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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems that in the blink of an eye we are nearing the end of our first term back in school. I cannot praise our pupils and staff highly enough for the ways in which they have taken to our new ways of working. Thanks to you for sending your children to school with their equipment, and helping them to remember whether they are in uniform or PE kit on any given day! You are all doing a brilliant job. There may still be many challenges facing our community and our country as we move through this pandemic but inside our school, we have created our 'new normal'.

Our school is calm and purposeful, our pupils are hardworking and focused and we are doing everything we can to keep each other safe and unlike many other schools across the country stay open.

We are determined to end this term on a high and bring some 'Christmas Joy' whilst still ensuring that we do what it takes to keep our staff and pupils safe.

I am therefore pleased to inform you that we will be having a **Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day** on the last day of term, **Friday 18th December 2020**. Meal service will be staggered to allow all pupils the opportunity to dine in the main hall with their year group friends and experience a Ryecroft Christmas Dinner.

If your child would like a Christmas Dinner, you will need to **order** it via the Aspens ordering portal by **no later than Monday 7th December 2020**. For those pupils not eligible for free school meals, the cost for the meal is **£2.40**. We appreciate that this does not give parents much time but the deadline is necessary to allow time for ordering food and making the appropriate arrangements.

Donations in aid of the NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day can be made through your child's ParentPay account.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash in payment for the Christmas dinner or donation for NSPCC Christmas Jumper.

We do hope that all children will wish to participate and have a school Christmas dinner but children may still bring a packed lunch on 18th December if they choose to do so. Year groups will be dining together irrespective of whether they have a school dinner or not.

Yours sincerely

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