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November to December 2021

Key Messages from Mr Johnson

This time last year, I wrote about testing times and the hope that twelve months from then we would be back to normal. We have all had challenges to face and we know there are more to come. However, throughout these times, I remain incredibly proud of our students and our school community.

Recently, we have been able to safely get together for various school events and I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming parents back into the school. We have also celebrated our passion for music with our Christmas Concerts at St Nicholas' Chapel.

We have been fundraising and through your generosity, we will be donating £687.50 to The Save The Children Fund and £567.20 to The Purfleet Trust along with boxes of food. This is another record-breaking year, improving on last year's record total of £593.34 for Christmas Jumper Day!

When we return in January, we will be continuing our drive to improve punctuality across the school. Please be aware that this drive will include locking all of the additional gates, except the main gate, at 8.45 am.

We have enjoyed celebrating students' efforts to 'get it right' through weekly prize draws for all the students with zero behaviour points each week and we will continue this in the new year. We will also be going the extra mile to reward students who demonstrate high levels of pride in their school work so please encourage your children to do their best in lessons.

And finally, if you haven't already booked an appointment for your child's Lateral Flow test on January 4th, please use the parents evening booking system to do so.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable festive season and I look forward to welcoming all of our students back on Wednesday, 5th January 2022.

Mr A Johnson

Launching “Endeavour”

What a terrific term! Year 8 have returned to Springwood as much more grown up and much more confident young people and they are certainly no longer the babies of the school. They have started to take real strides forward in terms of taking responsibility for their actions and for their learning.

During this half term, we have introduced the ENDEAVOUR programme. This is an exciting set of challenges that will help to give all of our students even more independence and the ability to shine in areas outside the immediate curriculum. Here are the challenges, so that you can see what we are asking for:

E – attend extra-curricular clubs (either in or out of school)

N – complete our Numeracy booklets and read four books during Year 8

D – get some work displayed or presented in assembly

E – explore by going on school trips (or virtual educational visits)

A – be ambitious and show your Form Tutor that you are committed to everything you do

V – value others by getting joining in with our charity work

O – present ideas to the rest of your class or get involved in a performance or presentation evening

U – show your form tutor that you have faced and overcome a challenge

R – represent the House or School in a formal event

Many of our students have already made a start with this and have ticked off several of the challenges. We believe that school life should encourage all students to become rounded individuals and that completing these will help. Our big message is that all will be encouraged to be independent and increasingly mature during the course of the year. The reward for successfully completing “Endeavour” will be a lovely Festival at the end of the year. We will be raising funds throughout the year and should any parents feel that they can offer some help, please get in touch. We are particularly on the lookout for raffle prizes and sponsorship for the “Springfest” event.

Sandringham and Felbrigg houses have already organised some charity events and have raised nearly £300. The other houses will be organising similar events next term.

What's Going On?

The teams are doing well, with many of our students representing the school in Rugby, Football and Netball.

On Friday the 10th December, 15 year 8 boys from the rugby team took on the challenge of joining forces with pupils from KLA, KES and Downham Market Academy to make a Barbarians rugby team to face the U13's West Norfolk team.

The evening was a great spectacle with 24 pupils making up the Barbarians team. All of the Springwood students were a credit to the school with their performance and attitude on the night with some fantastic tackling, rucking and running with ball in hand. Special mentions go to Devon W for his consistent high level of tackling and to Ralph N for some electrifying running with the ball, one of which he ran the ball the whole length of the pitch to score a try. The end score was 10 tries to 3 to West Norfolk.

*Well done to all the students that took part.
Mr Singh*

Xmas Concerts

It has been quite a while since our last major music concerts. The end of term has seen the Xmas Concerts held in St Nicholas' Chapel. Many Year 8 pupils took part and it was lovely to see so many preparing for the event and then performing with such energy and enjoyment. Well done, all.

"In my time playing music I have done lots of performances. But the last couple of nights possibly topped them all. Whether it was from my trumpet solo parts in intermediate concert band (intercon) or playing a Norwegian bridal song in brass group. These were the best I've ever done."
Bramley

"Hansel and Gretel"

The next major performance opportunity will be for those taking part in "Hansel and Gretel". Rehearsals are well under way and several of our pupils have important roles. The rehearsals have been interrupted by bouts of illness, but all involved in the production have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Cadets

Out of school, several have been taking part in clubs and activities and we now have 78% of our year group taking part in at least one activity or club. It was pleasing to see our year group represented at the Remembrance Ceremony and some of our students have also climbed the ranks in the King's Lynn Air Cadets.



Three cadets from year 8 were recently enrolled at 42F Air Training Corps King's Lynn.

Cadets Allison, Hughes and Plumb were enrolled on completion of basic training. The enrolment parade is an important highlight for any cadet: it marks the end of basic training and they are now officially members of the air training corps. Before enrolment, they underwent 10 weeks basic training, covering subjects such as drill, the history of the RAF and ATC, history of flight, first aid, basic leadership and uniform maintenance. Following a successful assessment night, the cadets were formally welcomed onto the squadron by the wing padre and flight lieutenant Petch. The cadets made the air cadet promise, then had photos with proud parents and the padre. The cadet motto is "Venture Adventure", and the cadets are looking forward to their next adventures as official members of the Air Training Corps!

Cadet Allison

Achievements this half-term

Science

Great progress this half term

Alex G

Nathan M

Harry M

Astro R

Ella S-C

Harry A

Lily S

Kara C

Kristian D

Gracie H

Amelie-May J

Emma L

Thomas L

Sophie M

Ava M

Sara M

Alex S

Ethan S

Rhys S

Faith T

Jaxon W

Dominik Z

Spanish

Highly motivated and engaged students

Devon W

Rudraa U

Thomas S

Clara M

Kalea M-K

Karolina K

Wiktoria M

Harry W

Maths

Very impressive start

Lily B

Sophie M

German

Much improved assessment score

Alyssa M-M

The New Year

Although a much shorter term is ahead of us, there will be much to do. We will be trying to get all of our pupils to think seriously about being even more independent and there will be an emphasis upon academic achievement. Early in January all pupils will complete assessments in all subjects and we will be able to see what progress has been made since Year 7. We will be issuing reports and may well be able to arrange some informal meetings with parents in early March.

A new term means the arrival of a new Knowledge Organiser and we will be showing the pupils how to use it even more effectively. Please remember that the Knowledge Organiser is not only a powerful reference point, but should give a focus for most homework tasks.

Dates for the Diary:

COVID testing	4 th January 2022
Year 8 assessments:	Week commencing 10th January
Performance of "Murder in the Cathedral"	2 nd & 4 th February
Performance of "Hansel & Gretel"	8 th & 9 th February
Informal Parents Evening	(date to be confirmed)

We hope that you have a good rest over the Xmas break and a happy New Year.

The Year 8 Team

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