

Thursday 5 January



Welcome back to all our students, staff and friends in 2017. We hope that you have all had a restful festive season and look forward to a joyous New Year.

Just a short week this week but back to business as usual with lessons as normal for all year groups.

Congratulations to all students for their hard work and superb performances in all our pre-Christmas events: Grease was a tour de force; the Carol concerts were elevating, comforting and a perfect part of our Christmas reflections; and Debenham's Got Talent was an uplifting end to the term. With all their dedication and enthusiasm we went into the school holiday in super spirits.

As we start the New Year we share a prayer with all those friends of the school.

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;

Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

Attributed - Sir Francis Drake -1577

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