



Christmas at Risedale



Thursday 5th December 2024

Hlo Hlo Hlo.... Dear parents/carers and pupils,



As the year draws to a close at Risedale School, the spirit of giving fills the air. We're thrilled to unveil our plans for the final weeks of term, brimming with festive cheer and opportunities to extend kindness to others. With your support, we can make this season truly memorable for all. Get ready for exciting events, reward trips, and a festive atmosphere that will make this special season unforgettable. Let the fun begin!

Christmas Giving - Parcels for the Community

We'd like to put together some food/care parcels to help as many families in the local community as we possibly can....but we need your help!

What sort of things can you donate?

- Packets, tins, sweets, jars and bottles - things that won't go off.
- Festive treats, chocolates, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding.
- Gift items, toiletries, e.g. soap, bubble bath.



Please bring in all donations by **Friday 13th December** so we can organise distribution within the community.



A little extra motivation...

We hope that a desire to help others is motivation enough for our pupils, but to give them an extra incentive there will be an element of competition with the chance of earning extra Epraise points for the House which makes the most donations:

1st place 100HP, 2nd place 75HP, 3rd place 50HP, 4th place 25HP.

2D DESIGN XMAS WORKSHOP



WEDNESDAY



LUNCHTIME



ROOM 34



Join Mrs Vizor and make beautiful Christmas decorations using 2D Design and the laser cutter.
All pupils are welcome.



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Risedale Christmas Rewards

This December, Risedale is hosting a variety of festive activities and reward trips. To qualify for these special events, pupils had to demonstrate consistently positive behaviour between 4th and 29th November. Epraise points were tallied, and those with the highest scores, along with exemplary behaviour records were selected. Pupils who received more than two negative points would not qualify.

The Festive Fun:

- **York Christmas Market:** 29 top Epraise scorers from Years 10 and 11 will embark on a festive trip to York Christmas Market on Thursday 12th December.
- **Treasure Island Pantomime:** The top 7 Epraise scorers in Years 7, 8, and 9 will enjoy a magical performance at the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond on Friday 13th December.
- **Elf Olympics:** 20 lucky elves from each year group will compete in a series of festive challenges on Tuesday 17th December.
- **Film Afternoon:** The House with the most positive behaviour overall will be treated to a special film screening on Thursday 19th December.



A Note to Parents:

Parental consent is required for off-site activities. Pupils who have qualified for these trips will receive further information and consent forms soon.

In addition to these exciting trips and activities, Risedale is hosting a range of festive events for all pupils to enjoy, including Christmas Jumper Day, a delicious Christmas Lunch, and a dazzling Christmas Disco.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December

On Thursday 12th December, our school will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. For a donation of £1, pupils can wear a Christmas jumper over their school shirt and tie, instead of their Risedale blazer/black jumper. All other uniform items must be correct.

A £1 donation is payable either by cash or preferably, via [ParentPay](#). Donations can be made prior to the event.

Pupils should have all the equipment they need for their lessons that day, including their pencil case, charged Chromebook in its protective case and PE kit if timetabled.

Please be reassured that we don't want parents/carers to feel pressured into buying a Christmas Jumper, especially for the day. Our only goal is to raise some money for a deserving charity and help others at this time of year. If you don't have a Christmas jumper why not make a £1 donation anyway - it's all for a great cause.





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Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18th December

Tickets:

- **£3.00** each, which includes Christmas dinner, a pudding, and entry into the raffle.
- Limited availability - only 200 tickets will be sold on a **first-come, first-served basis**.
- **Tickets will be on sale from Monday 9th to Monday 16th December.** This event might sell out quickly so don't miss out!

Payment Options:

- **Cash:** Pupils can purchase tickets directly from the Canteen staff at break time from 9th to 16th.
- **ParentPay:** Parents/carers can add an extra £3 to their child's dinner money balance through [ParentPay](#) from 9th-16th. Once the funds have been added pupils then need to go and see the canteen staff to collect their tickets.



Free School Meals (FSM):

Pupils who usually receive a Free School Meal will need to let the Canteen staff know whether they intend to have the Christmas lunch (at no extra cost) or whether they wish to use their usual FSM allowance to buy food at break time and have this for their lunch instead.

Dietary Requirements:

- Please let the Canteen staff know ASAP if any pupil has any specific dietary requirements (eg. vegetarian or vegan).

Please Note:

- Only the Christmas lunch will be served during lunchtime on Wednesday 18th December.
- Pupils who do not wish to have the Christmas Lunch will need to make other arrangements such as purchasing sandwiches/snacks from the canteen at break time or bringing a packed lunch.

Christmas Disco - Thursday 19th December

Don't miss out on the Risedale School Christmas Disco happening on Thursday 19th December from 6-8 pm. This event is exclusively for pupils attending Risedale School.

To participate, pupils will need to pay an entry fee of £1. Tickets can be bought in advance until 1:30pm on the same day. Please note that tickets will not be available on the door.

To purchase the tickets, parents/carers can pay via [ParentPay](#) (our preferred method). Alternatively, pupils





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can buy tickets with cash from Mrs Hailwood or the Senior Pupil Ambassadors during lunchtime in the canteen.

This fabulous festive event is going to be a blast! So, hurry up and get your tickets today!

Early Finish - Friday 20th December

Please note that the school will close at 1.30pm on the last day of term. Buses and taxis will be rearranged and will collect pupils at 1.30pm. For pupils who typically walk home, please make arrangements for their early arrival home. If you have any concerns or questions regarding transportation arrangements, please contact the school office.



Support from our Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors

We recognise that despite the excitement at Christmas it can also be a difficult time for some of our pupils. Our fabulous team of Pupil Mental Health Ambassadors are here to offer support to pupils who may be struggling. They will be wearing their blue ambassador badges and their photos are in each tutor room and on the board opposite the Canteen. Please ask for support if you are struggling and need a listening ear.

The Risedale Family is here and ready to support you.



🎄 *Merry Christmas from The Risedale Family* 🎄