



11 December 2023

Dear Parent and Carers,

Festive activities on the last two days of term

To help students get in the festive spirit and enjoy coming to school on the last few days of term, we will be encouraging them to get involved in two activities this year.

Monday 18th December – Mystery Box

It can be lots of fun to give and receive gifts at this time of year. Therefore, we are asking each student to bring in an unnamed wrapped present to form time on Monday 18th December. These will all then be put in the 'Mystery Box' and students involved can then pick something out. We really don't want this to add to financial pressures that some families may be facing, so gifts should not cost more than £1. Ideally, they will be pre-loved items that are no longer used or things made by the students.

Tuesday 19th December – 'Get Festive Day'

We are inviting students to get involved in our 'Get Festive Day', which we are holding on the last day of term, Tuesday 19 December 2023.

To coincide with the new '*Which Form Group is the Most Christmassy*' competition, we are offering students the opportunity to make their school uniform look festive. This could be anything from a Christmas jumper worn instead of their blazer to wearing a party hat from a cracker!

In return, this year we are asking for donations for the 'Soham Hygiene Bank'. This charity collects both household and personal cleaning products, everything from washing up liquid, toilet rolls, washing powder, to deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and also new underwear/socks for children of all ages. The Hygiene Bank then supports the Food Bank with their requests for these items as well as supporting other organisations in the area. They also support us here at Soham Village College with personal supplies for some of our students whose families are experiencing hard times. Please can we request that all items are unopened and in their original packaging.

Please can students bring their items in to their form group on Tuesday 19 December in the morning. Any parents wishing to bring donations in, may leave these at the school reception.

With many thanks in advance for your help and support.

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