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14 December 2018

Dear parent / carer

This is the last update of the term and I am sure that, like all the staff and students in school, you are also looking forward to an opportunity to rest and spend time with family over the forthcoming holiday period.

Roads, routes and traffic

Traffic on site

Although I have mentioned this in previous updates, I should like to repeat my request that, if you drop your child(ren) at school in the morning, you do not drive onto school site. Cars manoeuvring in school's narrow driveway when there are already lots of students moving around in front of the building present a significant risk to safety. The danger to pedestrians is increased by the darker mornings at the moment too.

I should be grateful if you would drop students off at a suitable spot in the vicinity of school, but not on the site, where students gather in advance of the student access doors opening at 8.00am.

Planned changes to Lawnswood roundabout

As you may know, Leeds City Council plans to replace the traditional roundabout next to school with a crossroads with traffic lights. Public consultation has ended and the project is currently being finalised. Last week, traffic surveys were undertaken at the beginning and end of the school day to assess the volume and pattern of traffic on the roads near the roundabout.

Spennings Road and Weetwood Road exits

At my request, the survey done last week near Lawnswood roundabout was extended to include Spennings Road.

With a view to improving pedestrian safety, I have also requested that zig zag (no stopping/parking) road markings are added to sections of Spennings Road and Weetwood Road around our exit gates. I shall keep you updated the progress of this request.

Winter Festival

You and your family and friends are warmly invited to join us at our Winter Festival from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 19 December.

The festival offers an evening of music, dance and drama performances to listen and watch! It's also a wonderful opportunity to do some last minute Christmas shopping with art, craft, food and interactive stalls! We hope to see you there!

Tickets are £3 for adults, £2 for children and concessions. Tickets available from Mrs Rushton in F47 or via email rachel.rushton@elawnswood.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Festive jumper day

As I mentioned in my last update, we will have a 'festive jumper day' next Friday, which is the last day of term.

For a donation of £1 (for Save the Children), students and staff are encouraged to wear the most festive and/or daft seasonal jumper for the day.

If you are able to make your child's donation through ParentPay, that would help us to raise funds efficiently and minimise cash confusion on the day.

School finishes for students at 12.30pm on Friday 21 December.

End of term activities

Monday 17 December: Year 10 GCSE drama performance at 6.00pm

Tuesday 18 December: Year 11 taster day (experience of post 16 options)

Tuesday 18 December: Year 12 reading day

Tuesday 18 December: Year 8 disco from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Wednesday 19 December: Christmas lunch in the diners

Wednesday 19 December: Winter Festival from 6.30pm until 8.30pm

Thursday 20 December: Year 7 disco from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Friday 21 December: Festive jumper day

Friday 21 December: school ends for students at 12.30pm

School re-opens as normal on Monday 7 January 2019.

I wish you and your family and restful Christmas period. We look forward to welcoming students back in 2019!

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher