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Dear Parents and Carers

24th November 2021

It seems that in the blink of an eye we are nearing the end of our first term back in school. Thanks to you too for sending your children to school with their equipment, and helping them to remember whether they are in uniform, or PE kit on any given day! You are all doing a brilliant job.

We are determined to end this term on a high with a range of events to celebrate Christmas and the achievements of pupils. Below are some of the main activities in the final two weeks of term, a full list is available on the school website and notice board:

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 8 th December	Christmas Disco – 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Entry £2.50
Monday 13 th December	Christmas Church Service at St Michael's Church, Rocester – 10:00am <u>Staff & Pupils only.</u>
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch – £2.40 per meal. Unfortunately, due to current Covid restrictions, this will be for <u>Staff & Pupils</u> only. Christmas Jumper Day - £1.00 Donation in aid of Save the Children can be made through your child's ParentPay account.
Friday 17 th December <u>Last Day of Term</u>	Celebration Day Non-Uniform Day – No charge Celebration Assembly – Staff & Pupils only

Our **Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day** is on **Tuesday 14th December 2021**. Meal service will be staggered to allow all pupils the opportunity to dine in the main hall with their year group friends and experience a Ryecroft Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Dinner - If your child would like a Christmas Dinner, you will need to **order** it via the Aspens ordering portal **no later than Monday 6th December 2021**. For those pupils not eligible for free school meals, the cost for the meal is **£2.40**. We appreciate that this does not give parents much time but the deadline is necessary to allow time for ordering food and making the appropriate arrangements. A copy of the festive menu is attached for your perusal.

Christmas Jumper - If your child wishes to wear a Christmas jumper, could they please wear their normal school uniform, but substitute their school jumper for a festive one. Donations in aid of Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day can be made through your child's ParentPay account.

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Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash payments for either the Christmas dinner or the donation for the Save the Children Christmas Jumper.

We do hope that all children will wish to participate and have a school Christmas dinner, but children may still bring a packed lunch on 14th December if they choose to do so. Year groups will be dining together irrespective of whether they have a school dinner or not.

In previous years, we have been able to invite family and friends to the Church Service and the Christmas dinner, regrettably, due to the continuing situation with high Covid-19 infection rates in Staffordshire and for the safety of all in the school community we are unable to do so this year. However, although it's still only mid-November I would like to wish you well for the rapidly approaching festive period.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Hall
Head of School

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