

Parent Bulletin

Friday 1st December 2023

Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th December - Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 14th December – Year 11 Remote Parents Evening

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Showcase

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term

Thursday 4th January 2024 – School reopens

Friday 5th July 2024 - Year 11 Prom

Student Absences & Medical appointments:

If your child has to have some time off school, please ensure that you contact the absence team if possible before 8.30am preferably via our absence email on

studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

or call the absence line **01553 779635**. Please include your child's name, year group and why they are absent. If we send you a text message and you are unable to respond, please send a note in with your child explaining why they have been away.

If you need to take your child to a medical appointment during school time please can we ask that you either send in an appointment card or letter with your child or please email them to **studentabsence@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk** so we are aware in advance when you collect your child.



If you order school uniform online as of the 1st December parents will need a password to enter our website to order uniform. The password is KLA001.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December

Turkey lunch, cracker and
dessert

Tickets available for
collection Monday 11th December



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December

UNIFORM MUST BE WORN WITH A CHRISTMAS JUMPER REPLACING YOUR BLAZER



Student Belongings:

Please can we ask that all students' belongings are clearly named. It is much easier to reunite them with the owner if they are named. Thankyou.

We are recruiting:

We have some fantastic opportunities to become a member of our esteemed team here at KLA. Please follow the link below to see our latest vacancies.

[Eastern Multi-Academy \(ciphre-recruit.com\)](https://ciphre-recruit.com)

Parent Voice:

We would like to advise you that you are able to give your views on the Academy not just during inspections. We value your opinion and would encourage you to do this at:

[Parent Voice \(office.com\)](https://parentvoice.office.com)

Internet Safety Webinar:

[Recorded Online Safety webinar for parents and carers - YouTube](#)

Norfolk police have put together this webinar for parents, it is split into chunks.

1. Introduction
2. PC Smith PC Funnell - safer schools
3. SCOLT (Safeguarding Children Online Team) - advice about how to check mobile phones (iPhones and Android)
4. Prevent
5. Cyber security
6. Youth Engagement

Attendance:

We have been pleased to see the attendance of most of our students across school improve this year so far. However, there is still plenty of improvement to be made. From this week, families may receive communication regarding their children if there is a concern that their attendance is or may become too low.

DT department needs your help....

Please can we ask all students/parents to save us their plastic bottle tops. We are doing a project where we recycle them.

If students just bring them to the Technology department, we will have a big box to put them in.

Drama department fabric & clothes...

Do you have any fabric materials spare or any old clothes that you are willing to donate to help with the technical theatre topic of costume for my year 9's as well as workshops for my year 10's?

The clothing/material will be used to make costumes so please do not donate anything that you would like returned.

Anything would be really appreciated.

Miss Mace.



Afterschool Late Bus

**We run an after school late bus at 4.30
Monday - Thursday for any students
who currently travel on school buses
so students can stay to any of the
after school activities.**



Dyslexia Friendly School Lesson and H/W Strategies



Dyslexia Friendly Lesson Strategies

- Visual aids to support;
- Scaffolding questions;
- Electronic support i.e. laptop/ audio books/ apps;
- Paddle/white boards;
- Coloured background for PowerPoints etc.;
- Overlays;
- Mind maps and flow charts;
- Coloured paper / exercise books.

"Dyslexia is a learning difficulty that primarily affects the skills involved in accurate and fluent reading and spelling. Characteristic features of dyslexia are difficulties on phonological awareness, verbal memory and verbal processing speed."

(ROSE 2009)
King's Lynn Academy Ethos



Dyslexia Friendly Homework Tips

- Find a quiet time and place for homework;
- Set a routine with a visual planner/timetable;
- Chunk homework to allow for breaks;
- Use encouragement, praise and rewards for task completion;
- Encourage child to read at least 5 minutes a day;
- Use finger rule or ruler to follow text.

If lessons or homework become a concern, please contact the school for support/advice.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

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Fixtures up until Christmas



Date	Day	Event	Location
05/12/2023	Tuesday	Year 8 County Cup Away vs Ormiston Venture Academy	Great Yarmouth
04/12/2023	Monday	KS4 Badminton Tournament BOYS	KES
04/12/2023	Monday	KS4 Badminton Tournament GIRLS	KLA
07/12/2023	Thursday	Year 8 Girls Basketball Tournament (Cross court)	KLA
07/12/2023	Thursday	Year 10 Girls Basketball Tournament (Full court)	KES
12/12/2023	Tuesday	Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament (Cross court)	KLA
12/12/2023	Tuesday	Year 9 Boys Basketball Tournament (Full court)	KES

Attend after school clubs or speak to a PE teacher if you are interested in any competitions



PE lunch time clubs – Autumn 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS3 Basketball (JOM)	KS4 Basketball (JOM)	Basketball All (JOM)	Table tennis (DHE)	Dodgeball (JOM)
Football KS3 (DHE)	Fitness Suite (SCA)	Fitness Suite (SCA)	Badminton (SLE)	Badminton (SLE)
			Dodgeball (JOM)	

PE After school clubs – Autumn 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS3 Girls Football (SLE)	Netball (SCA/KLW)	Fitness (JOM)	KS3 Rugby (JOM)	Fitness (SLE)
Kinball (SCA)	Badminton (LCT)	Basketball (LCT)	Gymnastics SCA	
KS3 Boys Football (DHE)	KS4 Football (DHE)	Period 6 (SLE)		

What's on this week? W/B 4th December

Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
KS4 Badminton Tournaments Boys – KES Girls – KLA	Badminton Club (LCT)	Fitness (JOM)	Year 8 Basketball Tournament @KLA (SCA/DHE)Year 8	Fitness (SLE)
No clubs just to fixtures	Netball Club (SCA/KLW)	Basketball (LCT)	Year 8 Basketball Tournament @KLA (KLW/JOM)	
	Year 8 County Cup vs Ormiston Venture Academy (AWA) (DHE/JOM) No senior football due to fixture	Period 6 (SLE)	No clubs due to fixtures	

PE Weekly Sports Bulletin continued.....

Year 8 and 10 Basketball Tuesday 28th November.

Well done to the boys in Year 8 and 10 who represented KLA in the WNPEA tournaments this week. Both teams finished in 4th position!

Next week the year 8 and 10 girls have their tournaments!

House Basketball

Senior – 13th December Lunchtime - Max team of 8 must contain 3 girls.

Junior – 14th December Lunchtime – Max team of 8 must contain 3 girls.

Students to come over to PE quickly change and then play.

Science competition:

Throughout the last fortnight, year 7 scientists have been honing their creative skills and applying a newfound understanding of cells. Often dubbed "the building blocks of life", cells are found in every living thing. Understanding them greatly supports future learning. Those students taking part in this activity have broadened their skill set and had plenty of fun doing it! All the cells you see here were made from items lying around the house: recycled materials, foodstuffs, playdough and clay. One was even 3D printed! Can you find it?

Congratulations to the following for their fantastic effort!

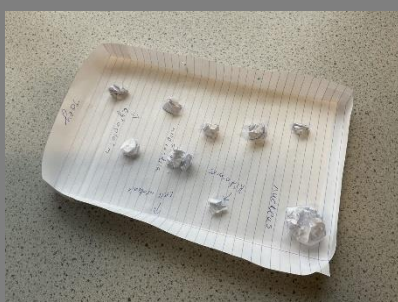
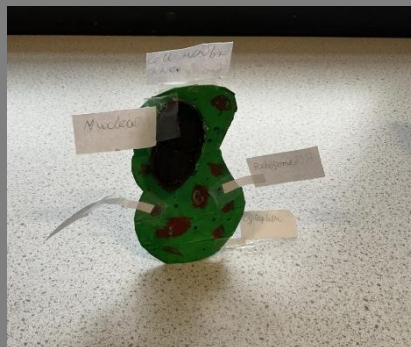
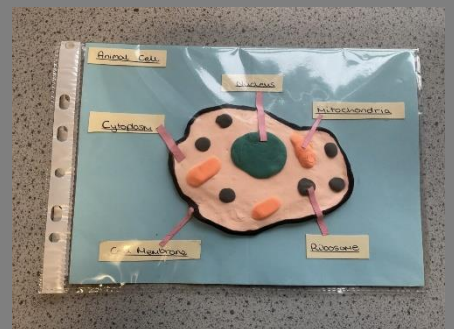
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Theo M Finley T Alfie N Andreea I Dominykas A Thea O Ellie W Joey P Lee S
Riley B

The winners of our competition were:

First place: **Andrea Istrati**

Second place: **Lee Smith**

Third Place: **Rory Wood and Leo Wood**





KLA House Competition
Backwards Advent and the CUB Community
Project

Supporting 100 Hamper Challenge



20th November - 20th December

Each house has a type of food to bring in, to help our 100 hamper challenge creating hampers for the Elderly. For each item donated the students name will go in a draw to win a prize, so the more donating the more chance! Also the house that wins will be in for a chance to win.....

Suggested Donations for each house:

Riga - Tinned & Jarred Food

Stargard - Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

La Rochelle - Chocolate, Crackers & Nuts.

Hamburg - Cereals, Pasta & Dried Food

Any other donations greatly received!

All items to Miss Bowen in CF11



Christmas Wellbeing

King's Lynn Mental Health Support Team are holding a themed drop in for students. This month our drop-in theme is Christmas Wellbeing.

Come and get involved, take part in festive activities and learn some top winter wellbeing tips. We look forward to meeting you.

Date **5th December** and time: **13:15 – 13:55**

Location: **CF12 – Mr Brian Reeve-Hayes**

DROP-IN FOR A SLICE OF HELPFUL YOUTH FOCUSED ADVICE

\$FREE PIZZA \$FREE

PROJECTS



Place: St Edmundsbury Road, King's Lynn, North Lynn PE30 2DH

Fridays 3:30pm - 5pm

Age 11-16

The Targeted Youth Support Service and the Beacon Church have teamed up to provide a free, helpful drop in service on a Friday afternoon. Whether you want to talk about how your week has been, help with your homework or just to have a chat, everyone is welcome to come by.

Drinks and pizza provided, other snacks available to purchase over the counter

CHOOSE YOUR OWN TOPICS!

- Homework
- School
- Friendships
- Family
- Sport
- Relationships
- Teachers
- Mental Health
- Health
- Goals
- Community
- Hobbies



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County Council



**TARGETED
YOUTH**
SUPPORT SERVICE

**YOUTH XTREME
SPORT DROP IN**

Join Us Every Tuesday
@ KASET Skatepark PE30 2NB
From 5pm till 6pm
Entry is free
Ages: 11-18

Come receive support, hang out with your
mates and go on the park with BMX,
Skateboards or Scooter.

ALIVE



Year 7 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs West:

We have made it to December! 🎄❄️ I must admit I love Christmas and have been excitedly decorating my office to look festive. The school tree goes up today and it really helps to lift the students' mood and carry us through the cold month to Christmas.

Attendance this week is at 93%. Well done to all of you that are still at 100% attendance.

Our top five points scorers of the year so far are:

Emilis Caponka

Hope Mann

Damian Sudnickis

Ralphie Russell

Roman Hailstone

There is now only 11 points between you all. It is great to see the children continually showing positive behaviour and being proud of the points that they are receiving.

★ ★ Student of the week this week is **Rueben Wilkinson**. Rueben is a credit to the year group. He has achieved 18 attainment points in this week alone. The feedback I have from your teachers is always positive and your books are full of great work. ★ ★

Assemblies this week have been arranged into our houses. We have four houses within the school:

La Rochelle

Riga

Hamburg

Stargard

All students should now know what house they are in. This is a great time for students to meet new children in the school in a group that they would not normally mix with. There are many events throughout the school year that the children can get involved in.

I hope you all have a restful weekend; I am hoping for a little bit of snow ❄️

Mrs West.

Year 8 Round Up – Compiled by Miss Fountain:

Hi all, happy Friday everyone! Hope you are well and avoiding the nasty bugs.

This week, I am pleased to inform you from Wednesday to Wednesday, year 8 earned between them an amazing2190 Achievement points!! What a fabulous achievement!! Well done to them all!

The student of the week for year 8, goes to an unassuming young lady, who tries hard every day, happy to just get on with her work, achieving amazing results and has 245 achievement points since only the start of September!!! Oh and ALWAYS has a smile on her face. The student of the week goes to: - **Junnut Abbas**.

The top 3 students who have received the most achievement points this week are: -

1st - **Shyanne Bramwell** – 30

2nd - **Albert Obisesan** – 27

3rd - **Samuel Watts** – 26

A HUGE WELL DONE TO THEM ALL!!

Remember, if there any out of school activities our students take part in please let me know, as I absolutely love celebrating my year 8's achievements, both in and out of school.

Uniform - Please ensure that your child is not wearing leggings!! These are not the same as school trousers and will result in a sanction, the same goes for false nails and nose rings! Please make it clear to your child these are not allowed and will also result in a sanction. So many students are getting it right every day, and for that I am so so proud and incredibly grateful for your support. If your young person doesn't have the uniform required, i.e. blazer, shirt, tie, **black trousers or skirt** (jumper is optional) and black shoes and socks, or is without the equipment required, PE kits, stationery, bag etc. please do not hesitate to contact me so I am aware, as I may be able to help. Incorrect uniform will result in possible after school detentions, unless there is very good reason. The reasons need to come from yourselves via email/call/letter, as via a student cannot be accepted. Please remember we do have the school swap shop which is accessible to all students.

Please can I ask that if you do text my work phone or email me directly with absences, please contact the absence line/email too as I cannot guarantee that I will always see the messages.

Thanks for reading and have a wonderful weekend!!

Lucy Fountain.

Year 9 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Laws:

Hello from year 9 at King's Lynn Academy.

It's been another busy week here at school. I've managed to get through quite a few personal development plans and it's great that quite a few of the year 9's are already focused on what GCSE's they would like to pick and some even have their whole career path chosen already. I also visited quite a few lessons and was really impressed with how hard everyone is working.

Attendance in year 9 was 89.1% this week which is down on last week. Let's try and get this figure up before we break up for Christmas, it would be great to end the year on a high!

Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you who have 100% attendance this academic year, that is an amazing achievement!



As a group we have achieved just over 1000 reward points which is amazing, but we can do loads better than that, so let's have a big push for the last few weeks of school.

Our highest achievers were **Sephira Griggs-Williamson and Elijah Gedge** so congratulations to them!

Student of the Week is **Ellie Cook**. Ellie is going above and beyond in her lesson, so keep it up.

This week we had assemblies in our house, lead by the house leaders. They went through different ways students could earn points for their houses to get more rewards such as extra time at lunch, non-uniform for that particular house. Attendance also plays a big part in house points as students get points each week for being here 100%.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Laws.



TIME FOR
an
adventure

**Duke of Edinburgh
2023–2024**

We have just launched DofE to all of Year 9

If you are interested please see
Miss Bowen in CF11
or

Email: kla-dofe@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk



**KING'S LYNN
ACADEMY**



Year 10 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Mann:

So, it seemed I blinked and it's Friday again!

This week the students have had house assemblies to promote all the wonderful things the house captains have instore. Competitions, sporting events and much more. Bring it on!

This week, year 10's achieved 1350 reward points. Well done to you all as you have all worked so hard. Long may this continue. A HUGE congratulations to our highest achievers this week - **Lilly Bocock, Aiden Bellars, Isla-Mae Garrod, Ivie Oviahon and George Payne**. Well done to them and well done to everyone else for their fantastic efforts this half term.

Sadly, it's the time of year when the germs and bugs are out in full force. We have been hit again this week. Attendance in year 10 was 91.5% this week which is higher than last week. Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you who have 100% attendance this academic year, that is an amazing achievement! Please can I ask that if you do text my work phone or email me directly with absences, please contact the attendance officer too as I cannot guarantee that I will always see the messages.

My student of the week is **Sonny Jeffries**. Sonny is a polite and pleasant young man who has embraced year 10 with both hands. Sonny has consistently worked hard in very subject and because of this, he is often one of the highest achievers for the year group. I am so proud of him and how well he is doing.

These past 2 weeks we have said a sad farewell to two lovely young ladies that have moved on to a new school, said a warm welcome back to two lovely young ladies who have rejoined us and a huge hello to a lovely young lady who has joined us from a local school.

A reminder please for college students to bring a coat.

We do love to celebrate any successes in school and outside of school so please let me know if your child has any extracurricular activities they would like to share, competitions they have attended, awards, trophies, tournaments, you name it, I'll give them a shout out!

The head of year team monitor the number of students arriving late at school so I would like to remind you that all students need to be in school and ready to learn before 8:35am please. There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these can be followed by after school detentions for 30 minutes the same day. We really do appreciate your support with the after-school detentions.

Just a reminder that if you need to contact me for a pastoral issue that you would like to discuss with me as head of year, then please email me Emma.Mann@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk or call me on 07511 225248.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Mann.

Year 11 Round Up – Compiled by Mrs Lockey:

Happy Friday!

Many thanks to all students in year 11 for their work in lessons this week; I have seen some great work in progress. Year 11 behaviour has been phenomenal, a big well done to you all.

Well done to our catering students who have completed their controlled assessment this week. Many thanks to Mrs Stewart for her efforts.

After school lessons period 6 have also been put in place for year 11; these run after school Monday-Thursday. Many thanks for all those students that have attended this week. I have been contacting some of you with regards to your child attending these sessions these are important and are really essential and help towards your child's end goal.

KLA swap shop has been open again to students. This is proving to be successful especially when ties and blazers are forgotten. There is a small amount of lost property please send your child over to it if they have lost any uniform this week. Many thanks go to the student commissioners in year 10 and 11 that help to open every day.

Attendance in year 11 has been lowered this week due to being hit by bugs and colds **86.93%** this week, but we are still falling short of where we should be which is 95%. Well done to those of you who were here all week, and to those of you that have 100% attendance this academic year so far.

If you wish to discuss a pastoral issue with me as head of year, then please email me on Hayley.Lockey@kla.eastern-mat.co.uk

If your child attends college on Thursdays and they are absent or have an appointment, you will also have to let them know of their absence. Their number is 01553 761144, many thanks in advance.

Please do not text my work phone with absences as I cannot guarantee that I will see the messages.

The number of year 11 students arriving late at school has decreased significantly this week ;I really appreciate your support with this. All students need to be in school and ready to learn before **8:35am** please, this so important as learning time is lost. Thank you all so much for your support with this. There are sanctions that are in place for lateness, and these are followed by after school detentions and parents contacted on a daily basis.

All heads of year are checking uniform **EVERY** day and are contacting home, if necessary, no jeans or leggings please and blazers and ties are a must. If your child has been loaned a tie, could they please bring them back, we have a shortage of them at the moment. Bags need to be part of our day too and these should contain your child's knowledge organiser and equipment, ready to learn.

Please let us know if we can support in any way as we have a swap shop here at KLA whereby students can bring any unwanted uniform and exchange for larger sizes if needed. Please be reminded **NO** fluffy coloured socks are permitted as uniform. We have also noticed acrylic nails popping up again these also are not allowed these are dangerous especially when taking part in practical subjects. Also nose piercings are creeping back in; these are also not permitted and a clear retainer needs to be worn. Hair and Beauty students especially need to be mindful about not wearing jewellery, especially in the salon.

As a year group we have achieved **1,263** points this past week which is good! Our highest achiever this week in the year group was **Reegan Robinson**, a massive well done to him.

Student of the week this week goes to **Taila Aldridge**, a well done goes to her for really working hard and making a great start back to year 11. It has been noticed well done **Taila** keep up the great work you've got this, your food for exam was amazing!

Year 11 Round Up continued...

A date for your diary - the day after we break up for Christmas **Thursday 21st December**, we are holding a meal here at KLA for **100 OAP's!** We have been feeding either by meals or hampers for the past 6 years! Details to follow. The students are also endeavouring to supply hampers again to the local community; Miss Bowen will kindly be taking in contributions from the students for me.

Year 11 Prom is arranged for **Friday 5th July 2024 "School's out celebration!** I will be organising fundraising again for this term and we have a group of year 11's keen to help with this. I have many prizes on offer including a trip to prom in a Porsche and also hair vouchers and much more..... We will be guessing the sweets in a jar, 50p a guess???? Raffle tickets will also be available to win lots of goodies, £1:00 strip.

Christmas dinner day at KLA will be **Wednesday 13th December**.

Have a wonderful weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs H Lockey.