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Dear Parents / Carers,

Numerous exciting learning opportunities have continued this Autumn term on top of our daily planned curriculum. Pupils have continued to access enrichment activities, Duke of Edinburgh, reading lessons, plays, reading interventions, Spanish lessons and individual music tuition.

We were pleased to receive a visit from 2x HMI Ofsted Inspectors week beginning Monday 9th December and I look forward to sharing the outcome letter with parents mid – late January 2025. Staff, pupils and Governors worked really hard to demonstrate the fantastic work that we do as a school. We have also welcomed visits this term from Careers Connect, New Horizons, MVRP, The Careers Hub and the NHS.

There have been many highlights this term, but one that stands out was the PSHE enrichment event provided by Liverpool Royal Court. Thanks to our friends at ‘Sir Ken Dodd Happiness Hall for St John’s Church & Community’ who allowed us to use their amazing facilities to put on the performance. The play highlighted risks of child exploitation, absenteeism from school and knife crime. Embellishing the PSHE curriculum, this play was excellent and supported our ongoing safeguarding care and support for all pupils.

Our “new Year 7” pupils are settling in well and have adapted to learning at Clifford Holroyde. Lots of pupils are choosing to access our full and varied learning opportunities and are making excellent progress academically and socially.

There have been so many other things to celebrate including enrichment & rewards trips each week, KS3 & KS4 football competitions, rowing, swimming, Remembrance poppy appeal and a superb Macmillan coffee & cakes fundraiser. We promoted world ‘mental health day’ and classes were also able to benefit from attending the ‘Film festival’ at various cinemas across Merseyside. Some pupils were able to visit the Pier Head and view the huge HMS Prince of Wales aircraft carrier.



Our Governors (and student council!) continue to work with the Senior Leadership Team to oversee the management of our school supporting us in strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. We have been able to continue works to our ageing building with roof repairs to reception, gym floor and boiler replacement, upgrade of Food Technology facilities, replacement of classroom sinks and improvements to CCTV & access systems. In the new year, we are looking to replace some external doors, improve corridor walls and address the potholes in the carpark! I am very hopeful that we will be able to complete these projects by Easter.

We enjoyed celebrating the run-up to Christmas with class trips to bowling alleys, ninja warrior and restaurants. Christmas jumper day was a success, and our 100 Christmas trees enterprise project was amazing! Pupils donated their weekend to sell trees to the public, deliver them to other schools and our thanks once again goes to www.giltrees.com for supporting our project and supplying such beautiful Christmas trees. Other highlights included Christmas lunch and toy appeal and prize raffle.

Special thanks must also go to www.myboyskoi.com and their partners / donors for their kindness, organisation, generosity and donations. We were touched by the sheer volume and number of donated toys, toiletries & chocolates. We thank MBK for their hard work, kindness and time. Thank you so much!

Congratulations to the 5 pupils who were able to maintain 100% attendance during this term – we hope the pupils enjoy their Gift Voucher to spend on a prize of their own choice. Well done for attending school every single day of the term! Please can you encourage your child to be present every day possible and ensure that wherever possible, full school uniform is worn each day.

This term has been so busy with some amazing events and we look forward to a busy Spring term full of more learning opportunities for all pupils. My heartfelt thanks to all staff who make every day special for our pupils. Next Term we look forward to Mrs Lisa Pover starting up her new role in school as Business Manager and wish her luck as she settles into her new responsibilities.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all the pupils and their parents / carers a very happy, peaceful and restful Christmas. I hope 2025 is a healthy and happy year for you all.

Yours sincerely,



Mr I Griffiths
Headteacher



Should any pupils require mental health support over the Christmas holidays, there are a range of services available:

- **Liverpool CAMHS crisis team** are available 24/7 at Alder Hey and are contactable on 0151 293 3577 or 0808 196 3550. They have a free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service. To start a conversation text the word SHOUT to 85258.
- **Childline**: call them on 0800 1111 or:
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/>
- **Samaritans**: call them on 116 123 or:
<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>
- **Kooth** provides online, free and confidential counselling: <https://www.kooth.com/>
- **Young Minds Crisis Messenger** - provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK mental health crisis - If you need urgent help text YM to 85258.
- **Papyrus** provides support for any young people experiencing suicidal thoughts or ideation. HOPE line UK; 0800 068 4141. <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

