

Headteacher's email to parents**Friday 1st December 2023**

Good afternoon,

With our first snowfall this week, we are already starting to feel really festive. For this year's '12 days of Christmas Programme' we have a vast range of exciting and fun activities, competitions and events planned for all our students at Teesdale School. From design a giant Christmas card, decorate your classroom door and a festive pet pic competition to a Christmas movie night with hot chocolate; a festive concert and craft fayre - there really is something for everyone to enjoy. Please see the attached document detailing all of the festivities scheduled over the last few weeks of term.

Student surveys have now been completed for each year group; they were overwhelmingly positive with some really lovely comments from the students and any concerns raised are now being followed up with Learning Managers. As always, we really appreciate how supportive our parents and carers are and value your opinion too. Therefore, could you please take some time to complete our parental survey; the results are shared with staff and help us to shape our future plans.

Finally, the amendments we have made to lunchtime have helped to improve our offer. Queues are now much smaller; there are more designated areas to eat in and the service time has reduced enabling students to enjoy more of their lunch break.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NWBmq3sSwR>

Kind Regards

Anna Cleckner
Head of School



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

1

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

Tutor Group Advent Calendar
Art Lanterns for the Barnard Castle
Christmas Lights procession
Song of the day: Last Christmas

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MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

Christmas Stars (win a selection box)
Song of the day: Do They Know It's Christmas?

3

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

Christmas kindness tokens (winning tutor group get hot choc and biscuit)
Song of the day: Santa Baby

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WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

Guess the teacher Santa edition
Song of the day: Driving Home for Christmas

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THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

Tutor Hamper collection for Foodbank
Song of the day: Run Run Rudolph

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FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Decorate Form Room Door
Song of the day: I Wish it Could be Christmas Every Day

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MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

Sixth Form Christmas video
Christmas Pet Competition
Song of the day: Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow

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TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Christmas Movie Night
A Christmas Memory
Song of the Day: Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

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WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Christmas Cheer Elf will deliver a Christmas message
Song of the day: It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

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THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

Sixth Form Pop-Up Pizza & Quiz Evening
Christmas traditions from around the world
Song of the day: Step Into Christmas

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MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

Christmas Concert & Craft Fair
Song of the day: Merry Christmas Everyone

12

WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Quiz
Song of day: All I Want For Christmas Is You