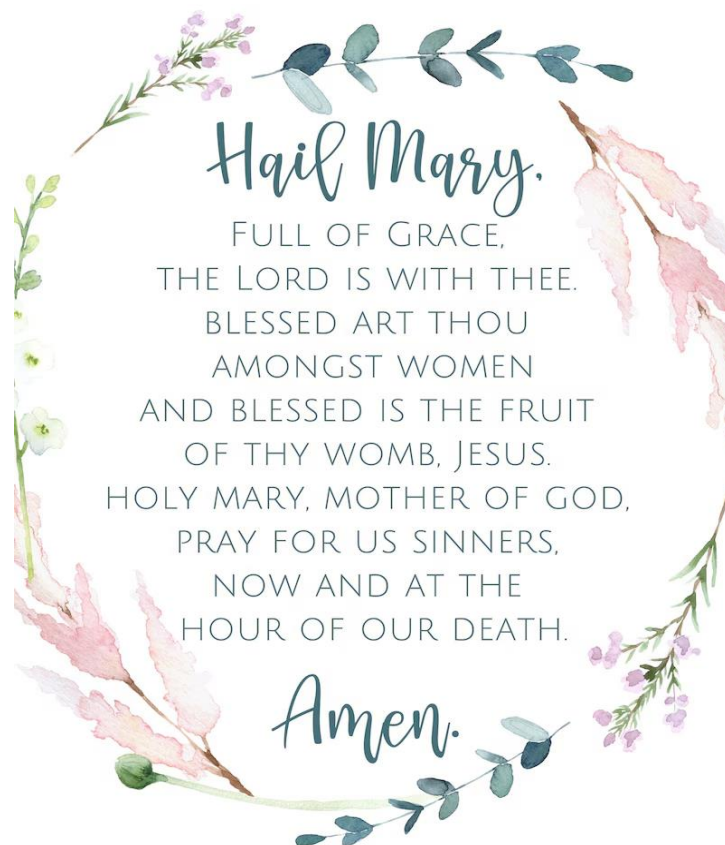


**Parent Bulletin 18/10/24**



**Welcome message**

Welcome to week seven of our school year. This week, we have had some very hardworking pupils taking their CAT exams, some excellent sporting fixtures in PE and some more amazing fundraising planning for Willow Wood Hospice.

**Willow Wood Hospice**



Our pupils are beginning their work with Willow Food Hospice as part of the Enterprise Challenge. Each team will receive seed money to kickstart their fundraiser. In teams, pupils will manage their own fundraisers and may even wish to invest their takings into a second, even bigger fundraising venture for Willow Wood Hospice, growing their seed money further.

This is a great opportunity for pupils to get creative and exercise their entrepreneurial talents, whilst raising much-needed funds that will allow us to continue to provide vital services to our local community.

### **Maisie's ribbon fundraising**

As I have communicated via text and Class Charts, I will be closing the school at 12pm next Friday (25<sup>th</sup> October) to allow our staff and pupils to attend Maisie's funeral.

On this day, we will also be giving out pink ribbons to all staff and pupils to remember Maisie, as this was her favourite colour. We will be adding a voluntary £1 donation to Parent Pay which goes directly to the fundraising efforts being led by Maisie's family surrounding organ donation awareness.

### **Winter Uniform Policy**

During the winter term (from 4<sup>th</sup> November), we will be reverting to our winter uniform policy. Both girls and boys must wear a school jumper underneath their blazer during these months. When wearing a skirt, we ask that girls wear black tights. These rules are to protect our pupils from the cold and ensure they are appropriately dressed for the colder months at school.

I would also like to remind parents please do not allow your child to get their ears pierced over the holidays. One week will not be long enough to heal and earrings are not allowed at school under our uniform policy. Please also ensure that all false nails are removed before your child returns to school. I appreciate your cooperation.



### **Parent Pay**

Parent Pay is the system we use at school for parents to pay for lunches for their child. After the half term, we will be updating the way we use this system. It is important that children have money on their Parent Pay account so that they can purchase food at school. From the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, we will be contacting parents/carers when pupils go into negative numbers on their account. This happens when a child does not have enough money on their Parent Pay to purchase food and pay our catering company. You will be contacted and asked to add money to their account.

It is important to state that no child will ever be refused food. We have a duty of care to our pupils and that includes ensuring they are not hungry at school. If a child is without money, we will ensure they are fed and request that parents pay onto the system as soon as possible.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

If you are struggling to gain access, please get in contact with school and we will help you log into your account.

### **Changes to lunchtime**

After the October half term, I will be extending the lunchtime period for all pupils. I want to ensure that all pupils have adequate time to queue, pay for and eat their food without feeling rushed. Our new lunchtimes will now be 40 minutes long, giving pupils plenty of time to enjoy their food and socialise with friends.

### **Rewards**

Reward points are now called 'ASAP' points (All Saints Achievement Points) these are given to pupils who are working hard and showing an excellent attitude to their learning.

Here are the top 5 performing pupils this week:

1. Ollie F (Year 7)
2. Deron C-F (Year 8)
3. Holly O (Year 9)
4. Kimberley C (Year 10)
5. Sam B (Year 11)



Our ASAP system has been updated and now will allow our hardworking pupils to claim rewards from our shop, using their ASAP points as currency which they can purchase rewards with.

Here are the top 5 performing form groups per year group this week:

1. 7CA – 70 points
2. 8T – 68 points
3. 9W – 78 points
4. 10W – 62 points
5. 11A – 58 points

Fantastic effort from 7CA who have the highest overall points this week!



*Well done to last week's winners 9R!*

### Food bank

We are now reaching the end of our food bank collection and we will be dropping off our donations next week! Please continue to encourage your child to bring in any final donations. We appreciate your support for this important cause.

# FOOD BANK COLLECTION

**PLEASE DONATE SOME CANNED FOOD, TEA, COFFEE OR TOILETRIES!**

**Rewards...**  
If you bring any of these items to school, you will be rewarded with ASAP's and you can help your form to win a form breakfast celebration!



Thank you for your ongoing support,

Ms Gilligan