## 09 December 2022



## Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to wish you a somewhat early 'Merry Christmas' and also to inform you of the arrangements for the last day of term – Friday, 16 December 2022.

Our pupils are very keen to support others in the community and so, in keeping with tradition, the last day of term will be a **fundraising non-uniform day**. Pupils who wish to take part will need to bring in a minimum donation of £1; they can wear a Christmas jumper or traditional Christmas colours e.g. green and red. The £1 donation will be collected by the school entrances on the day.

The pupils have shortlisted the following charities and are voting on which four they would like to support over the next week. Ms Houghton will publicise the chosen charities via the school website.

- The British Red Cross
- Mind
- Rowans Hospice
- The Teenage Cancer Trust
- The Ark Stubbington RSPCA.

If families would like to donate more to the pupils' chosen charities then they may do so via the 'Payments' Section of the School Gateway app\*.

As you may be aware, pupils are currently collecting items in their tutor bases on behalf of the school for the Portsmouth Food Bank including toiletries, canned or dried goods.

Morning lessons will take place as normal on the last day of term, with pupils being dismissed in the afternoon at 12:15pm via their usual entrance/exit point.

Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal should collect this promptly from the canteen at 12:15pm. If you need your child to remain in school until 3.00pm, please telephone a member of their Year Office Team by 14 December to discuss this.

We hope that the pupils enjoy their break and look forward to seeing them again next term.

Yours sincerely

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CEO, Headteacher

\* Please make your donations by (11.59pm on Monday 02 January 2023). For general queries regarding using the School Gateway app please see the school website and click on 'School App Support' or email Marie Johnson: marie.johnson@springfield.uk.net

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