



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

8th December 2023

Messages from the Headteacher

We are excited to be offering staff and students Christmas lunch on 14th December! This will be the only menu on the day. Please ensure that your child's Gateway lunch account is in credit.

If your child is interested in finding out more about Army life, below is a link to a presentation which was broadcast live in school this week. To view, click [this link](#) then click login once the page opens—no need to enter your own email address The presentation runs for approx. 45 minutes.



SEND Drop in session reminder—the Multi Agency Drop In which will be delivered by the Family Support Service will be taking place on Monday 11th December between 10:00am – 12:00noon at Tuned In! in Redcar. The drop in is for any parents or carers that have concerns that their child 0-18 years has autism, sensory processing, ADHD or FASD. The sessions are friendly and welcoming but please feel free to bring a friend, partner, relative or anyone else for support. The professionals at this session include The Neurodevelopmental Team, Redcar and Cleveland's SEN Team, CAMHS/Single Point of Contact, Short Breaks, Carers Together, SEND Family Voice (Parent Carer Forum), The Inclusion Service and Daisy Chain.



French club is cancelled on Wednesday 13th December. Please expect your child to leave school at 2.40pm on that day unless they are attending a different club.

It is Christmas Jumper Day on 20th December. Students can wear a Christmas jumper in addition to their normal LJS school uniform. Our usual expectations around uniform apply.

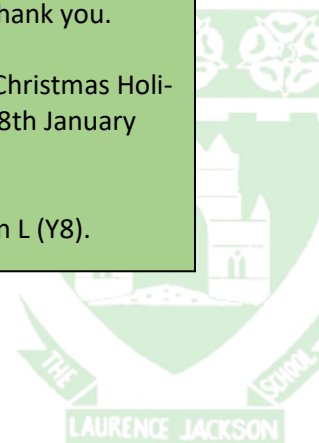
On Thursday 21st December, we are collecting donations to take to the Bridge Association in Guisborough to add to their food bank. We will be collecting items at the student entrance in the school minibus 8am-8.30am and then transporting the items to them. Items they have specifically requested are:

- Tinned meat & Tinned Fish e.g. Chilli con carne, Irish stew, Corned Beef, Salmon Sandwich paste,
- Instant Mash,
- UHT milk,
- Jam (not strawberry) , marmalade & honey
- Washing up liquid, laundry powder.
- Small sugars, coffee, hot chocolate (not tea)
- Biscuits – crackers and sweet ones!
- And as it is Christmas... any Christmas chocs, cakes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mixes.

We look forward to receiving your kind donations—please give them to your child to donate. Thank you.

Please be reminded that the last day for students this half term is Friday 22nd December. The Christmas Holidays run from 25th December to 5th December. Students return at the usual time on Monday 8th January 2024.

Please find open this [Link](#) to our official school Christmas Card designed and produced by Ruben L (Y8).



Safeguarding Spotlight

A recent report has been compiled by UK safer internet centre which highlights the concerning increase nationally that young people are experimenting with AI apps and websites to create sexual imagery of other children. This could be imposing the head of someone onto a naked body or using the technology to generate an image without clothes. Whilst we have had no reports of this within school, I wanted to share the report as a proactive approach to being vigilant around such topics. It again comes back to parents/carers checking our young people's electronic device usage and having open and honest conversations around such topics. Its important our young people understand the impact of what could start out as a joke or sexual curiosity but it can quickly escalate out of control and in the eyes of the law it constitutes producing and circulating child sexual abuse material. Please ensure you regularly check our young peoples devices and are aware of what apps and websites they are accessing and why. Have conversations about the potential consequences of their actions when using AI and other photo editing apps. For the source report, please follow [this link](#)

Celebrating Student Success

Huge congratulations to our Y7 girls football team who won their 3rd round National Cup fixture after school on Monday 7-0 versus High Tunstall School (Hartlepool) on Monday.



Congratulations to our Y9 Boys football team who progress to the next round of the County Cup with a 10-1 victory over Unity City Academy on Tuesday.



The final round of the LJS Chess Tournament 2023 was completed after school on Thursday. Well done to all students who competed over five rounds and congratulations to Callum H who finished as champion with 5 wins out of 5!

This half term we ran a literacy competition for students to create a new Harry Potter character! We received some wonderful entries and choosing the prize winners was extremely difficult. However, the winning entry was submitted by Pippa G (Y8) who won the prize of the full set of Harry Potter books—we hope you enjoy reading them all!

