



## School Headlines

It has been a truly wonderful week in school this week. We can definitely feel the Christmas spirit!

We were privileged to be invited by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, Mrs Amanda Parker and The High Sheriff of Lancashire, Helen Bingley OBE, to attend The Prince and Princess of Wales' Royal Foundation Together at Christmas Community Carol Service on Friday evening. The beautiful event was held at Blackpool Tower Circus.

The four pupils in attendance were nominated by their teachers for the demonstration of our important school value of community where this term between them they have; set up a basketball club for pupils, supported a peer who was injured in an accident on their way to school, volunteering in lessons and around school continuously to support others.

We are incredibly proud of the pupils and to be able to attend with our friends at Ripley St Thomas who led the carol singing with their musical accompaniment. We look forward to attending again next year.



Thank you to all of our very talented pupils who took part in the Christmas Concert last night. We had a wonderful evening full of fantastic musical and dance performances and the pupils represented the true value of community at the concert – well done to all involved.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 December**

Inter-House sports competition – Reindeer Rush!

**Thursday 19 December**

Rewards afternoon

**Friday 20 December**

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

School closes at 13:30

**Tuesday 7 January**

School reopens to all pupils, Year 11 Prom assembly

**Thursday 23 January**

Year 11 Progress Evening – in school





# Christmas @ Central

Key Dates	
2nd December	Food bank Collection starts
6th-8th December	Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church Lancaster
10th-13th December	Christmas Lunches
12th December	Christmas Concert
16th December	Carol Singing at Dolphree House Carol Service at
18th December	Christ Church Lancaster
19th December	Rewards Trip—Ice skating Year 7 Dukes Theatre Trip KS4 Achievement Assemblies
18th and 19th December	Reindeer Rush in aid of St. Johns Hospice
20th December	KS3 Achievement Assemblies Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day

## Christmas Tree Festival

We kick start our festivities again this year by taking part in a Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church Lancaster. Pupils in school have been busy making decorations for our tree and representatives will visit Christ Church to help decorate it. Families and pupils are invited to visit the festival from the 6th—8th December. Half of the donations raised at the Festival will support the Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service (LDHAS). They serve the daily needs of homeless people in the area, providing facilities they can't access when out on the street, they also provide help and advice to get onto the housing ladder, food, clothing and comfort too!

We will be making a donation to Church to enable us to bring the tree back to school. If you know of anyone who could benefit from a real tree after school closes on the 20th December please contact school with the details.



## Food Bank Collection

During December we will be collecting donations for Morecambe Bay Foodbank. Families are asked to donate everyday food items as well as Christmas treats that the Foodbank can distribute over the holiday period. Our Community Club have also been in discussion with the Foodbank about other ways we can support their users. If you would like to know which items are needed at the Foodbank you can find out by clicking the link.

<https://morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



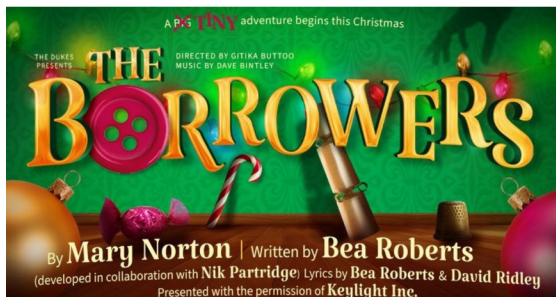
## Christmas Lunch

Each year group will have the chance to eat a traditional Christmas Lunch together during the week beginning the 9th December, complete with Christmas Crackers and music! Pupils will be asked to pre-order their lunch and will be joined by their house tutors. Vegetarian options will be available and there will be a limited menu for those not wishing to take part. The cost of lunch is £2.50 (the price of our normal 'meal-deal') and will be available to those pupils in receipt of free school meals.

## Music at Christmas

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place in the school hall on 12th December at 6pm. Pupils from across the school will be performing Christmas songs and music that they have been rehearsing in peripatetic lessons and extra-curricular clubs this term. We will also have a performance from our year 7 dance club. Tickets will be available for families and friends at the cost of £3, to come and get in the festive spirit.

In addition to this we are holding a carol service at Christ Church Lancaster at 2pm on the 18th December. All year 7 pupils will be attending and families of year 7 are invited to join us to hear some of the performances from the concert, alongside traditional carols and readings. A groups of singers will also be showing our community value when they go carol singing at Dolphinlee House.



## Rewards Afternoon

On the 19th December 10 pupils from each year group who have shown their commitment to our school community through excellent attendance and behaviour will be treated to one of two reward trips—a visit to Lancaster on Ice, with a hot chocolate to warm up or a visit to the theatre to see 'The Borrowers'.

Year 7 pupils have also been invited to buy a ticket for the theatre that afternoon.

## Reindeer Rush for St. John's Hospice

On the 18th and 19th December our Houses will compete to raise the most money for another fantastic local charity—St. John's Hospice as well as the fastest times for the cross country run!

Which house will be victorious??



## Last day of school

On the 20th December we will hold a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for 'Save the Children'. Pupils are invited to come in non-uniform and a Christmas jumper for a minimum donation of £1.

Each year group will have an achievement and rewards assembly so we can celebrate together all the amazing achievements of the last term, and have the chance to take part in some festive activities with their form group.



School will finish at 1.15pm and we ask that any appointments for piercings, lashes and nails in preparation for Christmas are made for after that time. School opens again for pupils on

Tuesday 7th January 2025.

## Term 1 Grade Cards

Electronic copies of the Term 1 Grade Cards will be sent home for all pupils on Wednesday 18th December. The Grade Cards contain information about the current levels of effort pupils are putting into their work in individual lessons and any barriers to learning.

For pupils in Key Stage 3, there will be an indication as to how they are achieving in relation to the expected level in each subject area. Pupils in Key Stage 4 will have a current working grade and predicted outcome for each examination subject they are studying in addition to the information on effort and barriers to learning.

Please take time to discuss this Grade Card with your child, celebrate the areas of success and support them to focus on areas of development. Should you have any questions about the Grade Cards, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Immunisations

Should parents have any questions about school aged vaccinations, they are advised to contact the Vaccinations Team directly on 01524 519430.

## Staff Leavers

Miss S Parsons and Mr S Nathan leave Central Lancaster High School on Friday 20th December. We are very grateful to both teachers for their hard work and support of pupils who they have taught across all year groups. We wish both teachers every success in their new teaching roles.

# Rewards



We are pleased to be rewarding our top ten pupils in each year group with a Christmas reward activity on Thursday 19th December. Pupils selected will have excellent attendance and achievement. Pupils have the choice of attending ice skating at Lancaster on Ice or The Borrowers at The Dukes Theatre.

## House Success



Most Achievement Points



Best Attendance



Extra-Curricular Attendance



Central's Care Code



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