

7 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

May I extend a warm invitation to all of you to reflect upon the Christmas season with us at John Flamsteed Community School:

**Carol Service – Tuesday 12 December – 7.00pm – Horsley Church.**

This traditional event marks the beginning of our reflection at Christmas time. It is one of my favourite events of the school year and I would highly recommend going. Please do come along with your families to support students and staff if you can. It really does encapsulate the spirit of Christmas and marks the start of the school's Christmas season in a very special way.

**Christmas Cracker Concert – Thursday 14 December – 7.30pm – Drama Studio**

This is a festive celebration applauding the talents of our students in the Arts and in other disciplines. Due to limited space in the Drama studio a ticket is required in order to attend this event. The tickets are available from reception at a cost of £3.50 which includes refreshments (please note should you wish to have refreshments prior to the performance please arrive at 7.00pm in the dining room).

**Tuesday 19 December – Last Day of Term – Early closure 1.00pm**

**All day Charity event – Christmas Jumper Day**

Students bring £1.00 to wear a Christmas jumper and/or non-uniform for charity.

8.40-8.50am Registration

8.50-9.50am Period 1 as usual. Students are expected to bring their exercise books as teachers will be completing the term's marking and content.

9.50 – 12.10pm Christmas reflection, Head of Year led rewards assembly and tutor activity.

12.10-12.50pm Lunch

12.50pm Registration

1.00pm Close

All buses will be here for 1.00pm and arrangements will be made for those students catching the Ripley service bus to be safely escorted to the bus stop. Should your child need to stay in school until 3.20pm, please do let us know by Friday 15 December so that we can arrange suitable supervision.

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful break over Christmas. I look forward to starting again with everyone in the New Year on Wednesday 3 January 2018.

*'I wish you joy from an unexpected direction. Something that makes your heart jump and your ears warm. Something that makes you smile. I wish for you that you remember to pay attention to the small things. I wish you a laugh that makes you shake your shoulders and that makes your tummy hurt and a thought that makes you go WOW.*

*All I wish for you is for love, peace, happiness, hope and joy this Christmas time'.*

Yours sincerely

Mrs LJ Walton (Headteacher)