

# Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

This message begins with a please and a thank you as we are planning some charity events for the final weeks of term. As we approach the festive season, it is a good time for us to reflect and consider those who are less fortunate than ourselves. As I write this, we are making the final preparations for the Gartree's Got Talent event. Please check our Twitter feed for an update later today. This is an event that has taken place for a number of years to mark Children in Need. Thank you for all of those who supported us last Friday when we raised £604.

This year, school Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We will take this opportunity to have a school Christmas Jumper Day in support of *Save the Children*. On this day colleagues and classmates are encouraged to flaunt their fabulous knits and wonderful woolies! Funds will be used for essential healthcare, education and food for millions of children around the world who are missing out on these basics. Please help us to remember some of the forgotten children. So go big, go bold; it's (almost) Christmas!

In addition, we will be collecting for *Crisis at Christmas* who, for £26.08, will provide a hot, nutritious dinner for a homeless person on Christmas day. All donations are welcome and collection boxes will be in school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. It would be great if we could reserve several places for those who will be alone and on the streets on Christmas day.

Gartree Against Poverty are collecting items to make a welcome pack for refugees and asylum seeker families with children. Please help us by sending in small items such as crayons, colouring books, tea towels and toiletries. Scarves and gloves would also be useful.

On a sporting note, the Year 7 boys competed in the qualifying round of the English Schools 5-a-side Football Tournament on Tuesday evening. They were undefeated in their 5 matches and will now progress to the next round to fight it out against the best schools in South Leicestershire. The next round will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Wigston Academy. A fantastic effort from all involved. A special mention to Cole who scored 6 goals! Yesterday Year 7 boys competed in the Oadby & Wigston Schools Basketball tournament. They gave a great performance, winning 2 and losing 2 of their games.

Looking ahead, our Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm. Those students performing in *Gartree's Got Talent* today, will also be performing at the concert. Tickets will be available shortly and we look forward to seeing you there.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Singleton'.

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