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Letter to all parents of students at The John Frost School

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an incredibly busy term at The John Frost School and I would like to take this opportunity to provide some key information and update you on some key areas. The school finishes for half term on **Friday 27 October** and will reopen for students on **Monday 6 November 2023**.

Whole school literacy

The school uses the Accelerated Reader scheme to develop our whole school focus on improving students' reading skills. All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 take part in the scheme reading daily in lessons and should be reading for 30 minutes every evening at home. The focus on reading is having a dramatic impact on students' reading skills. Last year our students read over 236 million words across the four year groups and results of student assessments showed significant improvement in reading levels. Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to read at home every evening.

Extra-Curricular activities

We firmly believe in the importance of extensive extra-curricular activities and are proud of our provision. The **Wellbeing Wednesday** initiative continues to attract high levels of participation. The Performing Arts department is working hard with our students preparing for our **Christmas Concert** on **Tuesday 19 December** and the school production of **We Will Rock You** on **6th, 7th and 8th February 2023**. Our sports clubs take place most evenings around the site and our sports teams continue to take part in regular fixtures and competitions. We also provide a bus (free of charge) every Wednesday and Thursday evening to take students to drop-off points in our catchment area to support students to attend extra-curricular activities. Our extra-curricular timetable and bus route are available on our school website.

Your Community School

The John Frost School is proud of its role in supporting our local communities. Our school site is open for community use for 40 hours per week outside of school hours. Our swimming pool is used by a number of patrons to provide swimming lessons. Sports clubs use our astro-turf and sports hall for training and matches. A local youth football club uses our pitches for training and matches. Our Performing Arts facilities are used by a range of groups. The local youth club provides sessions for local young people. Over the holiday periods, we are also able to support community groups providing wellbeing camps for our local community. As well as providing a range of opportunities for our communities, the extra income helps the school continue to improve our facilities.

Year 7 Wellbeing Evening

We were delighted to meet so many parents/carers who attended our wellbeing evening last week. It proved to be an excellent opportunity for form tutors to meet parents/carers and discuss how our Year 7 students are settling into school. Thank you to all those who were able to attend and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Tucker
Headteacher