



13th October 2022

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATION IN AID OF SUPPORTING THE 'SCHOOL COUNCIL GARDEN AREA PROJECT'.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are running a Christmas Jumper sale on the Friday after half term (4th November) to try to encourage the reuse of 'preloved' Christmas jumpers. This is a new initiative which we hope will offer a service to our community in different ways.

Many of us don't realise that these are usually made from polyester and other plastic fibres and often end up being quickly discarded. A study in 2019, showed that:

- many young people buy a new Christmas jumper every year. It highlighted that Christmas has become an example of fast fashion, now recognised as hugely damaging to the environment.
- Two out of five Christmas jumpers are only worn once over the festive period, and one in three adults under 35 buys a new Christmas jumper every year.

Children quickly grow out of their festive jumpers, so this year we are asking pupils to bring in and donate Christmas jumpers that they have outgrown, or no longer wish to wear, into school from Monday 17th October to Thursday 3rd November. We are also including adult jumpers in our sale.

The jumpers need to be **clean** and in a **good condition** for resale please.

The format will be as follows:-

- We will accept donations of clean adults' and children's Christmas jumpers, in good condition, from Monday 17th October until Thursday 3rd November.
- The sale will open on Friday 4th November at 3.30 in the school hall and jumpers may be purchased for a small donation towards the School Garden Project, details of which will be on display at the sale.
- Jumpers will be displayed on tables according to size eg 3- 4 yrs etc.

We hope that this **Christmas Jumper Donation** will save lots of jumpers from entering landfill, being incinerated or just being lost and unloved at the back of a wardrobe, and that children will enjoy choosing a new preloved jumper to use this year and potentially beyond! We also believe that this is a positive event to support our community financially, as new jumpers are often expensive to buy.

Thank you for your support and many thanks to the PHA for helping with the organisation of this sale.

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