

Preparing for Christmas Jumper Day

Assembly script

Aim

To educate students about the charity, Save the Children, the aim of Christmas Jumper Day and how the event helps children all over the world.

Prior to assembly

You may wish to print out the cost information below before the assembly and ask for volunteers to present this information during the assembly. These students could come up to the front of the assembly, or stand up and speak from where they are sitting.

Entering assembly

Present the title slide and encourage students to think about the questions. You may wish to play festive music as students enter the assembly.

Instructions and teacher notes

Slide 1 - Christmas Jumper Day 2023

Display the title slide as students come into assembly. Direct students to read the questions and have personal thinking time as they come into the assembly and settle. Invite students to share their responses to the questions.

Slide 2 - Learning aims

Share the learning aims and outcome with the students.

Slide 3 - What is Christmas Jumper Day?

Invite volunteers to give their answers within the assembly before reading the information on this slide, to collate experiences of this event from past years.

Slide 4 - Why do we have Christmas Jumper Day?

Explain the key points and ask students if they think this is an effective cause.

Slide 5 - Creating a brighter future

Explain that not every child can look forward to their future, when their basic needs aren't being met.

Slide 6 - How does Christmas Jumper Day support children around the world?

Use the information on this slide to share how different amounts of money can support children by paying for various items or opportunities. You might involve volunteer students at this stage, who can read out each amount and what can be bought for this amount.

Slide 7 - Making a world of difference

Mention the difference donations make and say that you're now going to meet a couple of children who have been helped by Save the Children.

Slide 8 - Meet Viktoriya, 9, from Ukraine

This can be read by the member of staff hosting the assembly, or a student could be selected (and prepared in advance) to read the information out to the room, to create more interest. Viktoriya's name isn't her real name; it has been changed to keep her safe.

Slide 9 - How Save the Children have helped

Read through the information about how Save the Children, together with a charity called Your Way, have helped children in Ukraine.

Slide 10 - Your impact

Show students the short video to show the impact of taking part in Christmas Jumper Day 2023.

Slide 11 - Let's make the world better with a sweater!

Go over the key points on this slide to ensure all students feel they can take part in the event, reassuring them that if they have any difficulty in getting a jumper, or they are worried, there are solutions. You may wish to offer additional information about who students can speak to further about participating in Christmas Jumper Day if they have questions or concerns.

Slide 12 - Put the date in your diary!

Remind children of the date, recap in simple terms how to take part and get all students excited about the event.

Slide 13 - Thank you!

Thank the students for their time and engagement and dismiss them from the assembly. You may wish to play music again, as they leave.