

15 December 2022

To the Community of Blessed Trinity,

As we approach the end of what has been a busy autumn term, I write to you all to thank you for your continued support and to express our thanks to you all. During this time of Advent, we remember that Christmas is a time of joy, hope and peace.

Blessed Trinity is at the heart of the community, and the community is at the heart of what we do. It has been a pleasure to see so many pupils participate in a whole variety of different activities this term, at lunchtime, after school and also many trips. These character building opportunities ensure that your child's talents and interests are developed and supported. We would encourage your child to continue to develop their interests in the next academic term.

Some of the sporting achievements from this first term are:

- Year 10 Boys football teams have reached the 6th round of the English Schools' Cup competition and will play Ilkley Grammar School in the last 32 from over 700 schools.
- Year 7 Girls Football through to the Third round of the Lancashire Schools Cup.
- Year 8/9 Boys were crowned Burnley Schools Cross Country Champions. A number of pupils, both Boys and Girls have been selected to represent Burnley at the Lancashire Event in February.
- Connor Brogan and Harvey McGovern have successfully represented the Lancashire Schools Football team.
- Connor Brogan signed a one year scholarship with Accrington Stanley.
- Logan Carlin has signed a post 16 two year scholarship with Burnley FC.
- Year 7/8 Girls Football won their area competition and are therefore representing Burnley in the Ulilita Cup Area Final in January.

Many congratulations to all pupils who have been involved. We are very proud of you.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 have recently completed their mock exams and we have been very impressed with their maturity and the commitment they have shown. The important work of analysing the results and ensuring pupils are clear on what they have done well, and what their next steps are, is well underway. We will be supporting them in the lead up to their GCSE exams and details of this will be shared with you in the New Year. I also want to praise the pupils for their hard work and effort as they prepared for their exams and I know many of the Year 11 pupils are now seeing the truth of this in the success they are experiencing.

Cost of living support for families over Christmas

If you or anyone you know may be in need, please click in to the link below for support in and around our area.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/>

At 6:00pm tonight, Thursday, 15th December, we are having a Christmas carol service at St Mary of the Assumption RC Church, Burnley. Some of our local Primary schools will be joining with our school choir for the service. It would be delightful to see some of you join us for this wonderful community event.

School will close for all pupils on **Friday, 16th December at 1:00pm**. School buses will arrive at this time as well. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to collect this during their break time.

All pupils will return to school on **Wednesday, 4th January 2023**. Please refer to the attachments and links below regarding behaviour, uniform and attendance expectations.

May I wish you and your families a peaceful festive season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Deborah Williams (Mrs)
Headteacher

Uniform

Shoes

If you are purchasing new shoes for your child, please ensure they are in keeping with our policy as outlined below:

Shoes must be plain black only. No logos, stripes, high heels, canvas or boots of any type. Trainers are not acceptable footwear. If a pupil attends school with unacceptable footwear they will be expected to wear footwear provided by school until this can be rectified.

Hair styles

If your child has chosen a different hair style for the summer holidays, please ensure that it will be in keeping with our school rules upon our return to school:

Hair styles should be neat and tidy and of one natural hair colour. Hair should not be shorter than a 'number 2' without lines or fashionable designs. Hair should not be of an extreme length or style.

Jewellery and Makeup

I would like to remind you that items of jewellery or makeup, including nail varnish, false tan, false nails and false eyelashes are not allowed in school. Pupils will not be allowed to attend lessons if the uniform offence is unable to be rectified with products supplied by school. If any item of jewellery is seen on a pupil, it will be confiscated and handed to reception and only returned to a parent.

Outdoor coats

Outdoor coats should be warm and waterproof preferably in navy blue, black, or a dark colour. The wearing of hoodies, fleeces, track suit tops or other fashion wear is not allowed. Coats should not be worn inside the building but may be worn outside at break and lunchtimes.

Behaviour: Kindly follow this [link](#) to our Behaviour Policy.

Attendance: Kindly follow this [link](#) to our Attendance Policy.

All policies can be found on our website at: www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk