

December 2020

Ho Ho Ho... Dear parents/carers and pupils,



As we head towards the end of a challenging year here at Risedale we're always thinking of others and this is clear in our plans for the final week of term. We know it might not be quite as spectacular as 'normal' but we do hope that you and your child will support the school and our charitable ventures this December. Can we also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our families and stakeholders in the local community - it's been quite a year and we simply couldn't have done

without your fabulous support. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

Best wishes, The Risedale Family

Food/Care Parcels for the Community

We'd like to put together some food/care parcels to help as many families in the local community as we possibly can....but we need your help!

What sort of things can you donate?

- Packets, tins, sweets, jars and bottles things that won't go off.
- Festive treats, chocolates, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding.
- Gift items, toiletries, e.g. soap, bubble bath.

A little extra motivation...



We hope that a desire to help others is motivation enough for our pupils, but to give them an extra incentive there will be an element of competition with the chance of earning extra Epraise points for the House which makes the most donations:

1st place 100HP, 2nd place 75HP, 3rd place 50HP, 4th place 25HP

Please bring in all donations by: **Wednesday 16th December** so we can organise distribution within the community.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 16th December. On this day the only hot meal option served in the canteen will be the Christmas roast dinner, however, pupils will still be able to purchase cold food and drinks as normal. This year there will be no ticket sales, so all pupils need to do is ensure that they have



£2.50 in their account to buy their meal on the day. Please ensure your child has sufficient funds on their account if they wish to purchase a Christmas Lunch.

Pupils who usually receive a Free School Meal (FSM) will need to let the office know whether they intend to have the Christmas Lunch option on this day.



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 18th December

We're having a Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term, Friday 18th December, raising money for <u>Save the Children UK</u>. For a donation of £1 students can wear a Christmas jumper over their school shirt and tie, instead of their Risedale blazer/black jumper. All other uniform must





be correct. If possible, please ask your child to bring their £1 donation into school by Monday 14th December and don't forget it is a normal school day so please remember all equipment required.

Please be reassured that we don't want parents/carers to feel pressured into buying a Christmas Jumper especially for the day. Our only goal is to raise some money for a deserving charity and help others at this time of year. If you don't have a Christmas jumper why not make a £1 donation anyway - it's all for a great cause.

12 Days of Christmas House Atlendance Competition

In a bid to maintain our excellent school attendance in the run up to the holiday we've launched our 12 Days of Christmas House Competition.



- Every time your child attends school from the 3rd-18th December they will be automatically placed into our last day of term prize draw. That's a possible 12 entries!
- Each House will draw 2 entries on the last day of term and to qualify the winners must be present on that day.
- If your child attends for all 12 days they will be placed into the ultimate prize draw!
- Additionally, we are also having a small prize draw every day with a lucky winner getting an extra treat!