

## FREE WEBINAR Planning for the Future with Wills & Trusts

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10.00am

Thinking about a time when you may not be here to support your children can be very frightening for parents and carers. If your loved one is autistic, their future can be especially difficult to think about.

If you or a family member are considering leaving money directly to a disabled person, you are likely to impact their entitlement to means tested benefits and social support and may also leave them at risk of financial abuse.

The National Autistic Society is partnering with Renaissance Legal to deliver a free 1 hour webinar about planning for the future of a disabled or vulnerable loved one.

Renaissance Legal's specialist Solicitor Stuart Price will explain how to safeguard means tested benefits and how to provide financial security for your disabled loved one as well as the rest of the family. *Stuart will talk through why it is important to make a Will and Letter of Wishes, the different Trust options available and choosing the right Trustees.*



For more information on protecting your loved one's future, please join us on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September for our Planning for the Future Webinar with Renaissance Legal. For more information, please contact [WillsandTrusts@nas.org.uk](mailto:WillsandTrusts@nas.org.uk)



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our local newspaper



**PUPILS** at a special needs school in Thurnscoe have been volunteering within the community to help out those around them. Robert Ogden School youngsters took part in gardening work at the Dearne Unit in Goldthorpe, helping the Safe Places site maintain its outdoor area.

come out and do this. "They've really enjoyed it, meeting new people in the community and learning some new gardening skills. "We've been that pleased with how it's gone that we want to do more. "There's lots of different areas we can support like senior citizen

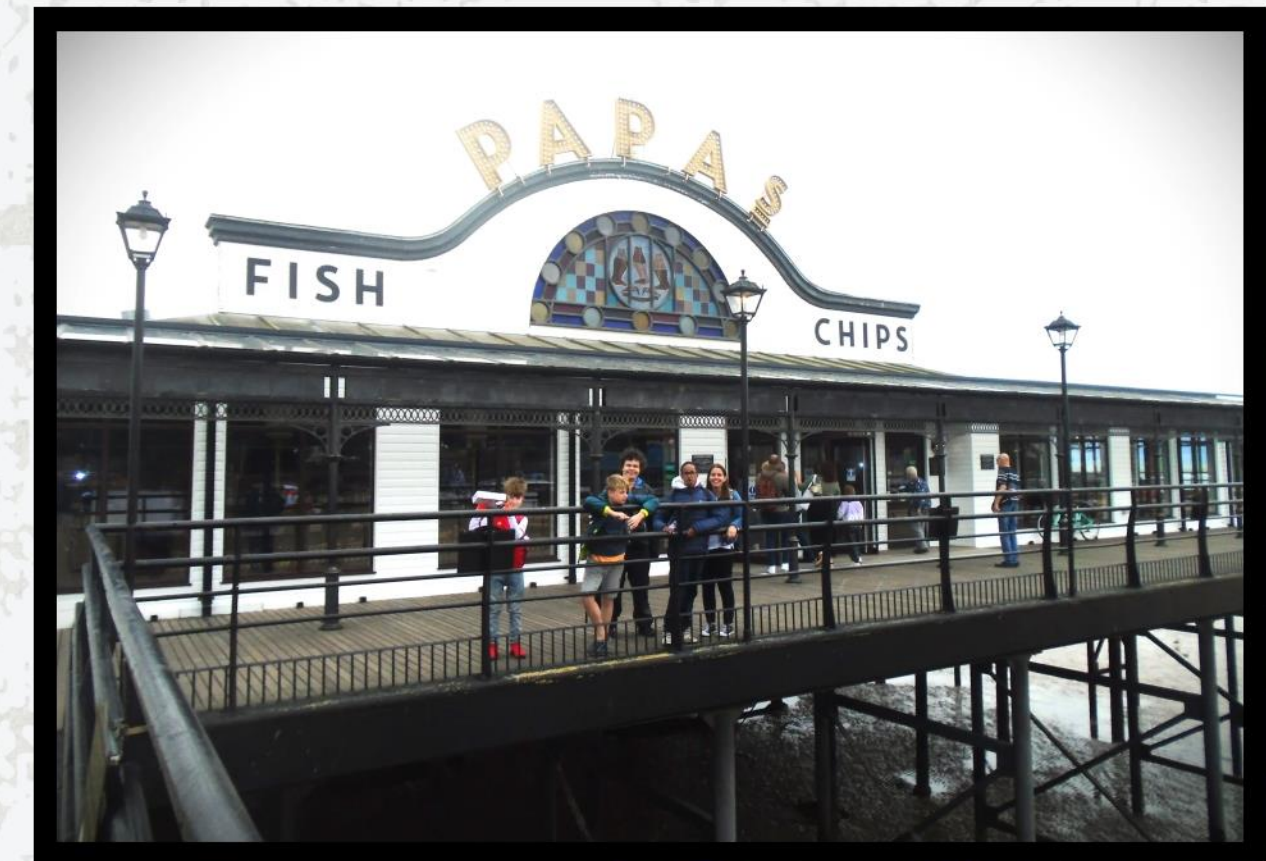
## Tenant

By Josh Timlin

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Find out what we have been up to this term including

Exams

Remembering D Day

End of term trips



## Foreword from the Principal Jon Mount

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and involvement in your children's education. Your partnership with our staff has been invaluable in fostering a nurturing and stimulating environment where students can thrive both academically and personally.

We have had another busy half term as you will see in the newsletter. It is packed with lots of the activities our pupils/students have been up to this term, including: A trip to Clifton park and Cleethorpes. Our football team have been to Pizza Hut for a celebration lunch and its been very busy this term with exams.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the dedicated and committed staff, in their many different roles, for their dedication and hard work this school year. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful staff team, who are committed to ensuring every child has the best school experiences.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and for entrusting us with the education of your children. I wish you all a safe, happy, and restful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Warm regards,

Jon Mount  
Principal

# Orton



Orton Class enjoyed a visit to  
Clifton park this half term.





# Smith



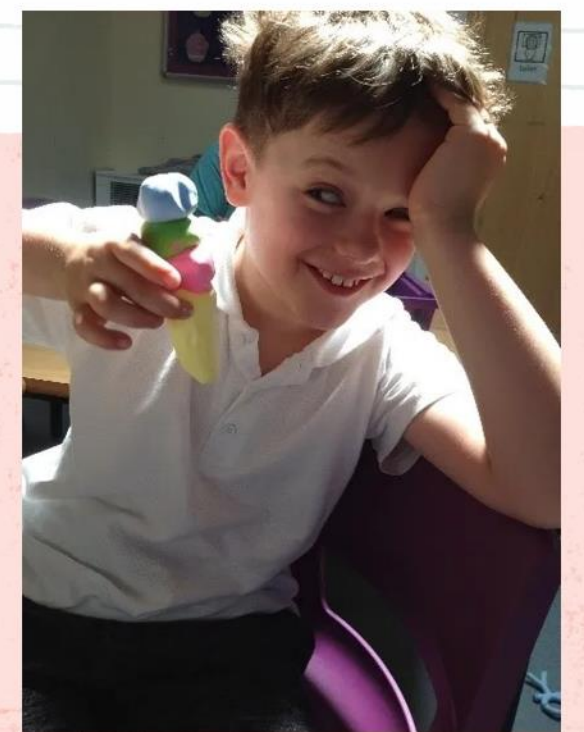
Over the course of the Summer term, some of our class have been completing weekly visits to the Dearne Day Centre to do some gardening. This will make the Day Centre a more inviting place to be for those who use it. They are currently working on planting a herb garden too!



# Hopkins



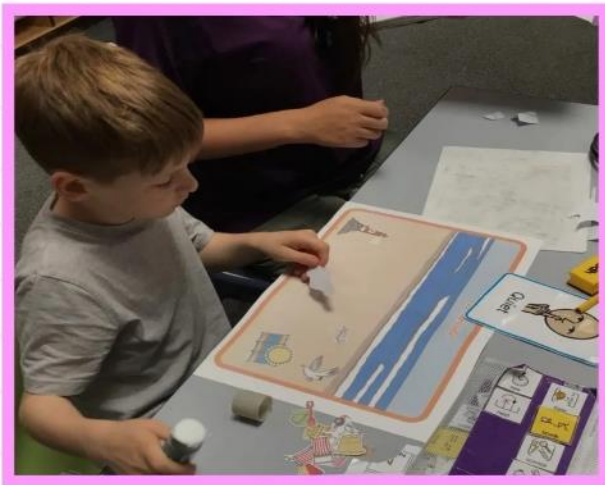
In Hopkins class this half term, we have learning about the seaside! We have visited beach themed areas when accessing the community and explored a variety of sensory materials to make different seaside themed item  
In science we have been exploring light. We have been creating shadows and visited Wentworth wood house to take part in a colour scape.





# Clay

This half term Clay Class have been looking at the coast! We read about rock pools, made sandcastles, learnt about sea creatures and enjoyed our home made delicious ice lollies!



Kay



Class

This term pupils have been doing some amazing transitioning around school and within the community. We have visited places of leisure such as the park and soft play and the Vista room.





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	Seaside	acrostic	poem
S	Seagulls swoop on the cliffs		
e	Everyone plays in the water making sun		
a	A crab walks on the beach next to water		
s	seagull sticks to rock pool		
	Ice lolly melts on hands		
d	dogs runs on the beach		
e	Everyone swims in the water		



# Reilly Class

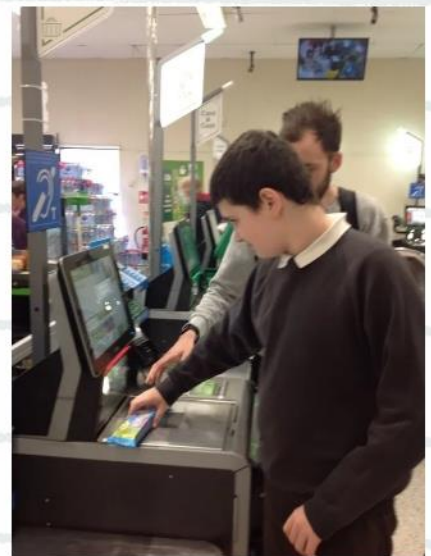
It has been a busy term for Reilly class. We have had students completing bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, horse riding, swimming, work experience as well as our topics of the natural environment and holidays and leisure. It will be sad to see one of our students Kai leave this term, he has been a pleasure to work with and will be missed. Overall it has been a fantastic term for all the pupils, they have all worked very hard and continue to try their very best in a wide range of activities.



# Bates



We have been learning about life skills - going to the shops and using money appropriately, we have also been working on our chopping skills and making toast!



We have been learning about sun safety! - how sunglasses and hat's protect us from the sun!



We have also been looking at our class book commotion in the ocean and learning about different sea creatures!





# Pryor Class

In Pryor class we have enjoyed exploring sensory experiences. We have looked at different trays and been taking turns. It has been loads of fun!



# Mackintosh Class



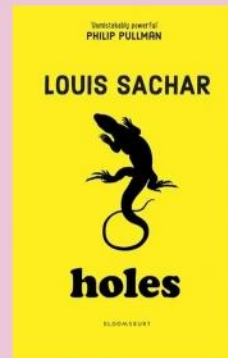
## Cooking in Mackintosh class





# Redfern

Redfern Class have been reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We have learned all about why Stanley Yelnats has to dig in the desert at Camp Green Lake. We've enjoyed crafting a diorama of a desert and thought about how we would feel working in the heat! Additionally, we have enjoyed accessing the community to pay for items at the service desk.



# Buttery

This half term Buttery Class have been working with Wentworth Woodhouse to help them put together an exhibition of different historical artefacts. Staff from Wentworth visited us in school and brought some of the artefacts for us to look at. We all had to wear special gloves before we could touch them because they are all so old. We listened very carefully to the information about the artefacts and enjoyed looking at and handling them too. Now pupils in Buttery class have made their own labels to go with the exhibition alongside the different artefacts. Written on our labels is our names, which artefact we have chosen and a short description about why it is our favourite. We will be taking our labels through to Wentworth Woodhouse on 24th July and helping to put the exhibition together.





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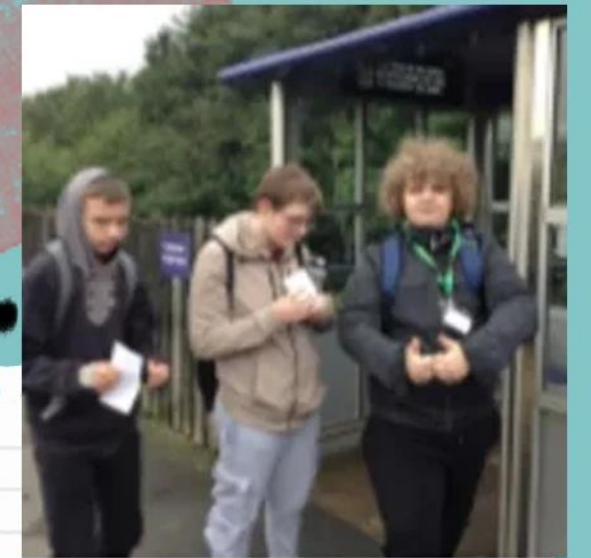


Pupils in Alvey Class took part in D Day celebrations in May. Aiden was a presenter during the D Day concert. We performed the song "We'll Meet Again" on the stage.

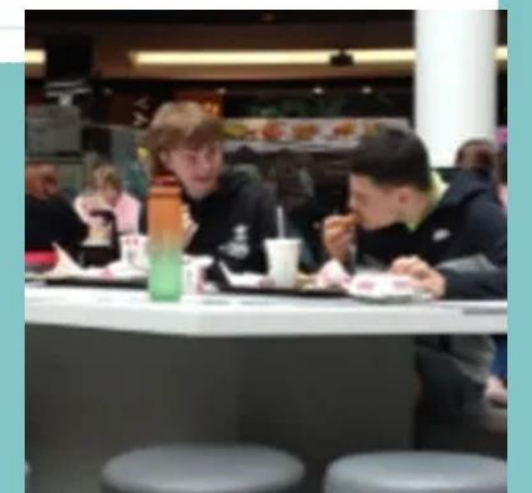
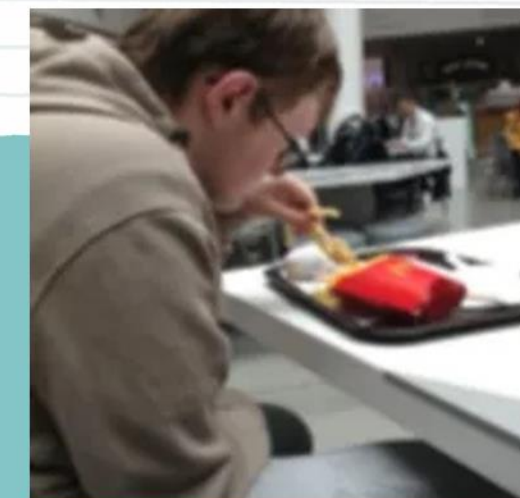
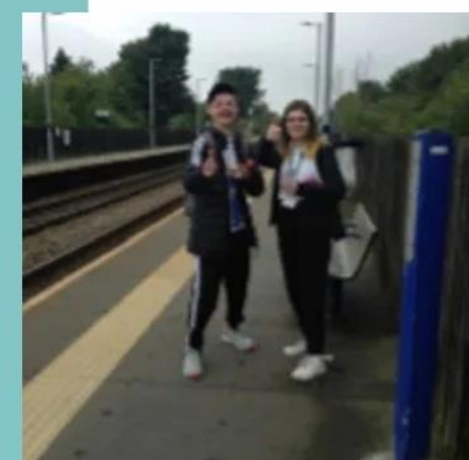
We enjoyed having a biscuit and a drink together with pupils from other classes in school.



# Hewkin



This term, Hewkin class enjoyed planning their own day trip. Pupils researched places to visit and chose to use public transport for a trip to Meadowhall. Pupils planned their journey by researching train times and food places to buy their own lunch in the Oasis.





# Wiggan...

Wishing our 2024 leavers all the luck  
in the world as their next chapters  
begin.



**Blake 2017-2024**

Blake is moving on to college in September  
where he will start a level 2 course in  
mechanics.



**Cameron 2021-2024**

In September Cameron will be  
attending college to start his  
course in joinery.



**Lewis 2020-2024**

Lewis is keen to work in education  
and in September will be going to  
college to start a level 3 Education  
and childcare course.

Goodbye and Good  
Luck in all you do, all  
three of you will do  
amazing on your  
chosen paths.

# McKinley

For Summer 2, with the end of GCSE exams, McKinley class has been able to have a more relaxed timetable. Because of this, the class has been able to focus on travel training and have all around different parts of Yorkshire on public transport using (planes) trains and automobiles. On our travels we have been to:

Barnsley Town Centre and Town Hall and Cooper Gallery, Meadowhall in Sheffield, Leeds Royal Armouries Museum and The Hepworth in Wakefield. For our end of year trip we have also been to Cleethorpes where we all enjoyed fish and chips by the sea; Wentworth Woodhouse where students had a guided tour and Chatsworth House where got to explore around the House and Gardens. I would also like to say a fond farewell to three of our students who will be leaving Robert Ogden this year. Best Wishes, to Oliver, Ben and Jake.





# Parent Coffee Morning

On 8th May 2024, we held our parent coffee morning, this gives our parents opportunities to share experiences and to discuss strategies to support them. It also gives them time to share ideas and important information, but just as important it allows them to relax and have a laugh!

Parents helped to colour bunting for our upcoming tea party commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy landings.

- Dawn Garner, Theme Day Coordinator



# D-Day Commemorations



2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings on 6th June 1944.

The D-Day landings were part of the largest seaborne invasion in history. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the liberation of France and Western Europe.

Here at the Robert Ogden school, we held an afternoon tea party and students went onto the stage to sing various war songs, such as "We'll Meet Again", "Wish Me Luck (As You Wave Me Goodbye)", and many more. We all then sang the National Anthem.

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# 75 Years of Variety: the children's charity

We at the Robert Ogden School would like to congratulate the Variety Children's Charity on their 75 year anniversary, and say thank you for helping us to provide invaluable opportunities and experiences for our students.

We celebrated their 75th anniversary by having a tea party in our main hall with lots of photo opportunities!



# THANK YOU!

## Robert Ogden School Football Team

On Friday 27th July 2024 parents we held our pupils against staff annual end of year football match. At the final blow of the whistle the score was 3-3.

It then went to penalties which made for some very tense moments for all. The final score was 6 -7 to pupils.

Well done to all that took part and a big thank you to all our supporters

"Win. Lose. But never defeated."

Dawn Garner Theme day coordinator





# SALT

## It's time for story massage!



Some of our pupils throughout school have been enjoying Story Massage Sessions.

Story massage involves telling stories and singing songs with simple massage strokes performed on the back, hands or feet.

Some sessions are held in the classroom as full class groups, others are held in the Spa and some pupils enjoy 1:1 sessions. Pupils enjoy stories about themselves and their friends and interests.



### Benefits of Story massage

- ◇ Relaxes body and mind
- ◇ Positive touch promotes release of oxytocin – the feel good hormone
- ◇ Engages and encourages children to develop a wider vocabulary
- ◇ A way for pupils and staff to connect and share time together
- ◇ Encourages communication
- ◇ Improves alertness and concentration
- ◇ Develops imagination
- ◇ Suitable for any age
- ◇ Increases self awareness and self esteem
- ◇ It's really good FUN!!!

Have a go yourself.....

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR SUMMER-TIME

### MAKING FROZEN FRUIT KEBABS

Why not have a go at making frozen fruit kebabs over the half-term break? Not only are they a healthy and cooling snack on a hot summer's, but making frozen fruit kebabs can also provide opportunities to develop fine motor skills and learn independence skills in the kitchen. And the frozen snack is also great at alerting the sensory system if you are under-stimulated and need something to up-regulate your sensory system!



### HOW TO:

#### You will need:

- chopping board
- child safe knife
- popsicle sticks
- flat container with lid
- choice of soft fruits (we used strawberry, banana, grapes and kiwi, but mango, pineapple and starfruit would work just as well!)

**Step 1:** Wash and chop the fruit.

**Step 2:** Push the fruit onto the popsicle sticks. For slightly harder fruit it can help to lay the fruit flat on the chopping board and press the popsicle stick through the fruit to get it started.

**Step 3:** Place the fruit kebabs in a flat container with a lid.

**Step 4:** Put the container in the freezer and wait for the kebabs to freeze.

**Step 5:** Enjoy the frozen fruit kebabs when you need a cooling healthy snack or need an alerting sensory strategy.





# Sensory summer Hub 2



This summer, Hub 2 have been engaging in sensory play to encourage learning through exploration, curiosity, problem solving and creativity



What's been happening in

## Wiggan... This Term?

### Lewis

Lewis has enjoyed taking part in some internal work experience, working in a secondary class helping pupils with their learning.

Lewis has also been busy preparing for his next piano exam - level 5 theory.



### Maddison

Maddison has been working on life-skills, she has been a big help in the coffee shop preparing and serving meals to both pupils and staff, Maddison also continues to be a valued volunteer at her work placement, The British Heart Foundation.



### Blake

Blake achieved his level 1 health and safety in construction and gained his CSCS Card.

This is a great achievement and will give Blake an advantage with any construction employment or apprenticeship opportunities that may arise.



### George

George has been volunteering around school helping to maintain the school gardens, he has been a huge help in keeping areas tidy for others to use and enjoy.



### Charlie

Charlie has been practicing life-skills, covering many topics. He has recently been working on first aid, focusing on CPR and the Recovery Position.







Alvey



Class

# Cummings Class



Pupils in Alvey Class went on a field trip to Cleethorpes. We discussed physical and human features of the coastline. We also had a lovely walk, played on the beach and had a picnic. The weather was hot and sunny so we had a delicious ice-cream to cool us down at the end of the trip.



This term Cumming class have been working on how to explore the community in a safe way. This includes ensuring that all pupil safety is maintained around paths and parked vehicles.





# Hub 1



Recently, Asher presented at a PDA comedy gig in London where she spoke in front of 900 people about what PDA is and how best to support anyone with the diagnosis.

Asher met Katherine Ryan, a famous stand-up comedian. Other celebrities who were in attendance included Daniel Kitson and Tom Rosenthal.

# Hub 2

In support of England during the Euros, staff and students of Hub 2 have been wearing their football shirts on match days.





# Post 16...



**Ben 2016-2024**

Ben is moving on to college in September to study ICT, Cookery and Animal care.



**Jake 2013-2024**

In September Jake will be attending College to start his level 3 course in ICT.



**Oliver 2020-2024**

Oliver will be moving on to Barnsley College to start a course on Creative digital media.

## Dates for your Diary: Autumn Term 2024

**Friday 20th September: Jeans for Genes** - pupils and staff can wear jeans for a £1 donation to support this charity to help the lives of children with genetic conditions

**Friday 20th September: Parents' Coffee Morning at 10.00am** - all parents welcome!

**Friday 27th September: MacMillan Coffee Event** - parents are invited into school in the afternoon to partake in tea and cake in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

**Monday 7th October: Harvest Festival** - we are asking for donations of food to be sent to school the week before

**Thursday 10th October: Parent Review Day for Hubs, Post 16, Alvey, Dyson, Buttery and Smith Classes**

**Thursday 17th October: Parent Review Day for Primary, Cumming, Bates and Steele Classes**

**Tuesday 12th November: Odd Sock Day** in aid of Anti-Bullying

**Friday 15th November: Children in Need** - there will be events happening in school and we are asking for pupils to bring money to join in to support Children in Need. Pupils can also dress up, dress with spots, wear non-uniform etc. for a donation of £1

**Monday 2nd December: Shoe Box appeal launch day** (more details closer to the time!)

**Tuesday 10th December: Primary Disco** - pupils can wear their favourite clothes!

**Wednesday 11th September: Secondary and Post 16 Disco**

**Thursday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day** - we are asking for a donation of £1 for Save the Children

**Monday 16th December: Christmas Concert for Secondary and Post 16** - parents invited

**Tuesday 17th December: Christmas Concert for Primary** - parents invited

There will be other events that happen throughout the term and we will keep you updated with any changes or additions!

Thanks for your continued support.