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Re: AGi/LT

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Dear parents

As the Christmas holiday approaches, I want to thank you for your continued support of the school and your children throughout this Autumn Term.

I have been delighted to see so many of you at the numerous events we have held this half term, especially the recent Christmas concert and our annual production of *Oliver Junior* which were both fantastic evening events celebrating the musical and performance talents of our students. As I write we are also welcoming you into school to celebrate your children's achievements with our end of term Celebration Assemblies.

Thank you also for your generosity in supporting all our good causes this term - from the astounding £800+ raised for Children in Need to the huge pile of goods in the Library waiting to be delivered to the Food Bank this week, and the generous donations for future productions made last week.

#### This Week

Our final charity event of the year takes place on **Friday** this week with **Christmas Jumper Day**. Students are invited to wear a Christmas-themed jumper or t-shirt with their school uniform (normal school bottoms but no shirt/tie or blazer are required). *A Christmas-themed jumper can be any jumper decorated with some tinsel or baubles - we do not expect students/parents to purchase a mass-produced Christmas Jumper.*

The suggested donation by Save the Children Fund is £2 - and while we are requesting this, we will be splitting the donations we receive half to Save the Children and half to The Children of Ukraine Foundation (who are helping to support children affected by the war in Ukraine).

Christmas Lunches take place this week (Years 10 and 11 on Tuesday; Years 8 and 9 on Wednesday and Year 7 on Friday).

The term ends on Friday at 3pm.

#### Key Dates for January

Looking ahead to the new year, a few key date reminders:

- Monday 2 January is a national Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 3 January is an INSET staff training day
- **Wednesday 4 January - all students return to school**
- w/c 9 January - Yr10 Assessments begin
- Thursday 12 January - Yr11 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 19 January - Yr9 Tutor and Choices Information Evening

#### Uniform and Equipment

At a time where you may be needing to replace uniform and equipment, please find the uniform and equipment list attached as a reminder of Smithdon's expectations - thank you for continuing to uphold our values and help your children to meet these expectations. We continue to monitor uniform and equipment daily.

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It only leaves me to wish you a joyful Christmas season and lovely holiday. We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Best wishes

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