



16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/carers

And, like that, I am writing my final letter of 2022!

Before students depart this morning we will be having our first whole school assembly for 4 years. As part of my closing comments I discussed what the recipe for a good Christmas could be like – apologies, in advance, to all bakers! Taking a large bowl of good will, place in two pounds of good intentions. Stir in 3 glasses of 100% love, cover with a clean cloth of understanding and stand overnight. The following day sieve 12 ounces of happiness, together with a teaspoon each of expectation, optimism, surprise, kindness and forgiveness. These need to be added carefully making sure no lumps of resentment or bad feelings fall into the mix. Bake slowly and serve with a sprig of kindness.

As we approach Christmas Day, I hope we all continue to be generous in our thoughts with the understanding that coming together with family and friends is more important than how much money we spend.

As a reminder Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is an INSET day and students return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:40am. This will be a week 1.

Please find some other messages for the week below:

### Collection of exam certificates

Exam certificates can now be collected for those students that received results in August 2022. Regulations do not allow certificates to be put in the post due to the risk of loss or damage and a signature is required when collecting them.

Certificates can be collected from reception between 11am and 1pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Certificates will only be issued to the person named on them unless we receive prior written authorisation from the certificate holder. Further details can be found on this process here <https://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Exam-Certificate-Collection-2022.pdf>

### Uniform reminder – piercings

I am aware that some students may see the Christmas break as an opportunity to have their ears pierced. As a reminder, and as shown on the school website, piercings are explicitly referred to in our uniform expectations/policy:

#### JEWELLERY

No rings, necklaces, bangles or bracelets. Earrings are allowed, with a maximum of two studs in the lower ear lobe, no other piercings are acceptable.

Thanks, in advance, for working with the school to adhere to these expectations.



## Nailsea Explorers

A number of current students are already part of these Scout units that are based in Nailsea. However, they are always looking for new members. Please find further details on the attached flyer.

**Finally...**Christmas is such a special time of year, the opportunity to spend time with our families and taking time to reflect on and appreciate all that we are thankful for. I always feel privileged that I get to spend part of the Christmas period with our students as Christmas is the perfect time of year for being around young people. The joy and magic of Christmas can be truly infectious.

However, I also appreciate that for some of our families and our staff any holiday, including Christmas, can be difficult for a number of reasons. I hope everyone in this position knows the importance of letting themselves feel whatever they need to over the break. Things will not feel that way forever.

We will be here in the new year and new term to continue to support you all in whatever way we can – please just ask.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott

Head teacher