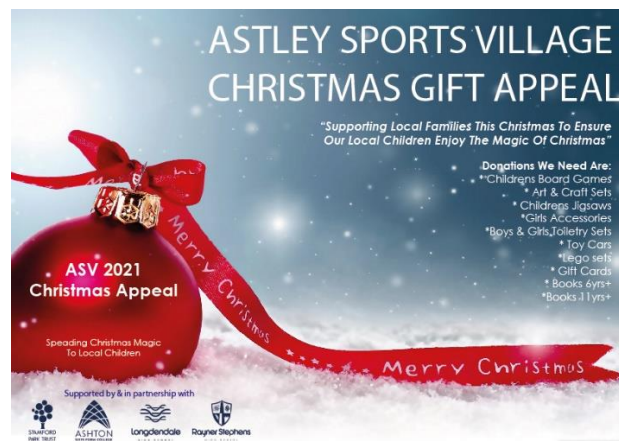


November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you for supporting our World Mental Health Day, Breast Cancer Awareness Month Bake Sale and Children in Need fundraisers this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to inform families that we are launching a number of charitable Christmas events in the lead up to the end of term.

You may have seen on our Twitter feed that Mark Storie at Astley Sports Village is organising a **Christmas Toy Appeal** and Longdendale High School will be collecting donations as part of this. We are arranging gifts for two of our feeder primary schools. The presents will be wrapped and bagged up and distributed to the schools to give out to parents before they break up for Christmas.



Further details can be found here: <https://twitter.com/newsintameside/status/1463511555488849920>

If you are able to donate to this cause, Miss Woods and the Student Leadership Team are accepting toy donations in school up to the **Friday 10th December**.

Friday 10th December will be **Christmas Jumper Day** and for a donation of a **food bank item** (to go to Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank), students will be able to wear a Christmas jumper, a red jumper or a green jumper, instead of their usual school jumper. Students will be expected to uphold the high expectations for every other aspect of their school uniform and their choice of jumper must be in line with the criteria we have provided. In addition, **Christmas Dinner** will be served in the Dining Room on this day.

Finally, the school Charity Leaders will be launching the **Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal** this term. Each tutor group is invited to coordinate at least one shoe box for this initiative. Further details can be found under: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Moffat (Director of SMSC)

