



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas and Charity Donations

The three charities have well and truly been launched by our school body, and we have had a number of fundraising activities that have been very successful in raising funds for deserving causes. So far, we have raised more than £1500 and this does not include the Charity in Need extravaganza that has raised over £3000.

As well as raising donations for these charities, we have also undertaken educative work in our assembly program about the charities, the work they are doing to support others and to raise awareness of their causes.

We have previously talked about Padley Food Bank, and our first food drive will be before Christmas. I am aware that a number of you have already brought items into school, but this is a final reminder to do so before the 4th December. The items that they are requesting are any tinned food, tuna, instant noodles and noodle pots, rice and rice pots, Cereal up to 700g boxes, Coffee, Tea, UHT milk, Sugar, Custard, Jars of cooking sauces, snack pots of porridge, kitchen roll, toilet roll, washing powder/gel, eggs and self-raising flour. In addition, they accept any toiletry items that are unopened. Pupils should take any items to their form room and they will be collected by the sixth form leaders. We aim to deliver 1603 items (one item per pupil) to the Padley Centre.

In addition, we are holding a Christmas Jumper Day. This will be on the 19th December, which is the last day of the Autumn Term. This is a voluntary donation, but we hope that parents donate kindly. On ParentPay donations will be set at £2 per child, but please feel free to adjust contributions accordingly. ParentPay for this event will be available from the 12th December. On the same day our student body will also be selling refreshments, cakes and cookies at breaktime and the profits made from this will go directly to the charities. These items can only be purchased using cash.

We are aware that for many, Christmas is a joyous event and an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Whilst for some it can be a more difficult time, especially if you have had a recent bereavement or you are struggling financially. If you feel there is anything the school can do to help, then please do not hesitate to contact me directly and I can either answer your question or signpost you in the right direction.

Yours sincerely,

Clarissa Ourabi