a donation of £1 to wear 'non-uniform', it would be great to see some Christmas jumpers!

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Rewards afternoon

We have a range of activities planned to reward students who have worked hard and have a good attitude to school.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term

We will start the day with our Christmas liturgy and celebration assemblies. Lessons will then be as normal before ending the day with some form time and a Christmas quiz!

### Update – school closure.

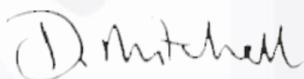
The local authorities are aiming to send us the agreed lists of school allocations next week and the timescales for moving to the different schools. They will then inform parents of the places offered and the next steps. I am hopeful that the local authorities will communicate this to all of you by the end of next week!

**Support for parents** – A reminder that the 'wellbeing in mind' team are in school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (6pm till 7pm). They will be presenting advice for parents on how to support your child through issues such as fear and anxiety. Please email [Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk](mailto:Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk) if you would like to attend.

### Finally this week...

Our Year 11 students begin their GCSE mock exams on Monday for the next two weeks. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Have a great weekend,



Mrs D. Mitchell  
Headteacher