



# Idle Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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*"Jesus came  
to give Fullness of Life"*  
John 10 v 10

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Dear Parents,

There are lots of Christmas activities happening this week! Look at your Class Dojo page for your child's section of the carol service and the whole school carol service will be uploaded soon! This week, each class will be having a Christmas party, have been busy making Christmas crafts and are focusing on our whole school story of The Snowman. On Wednesday we are holding our Christmas lunch as well as having a Christmas Jumper Day. Please come to school in non-uniform and with a Christmas theme if you wish. This could be a Christmas jumper, hat or accessory. This is in aid of Save the Children, so please bring a £1 donation. Thank you.

**Staffing:** This week we have welcomed two new members of staff. Mrs Crooks is now a teaching assistant in Year 1 and Miss Gravestock has been working alongside Miss Townend in EYFS ready to be their class teacher in January.

In January we are also welcoming our new Head Teacher, Mrs Mason. Mrs Mason has already been visiting school and we are looking forward to continuing our school's journey with her.

**Water Aid Fundraising:** A massive well done to Georgia, Eden, Emily and Amelia from Year 4 for raising an incredible £111 for Water Aid! The girls persuasively pitched their plan to Mrs Pouncey and then successfully ran their stall after school in the buggy park. Well done girls!

**Fidget toys:** There have been an increasing number of fidget toys being brought into school that are starting to distract children. From January, children will no longer be permitted to bring them into school. If you feel that your child needs one for concentration reasons or due to other needs, please speak to your class teacher and school will provide them with one.

**Reading volunteers:** It is brilliant to have parent volunteers in school again! If you could spare an hour a week to listen to readers and support children then please do let the office know. We are especially looking for volunteers for Years 5 and 6.

**Lunchtime supervisor vacancy:** We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor position of 5 hours a week. If you are interested, please contact the office for more details and an application form. The deadline is January 7<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Absences reminder:** If your child is absent from school, please can you contact the school office either by phone or email. Please do not message the class teacher on Class Dojo.

If your child has a medical appointment, you need to show the appointment letter or text to the office when you inform them. Thank you.

**Weekly parking moan:** It has been brought to our attention that many parents are leaving their engines running whilst stationary near school. This can be very harmful for both adults and children walking past as well as the environmental impact. A fine can be enforced if there is no reason for your engine running. For more information, please visit: <https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/emissions/idling/>

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to thank you for all your support this half term. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs R Pouncey*  
Interim Head

