



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**“He will be called, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)**

Friday, 08 December 2023

Today we move into the second week of Advent. Peace is a central theme of the Advent season but the main focus of the second week of Advent. One of the prophecies about Jesus calls him “the Prince of Peace”. On the second Sunday of Advent, Catholic churches will light the second candle in the traditional Advent wreath. This purple candle symbolises peace. Scripture focuses on the peace God promised and ushered in during the first advent of Jesus (his birth), and the cosmic peace that will be consummated by Christ’s second coming.

I continue to hope and pray for Peace in our world and in our Hagley family and perhaps you can join with the staff community who prayed this prayer this morning.

In this season of Advent huge thanks goes to Mrs O’Loughlin and students in Year 7 who have helped her to decorate our two trees and crib and bring the festive feel to the school hall and reception.

**Advent Charity**

Once again everyone has stepped up in their efforts to support our chosen charities. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed what you can.



Today we sent off the Year 7 donations to the Brushstrokes Appeal for items to support Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants who will have very little this Christmas. Thank you to all Year 7 families who supported this new partnership and to members of The Voice who wrote letters and Christmas cards. Additional thanks to Hagley SPAR who donated 50 selection boxes too.

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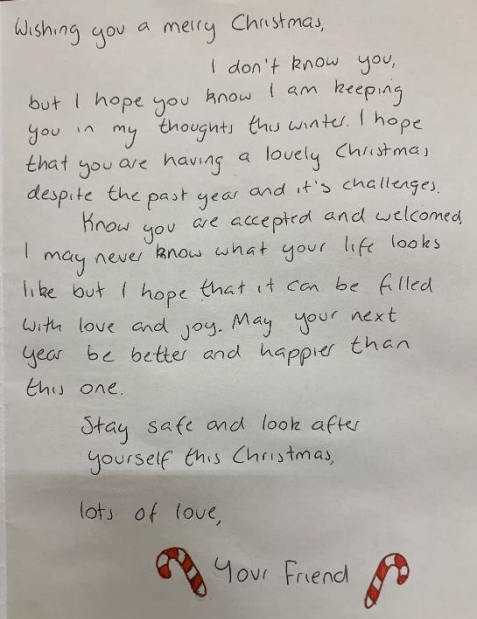
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**A Prayer for the Second Week of Advent –  
a Prayer for Peace**

Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with your peace. May there be an end to hatred and division among your people. Cease all the fighting and war in this world. Heal the bitterness and hurt in my own heart. In this season of Advent, prepare my heart for the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Fill my heart with your peace which passes all understanding. For of the greatness of his government and peace, there shall be no end.

Amen.



Our charitable efforts do not end though, and the Catholic Social Teaching of being called to work for the common good and the option for the poor continue.

This week students in Year 11 completed a 5k sponsored Santa Charity walk on Tuesday morning raising £190 for the Cash for Kids Charity.



Then a reminder that next Friday its non-uniform day and money raised is going to support Mr Trickett's efforts to raise £2000 for Asthma and Lung UK when he runs the London Marathon in April 2024. Students should bring in a £1 or parents can make donations through Arbor Shop from Monday.

### Sporting Success



We celebrated more sporting success this week with the Year 8 and 9 mixed girls football team finishing 2nd out of 10 schools in the Halesowen and Stourbridge football league. There was only 1 point between us and 1st place OSH, so huge congratulations to our girls who played some excellent football over the past few weeks.

Here are some of the girls involved, but well done to everyone who represented the team this term.

### Christmas Mass

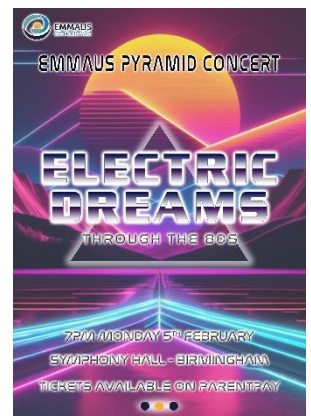
A final reminder that on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December we are holding our Christmas Mass and Carols in the school hall from 5.45pm, (Mass is at 6pm) followed by refreshments in support of the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. If you are planning to attend please can you complete the form at this link so we can anticipate numbers: <https://forms.office.com/e/PV7vZ8pSh3>

### Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Sixth Form Quiz

Students in Year 13 recently competed in the Lord Mayor's Quiz. 39 schools from across the region competed against one another in a whole range of rounds. Students from Hagley placed a very creditable 11<sup>th</sup> overall and huge congratulations go to our team of Maisy, Kai, Lauren, Hannah, Patrick and Sophie.

### Pyramid Concert 2024

In a previous letter I said that tickets for the Pyramid Concert could be purchased via Parent Pay, my apologies but this was incorrect. This year tickets can only be purchased directly from B:Music at £5 and Emmaus parents/carers/staff can purchase them via the link below only. You cannot find the tickets on their public website yet. [Emmaus Pyramid Concert Tickets 2024](#)



The end of term is fast approaching with two weeks till we break up on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. Please continue to send children to school every day, key learning does not stop. I recognise that it is a time for coughs, colds, aches and pains but I cannot over emphasise the importance of being here. We are beginning to see some really concerning absence in Years 8, 9 and 10 so please do all you can to get them into school.

A reminder too that the Spring Term begins on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for all students and staff, there is no training day.

Wishing you all every blessing and a lovely weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hodgson', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Hodgson  
*Principal*

**Forthcoming Events and Calendared items**

**Autumn 2:**

- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Y7 & Y12 autumn reports issued via Arbor
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Y13 PPE results issued via Arbor
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Non-Uniform Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - Y11 PPE results issued via Arbor
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Mass
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Break up for Christmas - Christmas Jumper Day