

28th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



With less than four weeks to go until the end of term, I wanted to write and inform you of all the festive events that will be taking place in the run up to Christmas.

#### Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar

Advent is a Christian tradition, a time of preparation for celebrating Christmas. We are nowadays more familiar with having a chocolate from our advent calendar each year, but this year we would like to use this period of preparation to focus on one of our core values: we are kind. On the reverse of this letter, I have printed our Acts of Kindness advent calendar. Each day of advent there is a small kindness task to complete and we invite all of our community to take part in the acts of kindness with us.

#### Donations to the foodbank

Some tutor groups are taking part in collecting items for the foodbank throughout advent. If you would like to make donations please ensure they are given to Mrs Baldwin and she will ensure they are delivered to the foodbank in time for Christmas.

#### St. Mary's Carol Concert

The annual Carol Concert at St Mary's Church takes place at 6 pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome to come and sing with us!

#### Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas jumper day is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Students and staff are invited to donate £1 to Save the Children for wearing their Christmas jumper in replacement of their blazer, tie and school jumper. All other uniform expectations continue to apply, as do equipment expectations.

#### Christmas dinner

This year's Christmas dinner also takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December and the arrangements have been covered in a separate letter, but please do contact Miss Grimstone if you have any questions.

#### End of term assembly

This will take place at 2.15 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and will be a celebration of the religious festival of Christmas as well as a celebration of the Autumn term at Castle Manor Academy.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

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# Castle Manor Academy

## Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December

Feed the birds

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December

Make a card for a friend

We work hard, we are kind, we are PROUD

<p>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</p> <p>Give a donation to the foodbank</p>	<p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Let someone in front of you in the dinner queue</p>	<p>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Tell a joke to make someone laugh</p>	<p>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Pick up some litter and place it in the bin</p>	<p>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Smile at everyone you see today</p>	<p>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Re-use a plastic bag or use a Bag for Life</p>	<p>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Donate something to a local charity</p>
<p>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Leave a happy note for someone</p>	<p>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Say thank you to a teacher for their hard work</p>	<p>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Hold a door open for someone</p>	<p>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Listen to a younger person read</p>	<p>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Wear a Christmas jumper and donate a £1</p>	<p>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Give a family member a hug</p>	<p>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Say please and thank you to someone and mean it</p>
<p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Talk to someone you haven't spoken to before</p>	<p>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Give a compliment to a friend</p>	<p>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Praise someone for their hard work</p>	<p>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Do a secret act of kindness for a friend</p>	<p>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</p> <p>Sing a Christmas song to cheer someone up</p>	<p>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</p> <p>Offer to help with the house work</p>	<p>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</p> <p>Take part in the family Christmas preparations</p>
<p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Get ready to write your thank you cards</p>	<p>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p>					