

## Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. It is now December and I feel it is now acceptable to start talking about Christmas in school! Mr Luke-Green has put the **Christmas tree** up in the hall and classrooms now have decorations and advent calendars up. We still have three full weeks in school as we break up much later than we have in recent years. Whilst we have plenty of Christmas events lined up, we intend to keep as many routines going as we can. This helps children to stay (relatively) calm and settled despite their natural excitement in the build up to Christmas Day. I look forward to the performances coming up next week and remind you that you can still place an order for a **non-alcoholic mulled wine** and/or **Christmas** themed **biscuit** to help get into the festive spirit and help raise money for school funds. For now, have a fantastic weekend and see you next week. Many thanks, Mr Routledge



## Year Three

As you may know, **Miss Young**, who has been teaching in **Year Three** whilst Miss Andrews is on maternity leave, recently secured a full time teaching post in a nearby school. Whilst we are disappointed to be losing Miss Young, we are all very pleased for her and wish her well in her new adventure. I am pleased to let you know that **Mrs Jennifer Cragg** will be taking over from Miss Young from January until the summer. Mrs Cragg has taught in schools across our region and has lots of experience of teaching in lower Key Stage Two. Mrs Cragg has already been in school for some handover time with Miss Young to ensure that we can provide a smooth transition for the children. We look forward to welcoming her to the team in January.

## Christmas Performances

The final **dress rehearsals** will take place today and then we're all ready to go next week. We are genuinely excited to be welcoming you back into school. For those of you with younger children, if you are able to avoid bringing a pushchair with you, that would be helpful as it can be a squash to park them all in the hallway. Naturally, we will find a way to store them somehow if you do need one with you!

## Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that we will be marking **Christmas Jumper Day** next Thursday (8th). This will be a non-uniform day and children can choose to wear a festive outfit. Christmas Jumper Day is an annual event which raises money for children across the world. If you feel able to, we suggest a donation of £1 to go to **Save the Children** this Christmas. If you'd like to donate a pre-loved jumper that, perhaps, no longer fits, please drop this off at the school office. We would like to build up a bank of Christmas jumpers in school which families can collect from the office if they're struggling to get hold of one this year.

## Uniform Donations

On a similar note, if you have any **school uniform** which your little ones may have grown out of, we'd gratefully take them in school to add to our bank of spares. This is useful for families who need extra items of uniform or for the occasions when someone needs a fresh jumper in an emergency. If you have any spare school uniform, please drop it in via the school office.

## Poppy Appeal

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I was delighted to receive a note from the **Royal British Legion** to thank us for the **£388.62** which we raised as a school in the run up to **Remembrance Day**. Across the region, nearly **£30,000** was raised which will go a long way to supporting service personnel, as well as former service personnel, and their families.

## Christmas Parties

In the past, we have asked children to bring in donations for food. This year, we ask if you could provide a voluntary donation of £1 and we will source the food ourselves. This approach should avoid wastage, ensure there are no risk to those with allergies and could also potentially be a cheaper option for you at home.

## Out of School Club

This week children enjoyed another Christmas Film as well as their third Little Movers session. Next week, Mr Wright will host the first in a three week block of Christmas Art Club. The club is for children in Years 5 and 6 and will run on **Tuesday 6th December**, **Tuesday 13th December** and **Tuesday 20th December**. Permission slips will go home with Year 5 and 6 pupils today so please return them to the school office on Monday.

For further information - **email [beaconhilloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk](mailto:beaconhilloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk) phone 07512 300380**

For bookings - **[www.tyaipal.org.uk](http://www.tyaipal.org.uk)**

## Beach

Children in **Year 2** visited the **RNLI** lifeboat station in Blyth. The children enjoyed learning about potential hazards at the beach before then getting a chance to sit in a real life boat (though not during a rescue!). Meanwhile, **Year 1** have been at **Blyth** beach exploring their senses. I attended both visits this week and it was fantastic to see our Beach School firsthand. I must confess that I will be writing myself a yellow slip as I didn't have my correct beach shoes with me! It is essential that children come to school in their correct gear during the cold winter months. It makes a big difference when everyone comes into school prepared for their trip as it means Mrs Wharton can get everyone onto the bus quickly and maximise time at the beach.