

# Wanstead High School

## Education with Character

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am aware Mr Wood has previously written to you on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 with initial details about our Christmas Jumper Day (<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>) and other festive activities.

I wanted to write again with some reminders and updates.

### Christmas Jumpers

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Jumper Day on 19<sup>th</sup> December (tomorrow), although we are holding it slightly later than 12<sup>th</sup> December which is advertised nationally, all proceeds will go directly to the Save the Children UK charity. So, if your child is coming to school tomorrow in a Christmas jumper please do not forget to donate the £1 via your ParentPay account. Tomorrow is not a full non-uniform day and pupils are otherwise expected to be in full uniform including school shoes. If pupils are wearing a Christmas jumper, no blazer is required.

If pupils come to school in items that are not Christmas themed (or with inappropriate slogans etc), they will be asked to remove them and if this is not possible, parents and carers will be contacted to bring the correct uniform. Please support us in making this a festive day and where possible check items are appropriate before your child leaves the house.

### Christmas Lunch

A reminder that tomorrow is also Christmas lunch day and there will be no break food or other food on offer. Your child should bring a packed lunch if they do not wish to take part. Many of you have completed the form but the kitchen is over-catering in case others change their mind or forgot to do this.

### Christmas Box Appeal

A big thank you to all pupils, parents and carers who contributed to our Christmas Box Appeal; there were 254 present boxes donated in total. Unfortunately, we were unable to find a local Redbridge charity who could accept the gift boxes at this stage of December. However, we are still delighted to be able to donate the gifts to children within the local area. A team of our prefects and Mr Wood have taken the gifts this afternoon in the school Minibus to meet the Mayor of Waltham Forest and hand them over to the Waltham Forest's Christmas appeal for children in need. Photos will be shared on our socials later today. One of the character virtues that pupils and staff recently voted for us to adopt as a Wanstead Virtue was service, and this appeal was a great example of that in action.

### End of Term

On Friday, pupils will be released from 12pm as always at the end of term. Lessons 1 and 2 will be as normal and then tutor time Period 3. Break food will be on offer and children with free school meals can collect a grab and go during break. Some tutors may have invited pupils to bring in food and snacks for their festive tutor time prior to dismissal. A reminder that we are a nut aware and allergy aware school. We do have a number of pupils with serious allergies and we ask parents and carers to ensure they check any foods pupils may bring in to ensure they do not contain nuts. Pupils and staff have also been reminded of this.

Pupils should make their way straight home after 12pm and follow all our guidance on staying safe. If pupils want to go out again in the afternoon they should change out of uniform first.

I would like to finish by wishing you all a joyful but restful holiday and a Happy New Year. Miss Hillman will be sending a further letter out with information about updates before the new term, and you will receive the Heron Homelink shortly.

Yours faithfully,

*H Martin*

**Mrs H Martin**

Deputy Headteacher