

27th November 2023

Countdown to Christmas

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are approaching December and the festive seasons will quickly be upon us I am writing to let you know about what is happening at Laurel Park in the upcoming weeks to celebrate with our students.

Laurel Park Christmas Appeal - Deadline Friday 8th December

Each year our students and families give generously by donating to our Charity Christmas Appeal. This year we are proud to be partnering with North Enfield Foodbank.



North Enfield Foodbank will be giving Christmas Hampers and food parcels to families in need. If you are able to support the charity, please donate any of the following by **Friday 8th December**. There are donation boxes in main reception and students can also hand in items to Student Services in the office during break and lunchtimes.

Urgently needed items:

- Carrier bags
- Christmas food treats (cake, mince pies, chocolates, biscuits, sweets etc)
- Gravy granules / cranberry sauce / Stuffing
- Tinned potatoes and vegetables
- Long life milk
- Hot chocolate / coffee
- Speciality food items - vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free
- Sweet and savoury snacks
- Noodles and ready meals
- Squash / long life juice
- Toiletries: Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet roll, washing powder
- Baby items - Nappies size 5 and 6, baby food, baby wipes

Winter Concert - Monday 18th December

Our Winter Concert will take place on Monday 18th December from 6-7pm. The event promises to be a celebration of our students' skills and talents within the Performing Arts. Everyone is welcome to attend with mince pies and gingerbread cookies on offer whilst listening to a range of performances including singing, piano and steel pans. To reserve tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/LPSConcert>

Festive Celebration Day - Wednesday 20th December

We will be hosting a Festive Celebration Day on Wednesday 20th December which will include Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, a Christmas quiz and our Christmas Lunch in the Bay Leaf Restaurant.

Christmas Jumper Day

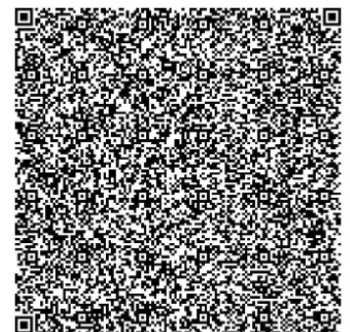
We're asking families to donate £1 (or however much they can give) to support children in the UK and around the world. By taking part we will be helping children who don't have the basics they need to survive - like food, school or medicine - to start seeing the magic in the world again.

There is no need to buy a new jumper - students can just wear a festive coloured jumper instead of their Laurel Park School jumper (or for Year 9 - their PE jumper).

Donating is easy and can be done through this link <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230024060> or by scanning the QR code.

Please ensure your child remembers the following on this day:

- **This is not a non-uniform day and full uniform must be worn**
- Students can wear a **Christmas or festive coloured jumper instead of their school jumper.**



Christmas lunch

This year the Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 20th December across period 4 and lunchtime. Christmas Lunch will cost £3.00 via Parentpay if your child does not normally have a school meal please ensure that their account has credit, and will be free to families entitled to FSM. Students will be asked via Google Classroom if they will be having Christmas Lunch so that we can cater for the correct number.

Year Group Trips

You will have already been written to by your Year Lead with details of the Winter Trip your child is going on. We expect all students to attend these trips as a year group, the only exception is where we need to remove them due to their behaviour. The trips and dates are:

Year 7	Tuesday 12th December	The Toymaker's Child at Chickenshed
Year 8	Thursday 14th December	Sleeping Beauty and the Guardians of Dreamland at Millfield Theatre
Year 9	Thursday 30th November	Ice Skating at Alexandra Palace
Year 10	Tuesday 5th December	London Cultural Experience - The London Eye followed by a Thames River Cruise
Year 11	Friday 15th December (50 students)	The Christmas Markets and Cathedral in Winchester, Hampshire

End of term and looking forward to 2024

The last day of term is Thursday 21st December. School will finish at 12 noon on Thursday 21st December. Sandwiches will be available in the canteen on this day for students to take home. We return to school on Monday 8th January at 8.25am.

It is an exciting time for students, families and staff in December at Laurel Park School. Please support the school however you can through Foodbank donations or by attending the Winter Concert.

Warm regards



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