

9th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have all had a good week so far and are looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas break. It doesn't seem that long ago that I wrote to everyone welcoming our students back and looking at the term ahead - and next Friday it comes to an end! Dismissal times will be communicated to each school in order that families can make plans and our older students can collect siblings from the Lower School where necessary.

There have been a huge number of events taking place this week but this week also saw Christmas dinner being served on Thursday. It is always a lovely treat when this happens and makes everyone realise that Christmas is nearly upon us. At the Lower School this week we have enjoyed the Christmas performances from our students. On Tuesday we had our Key Stage 2 performance, on Wednesday we had our Key Stage 1 performance, followed by the fabulous Reception nativity on Thursday! There is always a huge amount of work that goes into our performances and I am sure you will join me in congratulating our Lower School team. The events at the Lower School conclude this afternoon with 'we wish you a Jazzy Christmas' performance to year 3 - something I am certainly looking forward to.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday, we held our Celebration Awards Evening in the Upper School hall. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to hold this celebration of our students' success and achievement in person and welcome so many of our parents into the school. We were joined by some ex-Manorians from the class of 1976 with a keynote speech from Dr Haresh Mistry. It was very interesting to hear the stories and talk about ex pupils and see some of the names pointed out who are displayed on the walls in gold writing. Another amazing feature of the evening was that for the first time ever, there were awards presented to some of our year 7 pupils for the work that they had achieved in year 6. A perfect celebration of our all-through school.

On Friday afternoon, we will be holding our annual Christmas fair which always proves to be very popular with our students. Lots of events and activities as well as the opportunity to get some gifts! We are also making this our Christmas Jumper day with all proceeds going to charity. We have had some fantastic donations from local businesses and amazing contributions to our incredible raffle prizes.

The final letter of this term will be our end of term newsletter. This promises to be full of events, activities, photos and news of some of the work of our students their contributions to our community and some fabulous personal achievements.

Please watch out for this when it arrives, and don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Instagram for regular updates and pictures [@PrestonManorSch](#).

Hope you all have a lovely weekend

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Denial', with a stylized flourish at the end.

R Denial
Executive Headteacher