



# JYS News

Newsletter: 11 ~ 2nd December 2022 Aspire ~ Respect ~ Enjoy

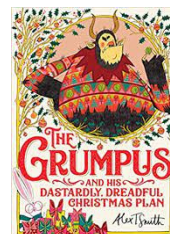
## Christmas Reading

On some of our newsletters in the past, we have shared book recommendations. With Christmas rapidly approaching, we thought we would share some of the newer books that have just hit the shelves that have a festive theme!

'The Grampus and his Dastardly, Dreadful Christmas plan' by Alex T Smith - With a touch of the Krampus and a hint of the Grinch, this laugh-out-loud story introduces us to the Grampus - a wonderfully grumpy creature who doesn't like anybody or anything, except for his friend the stick, his stinky jumper and brussel sprouts.

'Cat Family Christmas' by Lucy Brownridge and Eunyoung Seo - With more than 140 advent-calendar-style doors to open, this is so much more than your usual lift-the-flap offering.

'Virtually Christmas' by David Baddiel - it used to be the most WONDERFUL time of the year, but for years Christmas has been taken over by Winterzone.



## Plans for Wednesday 14th December afternoon

Weather permitting, our plans for the 14th are that children come to school wearing a Christmas jumper (and make a cash donation of a £1 towards the things that the Friends are funding to make this week exciting) over their school uniform. There will be the Chartwell's Christmas Lunch for those who have selected this option. We will be judging the Christmas Cracker competition.

Parents are invited to join Christmas song performances from approximately 2:25. Reception parents can watch their children perform in the Reception Class outside area at 2:30, and the rest of the school will perform on the main playground from 2:45. From 2:25, the Friends will be selling refreshments. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible - let's hope the weather is kind and allows us to go ahead.

## This week



Once again, we have had a busy week in school. Christmas trees and decorations have appeared around the school (thank you Mr Wilkins - and Brick Kiln Garden Centre for the half price tree! [www.brickkilngardencentre.co.uk](http://www.brickkilngardencentre.co.uk)) and the children are busy learning songs in readiness for December 14th.

Paul Ullson (as one of his alter-egos, Paulinus the Wiseman) was in on Wednesday and worked with Year 1 to teach them about the Nativity and also to look at how toys have changed over the years. Years 4 & 5 had their regular Thursday swimming session, and it is wonderful to have such positive feedback from the instructors about how well they are doing. And 16 children from Years 3 and 4 had their enrichment session with Mr Neaves this week, programming Micro Bits.



## Important Dates Coming Up

7th December - Last week for swimming this term for Years 4&5.

14th December - Christmas Fun Day (including Chartwells' Christmas Lunch) and songs on the playground from 2:25. Also we will be judging the Christmas Cracker competition.

16th December - Last day of term, including disco (14:15 - 15:00) for the House team with the most cumulative points this school year (with a top DJ!)

Tuesday 3rd January - Spring Term begins

## House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are the weekly results:



	This week	Total (Since Sept '22)
Ash	91	1311
Beech	117	1212
Maple	132	1273
Oak	104	1286