18th December 2017

Dear Parent/carer

I am pleased to share with you our plans for the final week of term and some updates on school life.

We are holding a number of rewards events this week. On Tuesday our top 100 “smiley face” earners will leave school at 10.00 am to spend the morning at Energi in Preston, as a reward for their consistently positive approach to learning. They will have already brought home a letter inviting them to this event, so you will find further details in that invitation if your child is involved.

On Wednesday and Thursday we are running our increasingly popular “smiley face” rewards activities, which students can buy into from their smiley account. This year we have 22 different activities on offer, with something for everyone to choose from. Details of the activities have been publicized in school and so your child will know which activity they have chosen and hopefully shared that information with you. For your interest, examples of activities include darts, Christmas craft making, board games, meditation, rock climbing and even dog walking!

On Thursday, all students with 100% attendance, acceptable behaviour and no late marks will be allowed to wear non-uniform. At the start of the day these students will meet in the Hall at 8.40 am for a prize raffle draw.  Each child will have a raffle ticket and be entered into the draw. There will be 3 winners from each of the 5 year groups and lots of small random raffle prizes at the end.

At the beginning of December, Mrs Barrow, Mrs Violet and Mrs Dwyer launched "swap your pop", encouraging all members of the school family to forsake buying themselves one bottle of pop (or equivalent) and use their £1.00 to buy a bottle of shower gel/shampoo/toothpaste/tinned food/packet pasta or rice etc. All donations this year will go to the Salvation Army, who do a fantastic job looking after those in need around the festive period. The response so far has been great, but we still have 4 days to go, so if you would like to support this, then your donations can be sent in via your child and will be very gratefully received.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mr Ringrose, who leaves us to take up a promotion at Longridge High School. Mr Ringrose has worked at Ashton since 2008 and will be missed. Our loss is Longridge’s gain and we wish him well in his new post.

School term ends at 12.55 pm on Thursday 21st December and we will welcome your son/daughter back into school for 8.40 am on Monday 8th January 2018.

Thank you again for all your continued support for our school and may I take this opportunity to wish you a safe, happy and restful Christmas break with your families.

With best wishes

**Miss S Asquith**

**Headteacher**