



15th December 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's update. Thank you to everyone who has attended the various events in school this week - the students have been amazing.

Activities from the Christmas Calendar Next Week (All Parents/ Carers)

- Monday 18th December onwards - Christmas appeal delivery starts
- Monday 18th December onwards - Secondary Christmas Lunches
- 18th December 2023 - Y4 present 'Carols by Candlelight' at 2:30pm
- 19th December 2023 - R-Y6 Christmas parties (children can bring treats from home). Santa will visit Y5/6 classrooms to bring gifts and will individually give a gift to all children in Nursery to Y4.
- 20th December 2023 - R-Y6 Awards afternoons with films
- 21st December 2023 - 57th Blackpool Scouts Christmas Fair in the hall after school (cash only)
- 22nd December 2023 - Non-Uniform Day for all children (no cost)
- 22nd December 2023 - Staff Christmas Pantomime (Y5-11 to watch)
- 22nd December 2023 - School closes at 12:30pm for all children.

Parent Governor Election (All Parents/ Carers)

4 nominations have been received for the post of Parent Governor, as such I am required to hold an election amongst parents. The link to vote is here - <https://forms.gle/DTWeunAVKUF1jd7Z6>. Votes are limited to one per parent/ carer and the election closes on Monday, 8th January at 12 noon.

Wow Moments in School this Week (All Parents/ Carers)

The Wow moments for this week are below. Well done to everyone involved.

- The Wiggly Nativity this week by our Early Years children was amazing. We have some future stars in the making!
- Nearly all children in Y1 have made good progress with their phonics since September.
- The Blackpool Music Service Christmas Festival took place on Tuesday. Lots of our children took part. Well done to them all.
- Chelsea, Tershani, Miqualer, Payge, Lexi, Kyle and Daniel in Y8 did really well on their recent French assessment.
- All the children in fantastic Christmas Jumpers today!
- Everyone who took part in the Elf Run and raised a lot of money for Brian House.



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Online Safety support for parents/carers (All Parents/ Carers)

We have recently signed up to an online platform that offers online safety videos made specifically for parents/ carers. They are hosted by Myleene Klass and are very short. There is no cost to accessing these.

The Student Support Team at Unity Academy will be providing parents and carers with a weekly 'Online Safety Guide'. Please follow the link below to view this week's guide. This will be sent to you each week.

<https://files.schudio.com/unity/files/documents/12-top-tips-for-children-and-young-people-to-enjoy-a-tech-free-christmas.pdf>

You can also sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this follow the link below:

Sign up tutorial video
<https://help.nationalcollege.com/parent-walkthrough>

Sign up for The National College
<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/unity-academy-blackpool>

Primary Newsletter

Click [here](#) to access the Primary Newsletter.

Coping at Christmas (All Parents/ Carers)

We have included some links below to support when Christmas is difficult.

[Christmas Coping Tips](#) - [Coping with grief at Christmas](#) - [Finding Christmas hard](#) - [Hints and Tips](#)

Reporting Bullying or Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

To report any pastoral/ bullying concerns, simply click on 'Menu' and under the 'Parents' heading choose 'Raise a concern' or [click here](#). As normal, we will remove this link over the holiday period and put it back on when we return. This link will be taken down on Thursday afternoon.



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Reporting Absence (All Parents/ Carers)

If students are absent from school for any reason, please call the school on the main switchboard number above to report the absence as soon as possible each day. If this is before the school opens, a message can be left on the answerphone. These are checked daily.

And finally...

Thank you for the feedback regarding this bulletin. We will try and respond to some of these. A number of parents have asked for contact details for staff. Please send all correspondence to admin@unity.fcat.org.uk and mark clearly which member of staff you would like the communication to be sent to. The admin account is checked daily and all contact is forwarded to the relevant staff.

A final reminder that school finishes at 12:30PM on Friday, 22nd December and reopens on Monday, 8th January at the normal time (8:40AM). There will be no update next week and so all that remains for me to do is to wish you, your family and all of the children at Unity a very Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Cooke
Headteacher



Unity Christmas Calendar 2023



| <u>When</u> | <u>Who</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|----------------|------------|--|
| W/c 18/12/2023 | All | Christmas Appeal Delivery |
| W/c 18/12/2023 | 7-11 | Secondary Christmas Lunch |
| 18/12/2023 | 4 | Carols by candlelight 2:30pm |
| 19/12/2023 | R-6 | Christmas Parties. Children can bring treats from home. (N-Y4 - Individual visit to collect a gift). Santa will visit the Y5/6 classrooms to drop off gifts. |
| 20/12/2023 | R-6 | Rewards afternoon - Christmas Films |
| 21/12/2023 | All | 57th Blackpool Scouts Christmas Fair in the hall after school (cash only) |
| 22/12/2023 | All | Non Uniform Day for all children (no cost) |
| 22/12/2023 | 5-11 | Staff Pantomime (Y5-11 to watch) |
| 22/12/2023 | N-11 | Finish at 12.30pm |

