

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of term is fast approaching and I am writing to update you on the festive events that we have planned over the Christmas period. This year we are excited to be able to invite you to participate in some of the activities that have been organised, and look forward to welcoming you into school.

We are also taking this opportunity to support our wider community through fundraising activities that are being organised by our pupils. This year the charities that we will be supporting are St Giles Hospice & Save the Children.

We know the festive season can be quite an expense, but any donation you can kindly make this Christmas will help to support these charities to create special memories that families can look back on for years to come.

Key event details:

Thursday 9th December – pupils will be running a **cake sale** in school for pupils and staff to purchase. If you would like to donate any cakes for the sale, then please allow your pupil to bring those into school in the morning. Cakes will be priced at 20p per cake.

Friday 10th December – pupils and staff are invited to participate in **Christmas Jumper Day** by wearing their most festive clothes or accessories. We are asking for a £1 donation for this day.

Some pupils have also volunteered to run a car wash during the afternoon and will be asking staff for donations for this. Those that are participating in this will need a change of clothes for the event.



Wednesday 15th December – we will be holding our annual **Dress to Impress Day**. On this day we ask pupils and staff to dress smartly in their fanciest party wear, and pupils and staff will sit together to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner. During the afternoon, pupils will be able to engage in festive activities with their peers.

Friday 17th December – this year we are excited to invite all of our parents/carers to join us for a **festive celebration morning**. We will have several activities and ask that if you would like to attend that you please complete this link so that we have clear ideas of who to expect. <https://forms.office.com/r/aPQyq9gH0B>

We also ask that if you would like to attend that you complete a COVID lateral flow test ahead of the event and do not attend if you are displaying any symptoms or had received a positive test. We want all of our school community to be safe and well so that they can enjoy the festive period.

- 9:15am - we will be serving a **festive breakfast** and pupils will be sharing an array of their school work and talking about their proudest moments from this term
- 10:30am - staff will lead **craft activity sessions** to create festive gifts and decorations that can be taken home
- 11:30am – our end of term **celebration assembly** will take place followed by carol singing and refreshments. Our pupils will also be running a **raffle** during the morning, with tickets priced at £1 each. If you would like to donate anything for the raffle then please contact the school office to discuss.
- 12:30pm – **school will close for the end of term**. Taxi services have been informed of the timings for this day

Please note that pupils will return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2021.

All pupils aged 11 and over, are requested to take a COVID lateral flow test on the Tuesday before return, and to continue testing twice a week moving forwards. Additional testing kits can be collected from school upon request.



We would like to take this opportunity to express how much our staff have enjoyed witnessing our pupils adapt during a challenging term, and see their resilience develop. Staff and pupils have worked hard this term and although everyone is becoming tired, there is a happy festive buzz around school. We thank all of our parents & carers for the support they have provided so far this year.

We hope that your Christmas period is filled with health and prosperity, and send our best wishes for 2022.

Kind regards,

Nathan Slater
Head of School

