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It must be Christmas!

CBS is now in full Christmas mode. Reports are being written, dinners being eaten and the office is jam packed with hampers. It is the same every year. The big events before our break are the pupils' dinner, the pensioners' dinner; the Saint Vincent de Paul and Morning Star hamper collection and our junior school talking and listening day. December is a roller coaster month for our staff and pupils but it is also the time when we remember what it means to be a school. We work hard as a team, we put our community first and we come together as a family.



Every year at CBS we host our hugely successful pensioners' Christmas party. Groups from all over come to the event which has become something of a highlight in the social calendar for our guests and for our school. The dinner is an opportunity for our sixth form pupils and staff to give something back to the community and it is always a very rewarding experience for all those involved. This year's event was a huge success with many commenting that it was our best yet. Much of that praise was due to the wonderful entertainment provided by Brian Mc Kenna and his "Swing Live" big band musical experience. Our staff and pupils cook, serve, clean and dance the night away with our visitors being the centre of attention. Santa's visit was of course the highlight of the night again but this year he took to the dance which no one was expecting. Check out the video clip. Thanks to everyone involved it was a great night. See you all next year. As we go to print the office really is full of the most amazing Christmas hampers. Mrs McNamara and her team of volunteers have once again worked with all the form classes to bring in and put together these wonderful gifts that will go to Saint Vincent De Paul and to the Morning Star hostel along with a £200 and £100 cheque. The work put into this project by all involved is massive and it is a credit to all involved that at their busiest time they take time to help others. Well done to you all.



We were so busy this year that the pupil dinner had to be brought forward by a week to fit everything in. As normal though it was very popular with two dinner sittings having to be scheduled to fit everyone in. Our school dinners are fantastic so Christmas dinner is always popular. This year was no different. The dinner ladies were dressed in their festive costumes the hall was like Santa's grotto and cheesy Christmas songs accompanied the meal. Yes it must be Christmas! There is one down point to this period though. January, a month that means A 'level exams and GCSE controlled assessment.

Congratulations to Mrs Farrimond

The annual Belfast media groups "Blackboard AQuards" were held this year at The BMC Titanic Quarter on the 6th December. The awards are presented to teachers who have made outstanding contributions within their profession. Forty teachers are recognised each year. This year our Vice principal Mrs Farrimond was one of the deserving winners of this prestigious award. Well done Miss. We are very proud of you.

