

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Year 8 Bookmark Design Winners

Assistant Head of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, set all Year 8 pupils a creative challenge last month which will also prove useful for pupils' Accelerated Reading (AR) sessions.

Year 8 were asked to design a bookmark with a reading puns theme for use by the whole school so that readers not only didn't lose their place in their books but had a useful reminder of their Accelerated Reader details.

The English department had a giggle at the jokes as they deliberated over the winner. The entries were so impressive that they decided to have four runners-up.

Mrs Gidden said, "This is the third year we have run this competition. The standards were really high and it was really tough to pick the winners."

Pleased with her class' achievement, Mrs Webster added, "I know the standards of the competition were high this year so to say I was excited to hear that four of the winners were in 8E1 is an understatement! I'm super proud. Well done to everyone that entered and congratulations to the winners."

Using the template provided, pupils had to design their bookmark within a area specified. The winning designs will now be printed onto card and distributed to all readers who will then be able to add their name, their reading ZPD, their colour code and it also has the web address for the AR site on it - all the questions pupils typically ask during AR sessions!

Well done to the winner Olivia C and the four runners-up Destiny F (not pictured), Jessica M, Ethan B and Luke B. Winning designs can be seen on page 3.

Diary Dates

### Key Dates

Did you know that the term dates for the new academic year, as well as the following year, are available to view and download from our website?

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

### After School Homework Club

Now open 3.10pm-4pm

Year 7 - Mon

Year 8 - Tues

Year 9 & 10 - Thurs

### 19 Oct (final week)

Year 7 Hockey Club

### Half Term

Mon, 26 Oct to Fri, 30 Oct

### Shoe Box Appeal

Take to Head of Year by  
Mon, 2 November 2020

### Christmas Card Design Competition Deadline

Weds, 4 November 2020

### Learning for Life Day 2

Mon, 9 November 2020  
Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1.10pm

### Year 9 HPV Vaccinations Catch Up Session

Mon, 16 November 2020

### Year 7 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Mon, 16 November 2020

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# Year 7 Photos Update

We apologise for the delay with orders following the photography that took place at the beginning of term.

We have been informed that Tempest have experienced technical difficulties and delivery is expected next week.

Head of Year 7, Mrs Bullock will continue to chase this up and will keep parents informed. When orders arrive in school they will be distributed to the respective pupils to take home.

# TEMPEST

PHOTOGRAPHY



[Tempest Photography](#) @HTempe... 1d

Replying to @PriorySTC

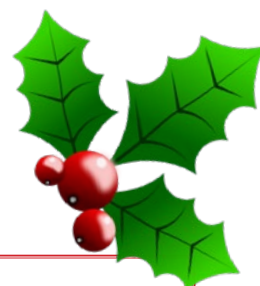
The images have been sent to print today and should be out for delivery within the next few working days.

Thank you and your parents for your patience in this matter. Kind regards, Tempest Photography.



## We need to get the (snow)ball rolling with this one!

This is one that all pupils can get involved with and each year we look forward to seeing your amazing creative artwork. If you're wondering what to do over the half term break...



## COMPETITION

# Design The School's Christmas Card

**Deadline: Weds, 4 November**



## The Brief!

### Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2020

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

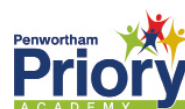
For the chance to get your creative work recognised and win an Amazon voucher:

- Submit an original design **by Weds, 4 November 2020**.
- Designs must be an original **winter or Christmas-themed** painting or drawing **and incorporate a connection to Priory**. Alternatively, you may like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself.
- Artwork must be in an 'A' format ie, A5, A4, A3 and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries must be put in a plastic poly-pocket/bag and dropped off with your Period 1 teacher. Make sure your name and form is on the back! Photos can be emailed to Mrs Yates, Communications Supervisor, at [j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

**The overall winner will receive a £15 Amazon voucher and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 300 people across the county.**

Runners up will receive a £10 and £5 Amazon voucher and we will award achievement points to all entrants who have demonstrated effort.



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In their Art and Design lessons, pupils in Year 9 have been developing their skills in drawing and colouration with pencil crayon.

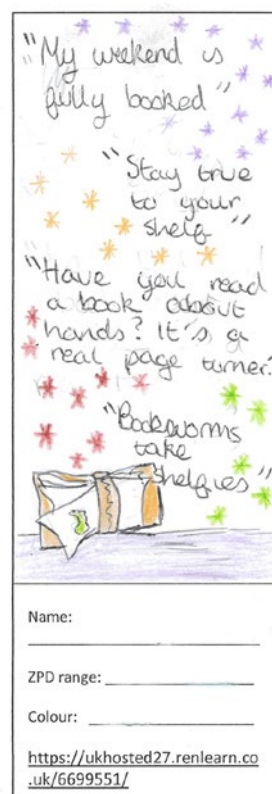


Here's just a few of the outstanding pencil drawings from Uzair B (R1), Leo S (D2) and Ruby S (C4).



## Year 8 Bookmark Design Winning Entries

From left to right: Olivia C (Winner), Runners Up - Luke B, Ethan B, Destiny F, Jessica M.



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# Priory Footballer's Poem Makes PNE's Match Programme



## Young Football by Harry

They stand on a field,  
their hearts beating fast,  
the whistle has blown,  
the die has been cast.

Mum and dad can't help,  
they stand all alone.  
A goal at this moment,  
would send their team home.

The ball nears their feet,  
they kick and it misses.  
There're moans from the crowd,  
some boos and some hisses

The home fans in agony,  
especially my mum.  
A caring voice cries out,  
"unlucky, my son".

If you're ever tempted to shout or moan,  
remember, it's a child  
who stands out there alone.

So, open your heart  
and give them a break.  
It's moments like this,  
a player you make.

Keep this in mind  
when others forget;  
They're only young  
children,  
not adults yet!

Year 8 pupil, Harry, wrote a heartfelt poem about his football experiences and won the school's competition. Now his poem has landed him a page in the Preston North End match day programme.

Harry won the poetry competition whilst in Year 7, after one match made him put pen to paper about coaches and parents on the sidelines at junior matches.

"I play for centre half for Cadley," said the Preston North End fan. "We were playing one game and we were winning.

"The opposition parents were swearing on the sidelines and then their children on the pitch got annoyed and frustrated because of that and it all kicked off.

"My parents and coaches just want me to enjoy my football and it's constructive criticism, if any, not swearing and shouting.

There is  
enough  
pressure in  
life and sport is  
about enjoyment  
not pressure.

"I was proud to win  
the competition.  
My mum and dad  
liked my poem!"



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# Get Involved With Priory's Shoe Box Appeal

It's that time of year again when Mr Watters kicks off his annual shoe box campaign.

Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas but for many vulnerable children and families in south east Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty. Priory has therefore chosen to support Oxfam's and UNICEF's Christmas box appeal to spread joy to thousands of people and fight poverty.

Priory's Geography teacher has worked with his Year 8 Learning for Life group to lead the way in the campaign to support vulnerable people of all denominations. Pupils have begun to sort through essential donations such as tooth brushes and winter woollies and added their unwanted goodies to produce gift boxes to needing communities. Finishing off next week, they will be festively wrapping and tagging their boxes to be delivered to the local collection point where they will journey onwards to Eastern Europe.



Any pupil that wishes to support the campaign should take their filled shoe box to their Head of Year by Mon, 2 November, after our return from the half term break. The boxes should be labelled for a child or adult including whether it's suitable for a male/female/unisex. Boxes for children should indicate an appropriate age group. It is worth noting that the elderly are particular in need at this time of year. Each box costs money to transport and store. It would be amazing if you could donate up to £3 per box too.

All pupils have watched a presentation during their Learning for Life virtual assembly this week where Mr Watters has provided further details.

How your gifts help others ... [https://youtu.be/ii\\_sr0hu\\_T0](https://youtu.be/ii_sr0hu_T0) | How to pack ... [https://youtu.be/0twDg5V\\_Z7M](https://youtu.be/0twDg5V_Z7M)

Mr Watters commented, *"This has been a successful and well-received appeal for the last 25 years at Priory. Our pupils enjoy planning what they would like to put in their boxes and how it will brighten someone's day. We are looking forward to sending even more boxes this year."*

They are more than just a shoebox and they can help transform peoples' lives for longer than a day.

Never under-estimate the power of a shoebox!



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## Good Luck to Class of 2019, Jessica W

Jessica emailed us this week to say she has started her new job and absolutely loves it.

Jessica has begun working in care for the elderly, calling on her experience of nursing her sick nana in the final months of her life. Head of English, Mrs Gidden, who supported Jessica through her grief, was approached by her new employer for a reference recently and in it she demonstrated that this was her perfect job.

Mrs Gidden commented, "Jessica was a real credit to Priory even though she only joined for her fifth year, she smashed her exams too despite dealing with a difficult loss only a week before. It's good to know that we have had a positive impact on Jess long after she's left us. It's made me smile."

Jessica told us, "I would just like to thank you for writing me a lovely reference, I start my new job today and absolutely loved it. They said that your reference was amazing and I'd just like to say that I really appreciate it. Also I'm missing school a lot and wishing I could be back".



## Two of Priory's school uniform suppliers have ongoing offers - including home delivery and interest-free instalment plans.

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# The Weekly Challenge

These short general knowledge quizzes are set fortnightly as part of Friday's Learning for Life lesson.

Pupils in Year 7-10 are given this as a homework assignment, via MS Teams, to revise for the test at the end of the week. The content of these quizzes will enhance learning across all subjects and widen Year 2 vocabulary.



**Here's today's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?**

1. The first postage stamp was known as a what?
2. When was the Royal Mail established for the general public?
3. In which region did Postman Pat deliver?
4. In the 19th Century, who was paid a shilling a day to catch mice and stop them chewing holes in the post sacks?
5. When and why was second class mail introduced?
6. What is the collection and study of postage stamps more formally known as?
7. Why are UK postcodes a combination of letters and numbers?
8. After the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, what happened to over 100 post boxes?
9. Can you be prosecuted for opening someone else's post?
10. Whose initials are found on post boxes in the UK?

**Answers on page 12**

## Quick Draw Rewards

Each week, teachers will nominate individuals who have particularly impressed them with their effort, attitude and engagement with their learning - giving a brief reason why. Teachers will let all pupils know if they have a nomination. Heads of Year will then draw a name at random from the list, one per year group. The lucky pupils will then be contacted by Miss Thornton to receive their £5 voucher.



Winning pupils have a choice of a £5 Amazon or Love2Shop voucher, both of which can be spent online, or a £5 Costa Coffee voucher.

**Randomly chosen winners from the list of nominees last week were:**

- Year 7 - Kaycee M - Nominated by Miss Ackers for an excellent first written piece.  
Year 8 - Grace D - Nominated by Mr Taylor for an excellent written account.  
Year 9 - Amba C - Nominated by Miss Thornton for extra work carried out on her story at home.  
Year 10 - Owen L - Nominated by Mrs Elliott for great contributions in class.  
Year 11 - Alex C - Nominated by Mrs Elliott for pushing hard to do his absolute best.

Miss Thornton  
English Teacher and Specialist Leader for Education

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The results are in and the Assistant Head of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, has announced this half term's top readers...

## Most Well Read

### Year 7

Jayden H (S)	448,004 words
Jake L	379,453 words
Emily P	351,185 words

### Year 8

Lily McM	684,981 words
Preston McM	653,438 words
Martha McA	639,632 words

### Year 9

Lucas C	394,987 words
Daniel R	375,918 words
Ismail M	250,700 words

### Year 10

Erin M	909,276 words
Hannah Y	201,833 words
Emily B	148,971 words



## Top Quizzers

### Year 7

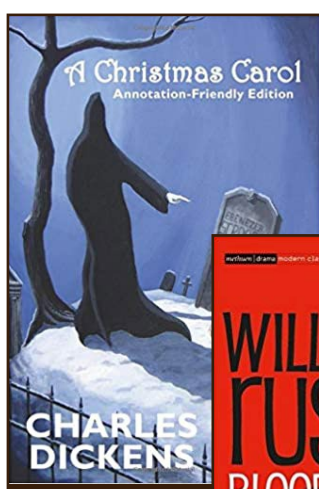
Joseph B & Emily J

### Year 8

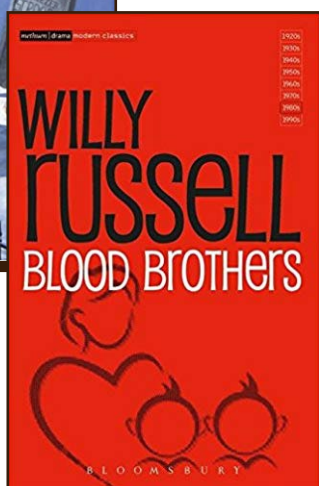
Cole G & Oli H

### Year 9

Tyler P & Hakeem V-C



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## Year 10 & 11 English Literature

Year 10 pupils will be starting their study of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol after the half term and for Year 11 it's Willy Russell's Blood Brothers. This will be their GCSE English Literature set text and one they'll eventually be examined on in their final exams.

We are therefore recommending that pupils have their own copy of the text itself. This will also mean that pupils can highlight and annotate the book during the course of study, making it a valuable revision aid for them. Pupils will need the actual play-script not a text guide or revision guide.

Pupils will be able to access a copy of the text during lessons although they will not be able mark the book in anyway. Texts can be purchased from retailers such as Amazon for around £6.00.

Pupils should speak to their English teacher if they have any queries.



# Year 11 English Interventions



# English

These additional classes are held on Thursdays after school until approx 4pm.

Pupils should see their English teacher first although may simply turn up for the session if they wish. For some pupils these interventions will be compulsory if their teacher feels they are struggling with that area of study. Maximum number of pupils is 25 per class.

Week	Teacher / Room	Poem
22 October	Mr Owen EN4	My Last Duchess
	Mrs Gidden EN3	Poppies
	Mrs Robinson-Ali EN2	Ozymandias
5 November	Miss Smith EN1	My Last Duchess
	Mrs Robinson-Ali EN2	London
12 November	Miss Thornton EN4	Storm on the Island
	Miss Smith EN1	Storm on the Island
	Mr Faulkner TBC	Bayonet Charge
19 November	Miss Thornton TBC	Bayonet Charge
	Mrs Elliott	Exposure
26 November	Mrs Gidden EN3	Exposure
	Mrs Webster EN1	Charge of the Light Brigade
	Mr Faulkner TBC	Charge of the Light Brigade

## Year 10 & 11 Revision Guides

Letters were circulated to pupils last week regarding the option to purchase English revision guides through school. A letter with information for Year 11 and Year 10 English Literature set texts was also included - see previous page for details.

Copies of the letters are also available to download from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters). Please note that all payments must now be made via SCOPay as we can no longer accept cash.

The guides available are: Macbeth | Romeo & Juliet | A Christmas Carol (Year 10 only) | Blood Brothers | Power and Conflict Poetry Cluster Guide | Language Examination Guide

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# Year 11 Pupils Runshaw College Applications

Runshaw College has put together a step by step 'How to Apply' video on the application page of their website to help Year 11 pupils with the application process.

The video can be accessed here >>

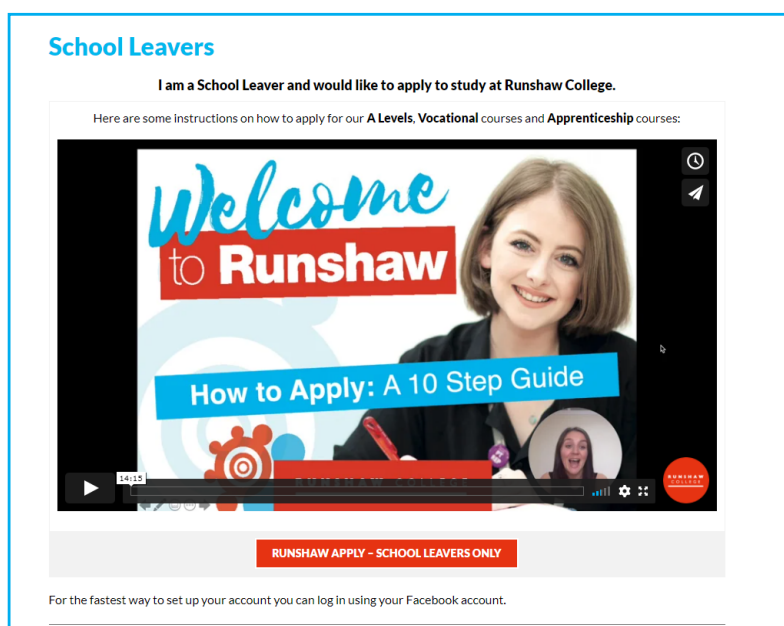
[www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/apply](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/apply)

This video will be useful for you to watch before starting your application, or to help you complete it if you have already made a start.

## Predicated Grades

At this stage, the college has confirmed that they only need a rough idea of your predicted grades; they do not need to be exact if you have not received them yet. By providing your expected grades, they can offer advice in relation to the courses you apply for.

This information has also been emailed to Year 11 pupils. If you are considering Runshaw College as your next step it may be worth saving the email for reference until you have made your final post-16 decision.



At Penwortham Priory Academy the Learning for Life curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Pupils have two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

Where you will learn things you will need and will use, now and in the future.

On the curriculum w/c 19 October

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' My hobbies.
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Expressing an opinion through debate.
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Motivational leadership.
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Active learning.
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental health part 2.

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**LANCASHIRE**  
VIOLENCE REDUCTION  
NETWORK



## Year 9, 10 & 11 Pupils

### LANCASHIRE YOUTH COMMISSION

**The Lancashire Youth Commission on Police and Crime enables young people to support, challenge and influence decisions about policing, crime and violence reduction in Lancashire.**

The Youth Commission is currently recruiting young people to join them – this is an exciting initiative in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Lancashire Violent Reduction Network (VRN) and the Police.

The Youth Commission enables young people to support, challenge and influence decisions about policing, crime and violence reduction in Lancashire. The Youth Commission allows young people to get involved and have their say about policing, crime reduction and approaches to prevention where they live.

The Youth Commission will explore urgent issues affecting young people in Lancashire, such as reducing offending and re-offending, improving the relationship with the police, and anti-social behaviour.

The Youth Commission is aimed at young people aged 14-25 years who want to make a difference to their community. They're looking for a diverse group of young people from different backgrounds and life experiences to take part, including those who have direct experience of the criminal justice system.

This is brilliant opportunity for young people to gain new knowledge, skills and experiences. Members of the Youth Commission will play an important role in helping to run consultation events and gather the opinions of other young people about policing, crime and reducing offending and re-offending.

All documents needed to apply for this opportunity have been posted to the Year 9, 10 & 11 team on MS Teams. The application pack can also be accessed via this link: [www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/lancashire-youth-commission](http://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/lancashire-youth-commission) The pack includes details of what is expected of successful applicants and the benefits you will gain from being part of the commission.

The application process is simple and accessible for everyone. If you feel you would benefit from this experience and need support to apply, please contact Mrs Hopes, Head of Learning for Life [t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

Application deadline is: 13 November 2020

If you have any questions about the Youth Commission, please contact either:

Kaytea Budd-Brophy: [kaytea@leaders-unlocked.org](mailto:kaytea@leaders-unlocked.org) or Ali Roberts: [ali@leaders-unlocked.org](mailto:ali@leaders-unlocked.org)

Mrs Hopes  
Head of Learning for Life

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# Word of the Week

Every week teachers will introduce a new word to pupils in their Learning For Life 'Challenge Day' lesson.

Word of the Week:

**Stability**

Noun

1. the state of being stable, either emotionally or physically – the school routine offers pupils **stability**

From Latin *stabilitas*, from *stabilis* 'stable'.

Teachers will clearly explain the literacy tip of the week and will reference the Word of the Week in their lessons. Pupils will be challenged about them in curriculum time. Achievement points are awarded for correct use of Word of the Week.

**Pupils:** Make sure you have checked through your work to ensure you have applied the literacy tip correctly.

Literacy tip of the week...

**which**

what person or thing



VS.

**witch**

a person, especially a woman who uses magic to do things

Can you think of a method of remembering the difference?

Synonym of the week...

**What is a synonym?**

A synonym is a word that has a very similar or the same meaning as another word.

So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'.

**TASK:**

Find synonyms for the word:

**Give**

**Your vocabulary is so important! Make sure you have one!**

## Answers to this week's Friday Challenge.

1. The Penny Black was the world's first adhesive postage stamp used in a public postal system.
2. The founder of Royal Mail, King Charles I, made Royal Mail available to the UK public in 1635.
3. He delivered in the Lake District – Royal Mail Group ceased sponsoring Postman Pat in 2000, saying that the character no longer fit the company's corporate image.
4. Three cats were paid a shilling a day to do the job!
5. It was introduced in the 60s to help provide a discount to customers wishing to send mail items that they deem less urgent.
6. It is known as 'philately'.
7. This system was chosen because people can remember a mixture of numbers and letters more easily than a list of numbers.
8. They were painted gold in honour of the United Kingdom's gold medal winners in both the Olympics and the Paralympics.
9. Yes, the Postal Services Act 2000 clearly states that it is illegal to open someone's post, or delay it reaching the owner.
10. The reigning monarch's initials can be found on post boxes in much of the United Kingdom.



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# South Ribble's BIG Christmas Sleepover



**South Ribble we need your HELP!** What a year 2020 has been! We have all been affected by 2020 one way or another but sadly, for so many families in our local area this year has been unthinkable.

We are a group of local mums who have decided to try and make a difference to those children in our area that have suffered this pandemic more than others. The one thing that struck us this year is the resilience of the children. They truly are little warriors.

We believe that **EVERY** child should experience the magic of Christmas and a big part of that for us is lovely new pyjamas on Christmas Eve. We are appealing to you to help make that happen, for local children, who would otherwise miss out. We hope to support 4 local community causes including The Place at Wade Hall Community Centre and The Base at Broadfield. Who else we can help will depend on the success of the appeal but one thing is for sure, we have been doing our research and the need is there throughout South Ribble. We will keep you updated.

We would be grateful for donations of cosy new pyjamas **BY SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2020** for children from aged 0 to 17. **They do not have to be Christmas pyjamas, the only thing we request is that they are new due to health and safety with the current pandemic.** We understand that not everyone will be in a position to help. It has been an extra tough year but we would love this to grow to be a community effort, for our community. Aside from any schools participating our official drop off points are: –

The Wheatsheaf Pub & Restaurant, Town Road, Croston  
Rainbow Day Nursery, Station Road, Croston (above McColl's)  
Tina's Barber Shop, 226B, The Green, Eccleston  
Danielle's Dog Grooming, 26 Gillcroft, Eccleston  
Working Men's Institute, The Green, Eccleston  
Tea Room, Heskin Hall Shopping Village, Heskin  
Lou Barker PT, Unit G2A Towngate Works, Dark Lane, Mawdesley  
Adore Hair and Beauty, 7 School Lane, Leyland  
Brown's Autocare, Unit 20, Old Mill Industrial Estate, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6SY  
Carr Manor Nursery, Saint Patrick's Place, Walton Le Dale  
Roberts & Co Estate Agents, 50 Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall  
Mrs Ms Village Pantry, 71 Church Lane, Charnock Richard

Our official campaign is on Facebook, 'South Ribble's Big Christmas Sleepover'. Please give us a like and share! All our communications will be from our official Facebook page and official email address which is [southribblechristmas@hotmail.com](mailto:southribblechristmas@hotmail.com) ONLY.



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