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Christmas Jumper Charity Day

Friday 20th December, the last day of this term, is '**Christmas Jumper Day**'. All our children and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper. This should be worn over normal school uniform instead of the Lisle Marsden blue jumper/cardigan. We ask that everyone brings in a donation of £1 to support our Social Action project which is focused on supporting children in families affected by food poverty.

Our project will have three beneficiaries:

- **CARE** - Christian Action & Resource Enterprise is a charity located in North East Lincolnshire, dedicated to relieving poverty, hardship and distress to those in need in the local community.
- **Child poverty action group (CPAG)** - Their vision is of a society free of child poverty, where all children can enjoy a childhood free of financial hardship and have a fair chance in life to reach their full potential.
- **Action against hunger** - Across nearly 50 countries, including the UK, they have led the global fight against hunger. They aim to save the lives of children and work with their communities before and after a disaster strikes. They enable people to provide for themselves and see their children grow up strong.

Christmas Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who visited and supported our Christmas Fair. There was a lovely buzz around school, it was great to see many of our Y6 pupils and school council members organising and running their own stalls and games to help raise funds for the Friends of Lisle Marsden. Together we raised an impressive £1,009 pounds, which will be used to support creative projects and enrichment activities for our children. A list of raffle prize winners is available in school, should anyone wish to know the results of the draw. A big thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us, all the staff who gave up their time to support the fair, and of course Mrs. Williams; who organized the whole event!

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Santa Stride

Well done to all our children and staff who got stuck into the Santa Stride and together managed to complete 1,665 miles towards our ambitious target of 284,500 miles! A great start! Together with further activities at school, and your support at home, we hope we can achieve our goal!

It was great to see all the children supporting each other and doing their best within their allotted challenge time, running around our festive circuit! Many were dressed in Santa/Christmas gear, the children also enjoyed the extra Christmas activities and challenges in their Santa Stride time-out periods, which were led by our fantastic academy sports leaders. These special leaders were outside all day helping to run the event! Well done children, we are very proud of you. The weather was kind to us in the morning, sadly we were caught by a rapid downpour in the afternoon which meant we got a little wet, however the children persevered once the rain had cleared, and it certainly didn't dampen their spirits! A big thank you to Miss Miller and Miss Lingard for organising and coordinating the day!

We hope you will continue to support our project over the holiday period, enjoy a walk or run together as a family and clock up some miles towards our target. Please remember to fill in your log sheets at home and bring them into school in the New Year.

CARE Donation Box

If you'd like to donate items of food to our CARE box, we have one in our academy entrance reception area. A big thank you to everyone who has made a donation so far! We've already collected a significant amount, which I'm sure will certainly make a big difference to the lives of many in our local community this Christmas time.

Christmas Count Down

The season of advent is almost at an end, it's been a very busy last couple of weeks in school and the children have certainly enjoyed the special events that have been planned for them, Christmas activities and festive fun! Special congratulations go to our Reception and Year 1 pupils, who took to the stage last week to entertain their friends, teachers and proud family members!

Tomorrow, school will close at 3.20pm for the two week Christmas break and will re-open to all our families on Monday January 6th 2020. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support for Lisle Marsden, 2019 has been a very productive and successful year in so many ways, and we very much appreciate your support, involvement and feedback. On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you and your children a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!