



STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL
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Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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A Christmas Message from Mr McDonnell

Hello everybody, firstly I'd like to thank all the parents, carers and other family members who came to our Winter Fair last Friday, 9th December; what a terrific event! A special mention to our parent governors, parent Friends of Stormont House and the staff who volunteered their time to make this such a success.

We really have seen the Spirit of Christmas in action in school the last week or so; you'll see below that 12W have been writing to local parishioners that might be feeling lonely, and when some kitchen staff couldn't be in two teaching assistants with Food Hygiene certificates stepped in to join the kitchen team to make sure that every student had a lovely meal with all the trimmings. All staff worked hard to make sure that all students who had earned their place on the reward outing had a memorable time.

Festivals of different faiths at this time of year often have a connection to light; lights that lead us and light that can overcome darkness; Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas all have this in common. Of course, Christmas means different things to different people, but I wish you and your families happiness at this special time of year. We return to school on Tuesday 3rd January, and look forward to hearing about those New Year's Resolutions!

Kevin McDonnell, Headteacher



Friday 16th December – Last day of term **1.15pm finish**
Tuesday 3rd January – All students return to school
Monday 30th January – INSET day



Green Frog Tombola Winners

Key Stage 3 Winner

Orianna in Yr 9

Key Stage 4 & 5 Winner

Darryl in Yr 12

WELL DONE!



COLD WEATHER in January: PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL IN A WARM OUTDOOR COAT. STUDENTS MAY ALSO WANT TO WEAR A HAT, GLOVES AND SCARF



Winter Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to making our first Winter Fair a success. The Friends of Stormont Elves put on a fantastic event, and we are proud to say we raised a total of **£1,236.75** for the school. Keep an eye out for an update on where the money goes, and for details of the next event. We loved opening our doors to you all, and can't wait to welcome you back soon.



Year 12 Enterprise did an amazing job selling their handmade products.



Our Arts and Crafts club sold their beautiful decorations.



Some great prizes on the tombola...

...and not forgetting an appearance from Santa Claus!



Letter Writing

12W have been writing letters to parishioners of The New Testament Church of God, who kindly donate Christmas trees to Stormont House. The students wanted to spread messages of joy and friendship, particularly to those who might be on their own this winter. Even though not all of us celebrate Christmas, we want the next few weeks to be peaceful and fun for everyone. Here's one of the letters written by 12W:

“Dear Mr/Mrs,

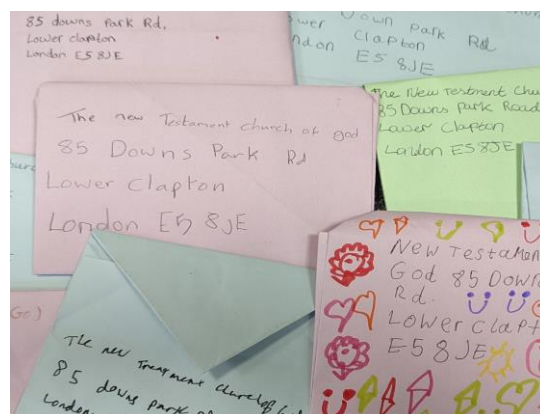
*My name is ** and I am currently 16 years old, I am still in secondary school and I'm in year 12. My favourite hobbies are gaming, music, streaming & plenty more.*

I am writing this letter to you today to wish you a very wonderful Christmas this year with all the people you could spend the holidays with. You might not be expecting this letter from me but this is an opportunity for me to have a check up on you to see how you're doing in life. I know I don't know you in person but I hope you do read this letter and understand that people care about you so keep your head up in life and keep doing the right thing. I would like to ask you 3 questions that I would like you to answer and keep it to yourself for me or spread these questions to the community!

- 1. What do you like to do in your holidays?*
- 2. If you had 1 wish to change the world, what will it be?*
- 3. If you had the opportunity to start your life from scratch or be the richest person on the world. Which one will you take?*
- 4. Are you spending Christmas alone this year or with family? Its okay if your alone for Christmas because you are not the only one!*

Just wanted to send you a smile today & This is a hug from me to you, to let you know I am thinking of you.

Thanks for being my friend!”



Christmas Dinner

We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner on Tuesday 13th December. The kitchen, as always, provided a fantastic feast which was delicious. With all the snow we were missing some of our usual kitchen staff, but the team pulled together, and we had a brilliant time celebrating. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

