

Dear Parents / Carers

This week our school community has been collecting food as part of our harvest festival celebrations for Swindon Food Collective. It has been an absolute joy to see students and staff bringing bags of food or even individual cans into school. Thinking of others and helping them enjoy their right to food is a large part of us becoming a rights respecting school and we are so proud of how the whole school community has supported this collection this week. We have filled 16 crates of food and currently have a further 20 bags to be collected next week, although we know this number will also grow as the last few donations come in.



## Attendance

| <b>Attendance year to date =93.1 %</b><br><b>Persistent Absence year to date = 20.1 % [less than 90%]</b><br><b>Lates = 3.2%</b> |            |       |       |
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|  | Attendance | PA    | Lates |
| Year 7   | 95.9%      | 12.9% | 1.3%  |
| Year 8   | 93.0%      | 19.7% | 2.7%  |
| Year 9   | 92.5%      | 21.4% | 4.3%  |
| Year 10  | 92.5%      | 23.4% | 3.4%  |
| Year 11  | 90.9%      | 24.8% | 4.7%  |

## Respectful conversations

A big part of us being a rights respecting school is how we encourage everyone to treat each other respectfully. This involves how we speak to one another. We do ask all members of the school community to think about the tone of voice they chose to use and how this can impact how others respond to them. We ask everyone to talk face to face rather than shouting at one another from a distance. Above all we ask everyone to use appropriate and kind language when talking to any member of the school community. Being able to communicate respectfully is key to building connections and helping everyone feel like they belong here. In assemblies and in tutor activities we also talk about what to do when students feel others are unkind, and all should know who to speak to. In personal development lessons we also talk about the difference between sharing a joke, banter between friends, when this becomes unkind behaviour and when this becomes bullying. Please do talk to your child about the importance of respectful conversations.



### Year 7 making safer choices.



Yesterday all year 7 students had a talk from Wiltshire Police about making safer choices, this involved discussions on why there is no legal reason for any young person under 18 to carry a weapon and what the consequences may be for their future if they do. They discussed what to do if they are aware of someone carrying a weapon and how as 99% of people do not even think about carrying weapons, carrying a weapon themselves will not make them safer. They engaged really well and listened to the important messages. If you are a parent of a year 7 child please do ask them about what they heard in this session.

### Year 7 and 8 Pantomime trip

We are excited to announce a trip for Year 7 and 8 students to the Wyvern Theatre to watch *Cinderella* on **Thursday, 19th December at 7pm**. Tickets are priced at £20 each and this will include both the coach and theatre ticket. The tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Parent Pay will go live on **Monday, 14th October at 10am**, with **Monday 21st as the deadline** to pay, so be sure to secure your spot promptly!



### Future Events

- 21st October - Year 7 Halloween Quiz 4.00 - 5.00pm
- 23rd October - End of term - 2.45pm closure
- 4th November - Term 2 starts - 8.15 am

With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

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