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Dear Families,

CHRISTMAS DINNER and CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



All pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/top (instead of their school jumper/cardigan) on **Thursday 14th December** for a donation of £1.00. This year we are raising funds to support one of our school families who are fundraising to adapt and improve their home for their daughter. Jan has previously been a school Governor and has supported the school and its community in a number of ways.

The following text explains more about their circumstances -

We are family with 4 children and Jacob is currently in Year 5. Samuel and Juliana, former pupils of St Catherine's, are already in St Philips Howard Catholic High School. We used to live in Littlehampton but recently moved to Barnham as our youngest daughter Joanna (3) was born with chromosome disorder Trisomy 5p, which also caused her global developmental delay, and we knew she would need more accessible environment. We thought we had it all worked out for her, but...

In January 2023 she was taken to hospital in Worthing with chest infection. A week later she had to be rushed to Paediatric Intensive Care Unit in Southampton where she had to be intubated due to collapsed lungs. Since then she hasn't been able to breathe on her own but only with the help of the ventilator and additional oxygen. Later, even that wasn't enough, and in June she had to have tracheostomy. Since then, she has become quite stable and has finally started to make some progress. Because of her ventilator and other necessary equipment, she now has to have her own room and bathroom where carers will help us to look after her day and night.

Our house is currently not suitable for her and she is kind of stuck in Southampton hospital. The local council is helping us with the extension but the funding is limited and it won't cover all necessary building work.

We are kindly asking for any financial support, however big or small, as 'any brick will count'.

*Many thanks and God Bless.
Anna and Jan*

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting our school ethos in call to help those in need at this particular time.

Yours sincerely
F McGonigle
Deputy Headteacher

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