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Merry Christmas Jumper Day! (A2)

There are lots of traditions for the Christmas period in Britain. A recent one is Christmas Jumper Day. People wear a Christmas-themed jumper and make a donation to a children's charity.

Christmas is a special time for children. That's why the Save the Children charity wants people to donate to help them. It helps children in **poverty** in the UK and internationally.

Pullovers to Pounds

The principle is simple: wear a silly **Xmas** jumper and donate £2 to Save the Children. Often classes, offices or schools participate. People make it festive with a Xmas tea time, or singing Christmas **carols**.

Shops have lots of Xmas-themed jumpers with snowmen, Santas, reindeer and Christmas puddings. You don't have to buy a jumper. Many people customise a jumper with Christmas decorations.

Serious Good

The charity uses the money donated to support projects that benefit children. For example, a £2 donation can pay for the antibiotics to treat five children with pneumonia, one of the biggest **killers** of children.

Since 2012, Save the Children has **raised** more than £20 million with Christmas Jumper Day. About 5 million people participate in the UK. Other countries started participating in 2017: Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, the U.S.A. and the Philippines.

Help:

- **wear** (v, pron. *ware*) to have something (clothes, glasses, shoes) on your body
- **charity** (n) organisation that collects money for poor, handicapped or ill people
- **poverty** (n) when you are poor (opposite: *rich*)
- **Xmas** (n) abbreviation for Christmas (You can say "X-mas" or "Christmas".)
- **carol** (n) Christmas song
- **killer** (n) that kills, is fatal
- **raise money** (exp) collect money



The Royal Family models at Madame Tussaud's in London wear Christmas jumpers for the month of December.



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